



ALTIORA COMMUNITY
PRIDE CUP



WHO WE ARE

Altiora is a community founded on principles of sportsmanship, respect and diversity. We exist to promote inclusion and kindness in esports. For Pride month, we're hosting an Overwatch 1 tournament to showcase and celebrate LGBTQIA+ talent.

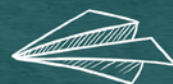
[Click here to join our community Discord!](#)

SCHEDULE

25th June 2022	EU	NA
Winners' round of 8	17:00 CEST*	17:00 EST
Winners' semifinals & losers' round 1	19:00 CEST*	19:00 EST
Losers' round 2	21:00 CEST	21:00 EST*
26th June 2022	EU	NA
Winners' finals & losers' semifinals	15:00 CEST*	17:00 EST
Losers' finals	17:00 CEST*	19:00 EST
Grand finals	19:00 CEST*	21:00 EST*

We can only stream during the rounds marked with a * due to Blizzard restrictions on broadcasting during the Overwatch League. If your match is being streamed, we'll let you know in advance, and you shouldn't start until production is ready.

You can start earlier than the scheduled time if both teams are available and agree. The tournament is a double-elimination bracket with a maximum of eight teams per region. Each match is won by the first team to two map wins, except Grand Finals. Grand Finals will be first-to-three, with a one-map starting advantage for the team that won Winners' Bracket.





IMPORTANT LINKS

Our discord: <https://discord.gg/altiora>

The bracket, once available, will be found at: <https://challonge.com/altiorapridecup>

We'll be fundraising here: <https://tiltify.com/@firinn/altiora-pride-fundraiser>


For the LGBTQ Freedom Fund: <https://www.lgbtqfund.org/>

ELIGIBILITY


All entrants must identify as part of the LGBTQIA+ community. We welcome the entire LGBTQIA+ community including those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, questioning, nonbinary, agender, pansexual, genderfluid, demisexual, bigender, third gender or any other marginalised gender or sexuality. We also welcome those who aren't ready to be out yet, if you wish to participate anonymously or pseudonymously.

All teams must have a 'sponsor', who can be any individual from the Overwatch community who is a publicly identifiable staff member for a reputable organisation or community. This doesn't need to be a professional organisation or registered business; the 'sponsor' could be a moderator from a large LGBTQIA+ discord, an Open Division team manager, or even a well-known streamer. They must have a positive reputation, be in good standing with the Overwatch community, and be publicly LGBTQIA+ or an ally. They can't be Altiora staff and they can't be participating as a player. There also shouldn't be any financial relationship between the sponsor and the team - you can't pay someone to be your sponsor, and they must not pay you to participate.

We will not require anyone to provide 'proof' of being LGBTQIA+ to participate. Instead, your sponsor should announce their affiliation with your team publicly (for instance, you could compete under their organisation's name) and they must vouch that they honestly believe every member of the team is LGBTQIA+.



We only have eight spaces in this tournament. We reserve the right to preferentially invite teams or communities which promote inclusion and diversity; apart from that, it's first-come-first-serve. There is no SR or account level restriction.





TEAM ENTRY

Once you've found your sponsor and built your team, ask your sponsor to fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/pKVNMMNgptp3pJfWKA>

We'll be in touch about whether we're able to invite your team.

If you don't know anyone to make a team with, don't fear! We'll be hosting a #pride-cup-lfg channel in our Altiora server. Both potential managers and potential players are welcome to use this channel. You can also sign up as a sponsor without a team, then look for players after being approved (though sponsors can't play themselves).

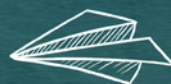
We want to make sure nobody enters with the intention of undermining or mocking the tournament, so if you don't know your team sponsor, you may have to agree upon a method of demonstrating your eligibility. You could do this by being openly LGBTQIA+ on social media, demonstrating that you belong to LGBTQIA+ groups, or asking someone to vouch for you who knows you personally. You should use whatever method makes both you and your team sponsor comfortable. Your sponsor needs to know who you are, but if you'd prefer to compete pseudonymously, nobody else needs to know.

All players must join the Altiora discord server for the duration of the tournament. This is where you'll be able to raise issues, provide feedback, ask questions and contact other team captains. Players who are banned from Altiora may not enter. For streamed matches, both teams will need to use designated voice channels within Altiora. Players who prefer to be pseudonymous are welcome to use alt accounts to participate.

RULES

Altiora wants to be a haven and a safe space for everyone who might not feel welcome in your average esports space. There's many other discords and communities where you can trash-talk or teabag. We believe there should be at least one space for folks who don't want to engage with those behaviours, and we are that space. This won't change.

All teams and players must display good sportsmanship and respect at all times. We won't tolerate sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, racism, ageism, classism or any other form of prejudice. Don't forget that we're here to celebrate and uplift LGBTQIA+ folks and raise money for charity.





Punctuality & Pause Times

Teams should be prepared to play their first match fifteen minutes *before* the scheduled start time, so that matches can start on time. Subsequent matches may start as soon as the previous match finishes, but can be delayed until their scheduled start time at either team's request.

Teams who aren't ready ten (10) minutes after the scheduled start time will forfeit one map. Teams who aren't ready twenty (20) minutes after the scheduled start time will forfeit the match. This is in order to keep to our stream timings, avoid overlapping with Overwatch League broadcasts, and finish our tournament within one weekend.

Once the match has started, teams have a ten-minute 'bank' of pause time.

Substitutions

Teams may register up to nine (9) players before the tournament starts. Any six of those nine may play in a match, but substitutions (swaps) can only be made between maps - not during pauses or while switching sides - unless both teams agree. Teams may use no more than one ringer (a player who isn't on their pre-registered main roster) in each match. Ringers who aren't registered with any team must be approved in advance by Altiora staff and by the opposing team. Ringers must be LGBTQIA+.

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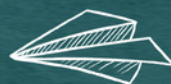
This is a charity tournament. Winners will receive a role in the Discord - no cash prize.

Maps

The first map in each series will be a Control map. This will be Oasis in Round 1, Ilios in Round 2, Nepal in Round 3, Lijiang Tower in Round 4, Busan in Round 5 and Oasis in Round 6. After Control teams will play Escort, then Hybrid, then Assault. In the event that additional maps are required, Control will repeat until a winner is decided. The loser of each map selects the next map and the winner may pick a side. If the previous map was a tie, the team that picked the last map may pick again.

Settings

All matches must be played using the 'Competitive' pre-set with kill-cams off, skins off, and 2-2-2 role lock on. (Yes, you can turn skins on if both teams agree to it.)



Spectators & Streaming

Spectators are allowed if both teams agree to them. Coaches are allowed, but should be muted during maps. Streaming is permitted with a three-minute delay. All rules about conduct apply to any streams of the tournament, and stream descriptions should include a link back to Altiora's twitch and/or the Tiltify fundraising link.

Conduct & Sportsmanship

Offensive memes or jokes of any kind aren't allowed in Altiora's server, any tournament-related streams, or match chat. We don't allow teabagging. We also don't allow the use of any language which is derogatory towards any marginalised group or identity (or has origins in prejudice against any marginalised group or identity) regardless of whether it is commonly perceived as a 'serious' slur. No NSFW content is allowed, and all tournament-related streams and communications should be suitable for all ages.

If you're uncertain whether you can follow Altiora's rules during your own team's communications, we suggest you do not stream the tournament. We will take action if we receive a complaint from any player or team about any team behaving in a derogatory, mocking or cruel manner towards other competitors (including on your own streams). Be excellent to each other.

Enforcement

Referees may issue one verbal warning if we believe an incident arose from a misunderstanding of rules. This could include inappropriate match chat, offensive comments towards opponents, teabagging, coach communications outside of permitted times, et cetera. A second offence (or egregious first offence) will result in a map forfeit. A third offence will cause the offending team to forfeit the match. Referees may use their discretion in disqualifying the team, allowing the team to progress onwards without the offending player, or giving a final warning to the team. Cheating or hacking will result in an immediate ban for the player as well as any teammates considered to have known about it and not reported it.

At our discretion, we may not allow sponsors to serve as sponsors for future tournaments if their players engage in clearly unacceptable conduct.

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