



FIFA 22 PlayStation Tournaments: PlayStation Plus Challenges

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1. Overview

The FIFA 22 PlayStation Tournaments: PlayStation Plus Challenges ("FIFA22PSP" or "Competition") is operated by ESL Gaming (alternatively "ESL" or "Tournament Organizer").

The FIFA22PSP is a video game competition conducted using EA Sports FIFA 22 ("FIFA22") for the PlayStation®4 console ("PS4").

PS4 Tournaments is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with, EA Sports.

2. Player Eligibility

2.1 Registration and acceptance of official rules

Participants must sign up for FIFA22PSP using the integrated tournament app on the PS4 (“Tournament App”), through compete.playstation.com or the ESL Play landing page to be considered for eligibility. Participants who meet the eligibility requirements in the Player Eligibility section below (individually a “Player” or “competitor” or “Participant”) must also (1) own or have access to FIFA 22 on the PS4; (2) own or have access to a PS4 and compatible controller; (3) have a valid account for PlayStation Network (“Account for PSN”) and an associated PSN ID; (4) have a valid subscription to an active PlayStation Plus membership; (5) be residents of an applicable jurisdiction as outlined in Appendix B. (6) have at least 5Mb of internet connection bandwidth to be able to broadcast.

Players must link their Account for PSN to their ESL account on the Tournament App or on the ESL Play tournament hub page. Players must read the FIFA22PSP ruleset and relevant privacy policies, including the [ESL privacy policy](#), and agree to these rules before entering the tournament. Once a Player has registered, they are considered for eligibility for the entire FIFA22PSP, as outlined in Section 3. Competition Structure.

2.2 Age

Players must be eligible to play FIFA 22 according to their local age restrictions, at the point of tournament registration, as outlined in Appendix B: Countries & Age.

2.3 Employees & Conflicts of Interests

Employees of ESL, Sony Interactive Entertainment LLC (“PlayStation”), EA Sports (alternatively “Publisher”) and its respective affiliates, subsidiaries, representatives, advertising, promotion and publicity agencies, and the immediate family members or persons living in the same household of such employee are not eligible to participate in the competition.

3. Competition Structure

The FIFA22PSP will be run in the following regions/countries:

- France
- DACH
- Italy
- Spain
- Portugal
- Netherlands
- Argentina
- Brazil
- Mexico
- Saudi Arabia
- USA
- UK
- Nordics
- Croatia
- Greece
- Israel
- Poland
- Turkey

The full list of countries per region is available in Appendix B: Countries & Age.

3.1 Tournaments

Registration

All players from Appendix B: are eligible to participate in FIFA22PSP.

Tournament Format Details

- Mode: FIFA 22 Ultimate Team

- Tournament system: Swiss
- Random player seeding
- Number of rounds: 8

Ranking and tiebreaker system

Final position in the ranking will be determined by the number of wins, or if equal than determined - by tiebreakers. Tiebreaker system takes three values into account which are described below.

- **Tiebreaker 1 (Buchholz system):** represents the sum of the opponents wins.
- **Tiebreaker 2 (W/L Sum):** represents the performance of opponents that a player played during the tournament. Players who played against stronger opponents will be ranked higher within the standings of the tournament. To calculate this value, sum the number of points each opponent contributes. Opponents contribute +1 for each win they accumulate throughout the tournament and -1 for each loss they accumulate throughout the tournament. Each single opponent may never contribute less than -3 points to a player's first tiebreaker. Default wins contribute 0 points to the player's W/L Sum tiebreaker.
- **Tiebreaker 3 (First Tiebreaker Sum):** represents the performance of the opponents that all of a player's opponents played. Players who played against opponents who consistently played against stronger opponents throughout the Tournament will be ranked higher within the standings of the tournament. To calculate this value, total the sum of W/L Sum for all opponents that the player played. Default wins contribute 0 points to the player's Second Tiebreaker Sum tiebreaker.

3.2 Tournament Dates

- France - 14/05/2022, 15/05/2022, 29/05/2022 (15:00) 29/05/2022 (19:00), TBC (FINAL)
- DACH - 17/05/2022, 29/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)
- Italy - 17/05/2022, 29/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)
- Spain - 17/05/2022, 29/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)
- Portugal - 17/05/2022, 29/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)

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- Netherlands - 17/05/2022, 29/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)
 - Argentina - 18/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)
 - Brazil - 18/05/2022, 25/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)
 - Mexico - 18/05/2022, 25/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)
 - Saudi Arabia - 18/05/2022, 29/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)
 - USA - 18/05/2022, 29/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)
 - UK - 17/05/2022, 29/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)
 - Nordic - 18/05/2022, 29/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)
 - Croatia - 18/05/2022, 29/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)
 - Greece - 18/05/2022, 29/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)
 - Israel - 17/05/2022, 29/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)
 - Poland - 18/05/2022, 29/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)
 - Turkey - 17/05/2022, 29/05/2022, TBC (FINAL)

3.3 Match Rules

Match start time

All matches are played on the scheduled match time. To see the match schedule, access the match page in ESL Play.

Match details

- **Game mode:** FIFA FUT
- **Match duration:** 12 minutes (6 minutes per half)
- **Controls:** Any
- **Game Speed:** Normal
- **Squad Type:** Online
- **In case of draw:** Extra Time

Players positioned on the left side will always be the **HOME** team while the right side will always be **AWAY** team.

No show

Each player has **10 minutes** to show up to a match. (scheduled match start time +10 minutes). Not showing up within 10 minutes results in a default loss. The player that is waiting must create a Support Ticket (which is available in the match event page).

Results

It is the player's responsibility to report the result on the match sheet. It must include one or more screenshots that corroborate the reported result.

Disconnection

- In the event of a player disconnecting, that player will forfeit the entire game, not just a round. It will be the responsibility of the player that got disconnected to connect to his opponent within 5 minutes.

Match Disputes

- If any issues are encountered in a match, it's the players responsibility to create a dispute and reach out to the admin team.
- In order to create a dispute, go to the match page in your PS4 and select the option "Go to Support Page".
- Players are responsible for providing proof of match results in case of disputes. This can be done with screenshots of each victory or video replays uploaded to websites such as Youtube or Twitch.

3.4 Match Media

The following match media are acceptable forms of proof during match reporting and protests:

- Twitch livestream VODs (with clear naming of the players, selected fighters, date, tournament round)
- Screenshots (or photographs) showing both players and the result/issue

4. Prizing

Qualifiers:

1st place – Slot to the final

2nd place – PSN 150€

3rd place - PSN 100€

4th place - PSN 50€

5th-8th - PSN 20€

Final:

1st place – 500€ CASH

2nd place – 300€ CASH

Potential winners may be required to provide a shipping address to claim the prize. Allow up to 3 months for delivery of prizes.

5. Game Coverage

PlayStation reserves exclusive rights to the coverage of PlayStation Plus Challenges matches. This includes all forms of transmission, including IRC Bots, Shoutcast-streams, live broadcasts on platforms like Twitch, Youtube and the likes. PlayStation can assign the coverage rights of a match or of several matches to a third party or to the actual players themselves. In this case, terms and conditions would have to be arranged with PlayStation management, or ESL as tournament organizer, before the match.

In general, PlayStation or ESL as tournament organizer, will contact any player or team if they wish to broadcast one of their matches. If no contact is made, individual players are allowed to arrange their own broadcasts.

6. General Terms

Participants' personal information will be subject to [ESL privacy policy](#) and Cookie Policy, available at for the purposes listed therein. Furthermore, Participants' personal information will be processed for the purpose of organizing, running and monitoring the Competition and prize fulfilment, including, if Participant wins a prize, publishing (i) their

name on the Winner(s) List and (ii) their name and country of residence online or in any other media in connection with the Competition.

Players can remove their name from the Winner(s) List by unlinking their PSN and ESL account and deleting their ESL account.

Personal information will be processed in the United Kingdom or any other country in which ESL, its subsidiaries, or third party agents operate. By entering the Competition, you consent that your personal information may be transferred to recipients in the United States and other countries that may not offer the same level of privacy protection as the laws in your country of residence or citizenship.

Participants have the right to access, withdraw, and correct their personal information on their [account page](#).

By participating in this Competition, each Participant further agrees:

(a) That the tournament organiser's decisions will be final and binding on all matters related to this Competition;

(b) The Competition is governed by the laws of the State of California and all claims must be resolved in the United States.

Nothing in these Official Rules shall have the effect to deprive you of the consumer protection rights granted to you by the laws of your residence that cannot be derogated from by agreement.

(c) The Tournament Organizer reserves the right to cancel, suspend and/or modify the Competition, or any part of it, if any fraud, technical failures or any other factor impairs the integrity or proper functioning of the Competition, as determined by Tournament Organizer in its sole discretion. If terminated, the Tournament Organizer may, in its sole discretion, determine the winners from among all non-suspect, eligible entries received up to time of such action using the judging procedure outlined above. Tournament Organizer, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify any individual it finds to

be tampering with the entry process or the operation of the Competition or to be acting in violation of these Official Rules or those of any other Competition, or the PlayStation Network Terms of Service and Users Agreement, or in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner and void all associated entries. Any attempt by any person to deliberately undermine the legitimate operation of the Competition may be a violation of criminal and civil law, and, should such an attempt be made, Tournament Organizer reserves the right to seek damages and other remedies (including attorneys' fees) from any such person to the fullest extent permitted by law. Tournament Organizer's failure to enforce any term of these Official Rules shall not constitute a waiver of that provision.

(d) By accepting any of the prizes, you acknowledge and agree that the Tournament Organizer and its designees have the right to use the below information and any other information provided in the FIFA22PSP in the administration, marketing, and promotion of the FIFA22PSP, without further consent or compensation to you, unless otherwise noted below:

Background info: Full name, country of residency, age, platform, persona (including PSN ID), likeness

Social Media info: Twitter handle and Twitch account (if applicable)

(e) THE PLAYERS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT GIVING AND TAKING BRIBES ARE ILLEGAL. THE TOURNAMENT ORGANIZER RESERVES THE RIGHT TO DISQUALIFY, AT ITS SOLE DISCRETION, ANY PARTICIPANT THAT IS INVOLVED WITH ANY ILLEGAL ACTIONS. Nothing in these Official Rules shall be deemed to exclude or restrict any of the Winner's or the Entrant's statutory rights as a consumer.

Commercial Rights

All commercial rights (including without limitation any and all marketing and media rights) relating to the FIFA22PSP belong to Tournament Organizer and its licensors. Participant shall not associate themselves with the FIFA22PSP, ESL, EA, or PlayStation in any commercial manner, nor use any intellectual property rights of those parties, nor shall they permit any third parties to do so, without the prior written consent of Tournament Organizer or the applicable rights holders, which consent may be granted or withheld in each of their sole discretion.

Any Participant or Participant ad sponsor wishing to carry out or facilitate any promotional or marketing activities with respect to the FIFA22PSP, will need prior written consent from Tournament Organizer or from the respective rights holders, which may be granted or withheld in each of their sole discretion.

The recording and dissemination of images or footage of the FIFA22PSP for commercial purposes by or on behalf of participants is strictly prohibited.

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Appendix A: Code of Conduct

The below Code of Conduct applies to all Players in the FIFA22PSP at all levels of the competition unless otherwise specified. The tournament organiser reserves the right to levy penalties, sanction or disqualify any player at its discretion.

PLAYER BEHAVIOR

Competitors must conduct themselves in a reasonable manner, maintaining an appropriate demeanour to spectators, members of the press, tournament administrators, and to other Players. These requirements apply to both offline and online, including with respect to social media conduct and activity on live streams. All Players are expected to adhere to these standards of sportsmanship.

DURING THE TOURNAMENT

Players must conduct themselves in a reasonable manner, maintaining an appropriate demeanour to spectators, members of the press, tournament administrators, and to other Players. These requirements apply to both offline and online, including with respect to social media conduct. All players are expected to adhere to the standards of good sportsmanship at all times.

Players will refrain from using vulgar or offensive language.

Abusive behaviour, including harassment and threats is prohibited.

Physical abuse, fighting or any threatening action or threatening language, directed at any Player, spectator, official or any other person is prohibited.

Any action that interferes with play of a game, including but not limited to purposely

breaking a game station, interfering with power, and abuse of in-game pausing, is prohibited and can result in match forfeiture and/or disqualification from the competition.

Gambling, including betting on the outcome of games, is prohibited.

All Players must not disclose any confidential information provided by the tournament organiser or any of its affiliates to any other people or groups of people, including via social media.

COLLUSION POLICY

Collusion is defined as any agreement among two or more Players to disadvantage other Players in the Competition. Collusion between Players is strictly prohibited. Any Players determined by the tournament organiser at any phase of the FIFA22PSP to be engaging in Collusion will be removed from the competition, be forced to return any compensation and prizes they've received from Live Events.

Examples of collusion include, but are not limited to:

Intentionally losing a match for any reason.

Playing on behalf of another competitor, including using a secondary account, to aid them.

Any form of match-fixing.

Agreeing to split prize money.

PENALTIES

Violation of any part of these Official Rules will, at the Tournament organiser's election, result in (a) sanction(s) and/or (b) loss of winner status. All Players must follow the tournament organiser's directions. All decisions and rulings of the tournament organiser are final and binding. The Tournament organiser reserves the right to sanction any Player in competition at any level, at any time for any reason. Sanctions may include, in no particular order, the following:

Warning

Reprimand

Forfeiture of single match

Forfeiture of all matches

Loss of awards (including prize money and other paid expenses)

Disqualification from the FIFA22PSP

The tournament organiser also has the right to publicly announce penalties that have been levied on Players. Players who have been penalized by the tournament organizer hereby waive any right of legal action against the FIFA22PSP and PlayStation, and/or any of its affiliates.

PLAYER SPONSORSHIP

Players in the FIFA22PSP have the ability to acquire ad sponsors. Ad sponsorship acquisition is limited, however, to exclude certain categories and industries. If the ad sponsor falls under the below limited categories, then the ad sponsorship may not be displayed by the Player in conjunction with or during the FIFA22PSP. Tournament Organizer and its designees reserve the right to update the below list at any time. The following is a nonexclusive list of prohibited ad sponsors:

Gambling or gambling websites

Alcohol, Tobacco, and/or Non-“over-the-counter” Drugs

Firearms or any type of weapons

Pornographic or adult material

Products or services from direct competitors of PlayStation, its partners, and its other subsidiary brands

Direct competitors of PlayStation

Tournament Organizer reserve the right to prohibit any third party at their sole discretion.

Appendix B: Countries & Age

Country	Region	Age
Argentina	South America	16
Austria	DACH	16

Brazil	South America	16
Croatia	Europe	16
Denmark	Nordic	16
Finland	Nordic	16
France	Europe	16
Germany	DACH	16
Greece	Europe	16
Iceland	Nordic	16
Israel	Europe	16
Italy	Europe	16
Mexico	North America	16
Netherlands	Europe	16
Norway	Europe	16
Poland	Europe	16
Portugal	Europe	16
Saudi Arabia	Middle East	16
Spain	Europe	16
Sweden	Nordic	16
Switzerland	DACH	16
Turkey	Europe	16
UK	Europe	16

USA	North America	16
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