



## Summer Scrimmage PS4 Tournaments

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## 1. Overview

The Madden NFL 22 PlayStation Tournaments, Summer Scrimmage (“MADDEN22SS” or “Competition”) is operated by ESL Gaming (alternatively “ESL” or “Tournament Organizer”).

The MADDEN22SS is a video game competition conducted using EA SPORTS™ MADDEN NFL 22 (“MADDEN NFL 22”) created for the PlayStation®4 console (“PS4”) on the PS4.

PS4 Tournaments is in no way sponsored, endorsed or administered by, or associated with, Electronic Arts Inc.

If you have any questions about this competition, its registration process and how to participate, please visit [PlayStation Tournaments Discord](#).

## 2. Player Eligibility & Registration

### 2.1 Eligibility Requirements

Only eligible individuals can participate in the Competition.

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Employees of ESL, Sony Interactive Entertainment LLC (“SIE”), EA Sport (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.

Individuals who wish to participate must:

- a. be residents of a participating jurisdiction as outlined in Appendix B: Countries/Areas & Age.
- b. be eligible to play MADDEN NFL 22 according to their local age restrictions, throughout the Tournament, as outlined in Appendix B: Countries/Areas & Age. Players who are minors (under 18 years old), must obtain consent from their parents or legal guardians to enter the Competition. If minor Players have entered Competition, it shall be deemed that they have obtained the required prior consent from their parents or legal guardians. A player will be disqualified where that Player cannot demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Tournament Organiser, that they have obtained the requisite consent.
- c. at all material times during the Tournament own or have access to a PS4 version of MADDEN NFL 22 and play matches on a PlayStation®4 console with a compatible controller;
- d. have a valid account for PlayStation Network (“Account for PSN”) and an associated PSN ID;
- e. have a valid PlayStation®Plus subscription;
- f. have a valid ESL account;
- g. have at least 5Mb of internet connection bandwidth to be able to broadcast;
- h. confirm acceptance of the terms and conditions governing this Tournament “MADDEN22SS Ruleset” (see 2.2 below for how to accept).

Individuals who meet all of the eligibility requirements listed above are referred to hereafter as “Players”.

If at any point during the Tournament, the Tournament Organiser becomes aware that an individual does not meet any one of the eligibility requirements they will be removed from participating in the Tournament and/or prevented from winning a prize.

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## 2.2 Registration

To register, Players must:

1. sign up for MADDEN22SS using the integrated tournament app on the PS4 (“Tournament App”) through [compete.playstation.com](https://compete.playstation.com) or the ESL Play tournament hub page <https://play.eslgaming.com/madden/playstation/madden22-ps4/open/summer-scrimma ge/north-america-mut>
2. link their Account for PSN to their ESL account on the Tournament App or on the ESL Play tournament hub page;
3. Read and accept the MADDEN22SS Ruleset and relevant privacy policies, including the ESL privacy policy. For more information on how ESL will process your information, please review section 6 (“General Terms”) below.

## 3. Tournament Structure

The MADDEN22SS will be run in the following regions:

- North America

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

The competition consists of 32 Qualifiers (“Club Tournaments”) divided into 2 conferences: The AFC Teams and NFC Teams (16 tournaments each). From each Qualifier, the TOP 1 is qualifying for the Semifinal of their own conference. Top 4 from each conference Semifinal will move to the Grand Final.

### 3.1 Club Tournament Qualifiers

#### Registration

All players are eligible to participate in the Qualifier tournaments. Players can play any team, but once a Player wins a Qualifier, they must use that team in the Semifinal and Grand Final.

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## Tournament Format Details

- Mode: 1on1 MUT (Madden Ultimate Team).
- Player seeding: Based on the previous results.
- Tournament system: Single Elimination Bracket.
- Series size: Best of One (Bo1).

## 3.2 Semifinals

### Registration

Players who qualify from the Club Tournament Qualifiers will be invited to the Semifinal from the current conference. Invited players will be able to see their invitation via email and in their PS4 Notifications. Invited players need to sign-up and check-in to the eligible tournaments in order to participate.

Players must select the team established in the name of the “Club Tournament” that they won during the Semifinal and Grand Final.

### Tournament Format Details

- Mode: 1on1 MUT (Madden Ultimate Team).
- Player seeding: Players that qualified in the first qualifiers are all seeded higher than those that qualified in the subsequent qualifiers.
- Tournament system: Single Elimination Bracket.
- Series size: Best of One (Bo1).

## 3.3 Grand Final

### Registration

Top 4 from each conference Semifinal will be invited to the Grand Final. Invited players will be able to see their invitation via email and in their PS4 Notifications. Invited players need to sign-up and check-in to the eligible tournaments in order to participate.

Players must play with the team they qualified with.

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In case the Grand Final will be broadcasted additional rules can apply.

### **Tournament Format Details**

- Mode: 1on1 MUT (Madden Ultimate Team).
- Player seeding: Based on their final position in the semifinals (NFC vs AFC).
- Tournament system: Double Elimination Bracket.
- Series size: Best of One (Bo1).

## **3.4 Summer Scrimmage Schedule**

### **AFC East**

April 8, 2022: Buffalo Bills

April 9, 2022: New England Patriots

April 15, 2022: Miami Dolphins

April 16, 2022: New York Jets

### **AFC West**

April 22, 2022: Kansas City Chiefs

April 23, 2022: Las Vegas Raiders

April 29, 2022: Los Angeles Chargers

April 30, 2022: Denver Broncos

### **AFC North**

May 6, 2022: Cincinnati Bengals

May 7, 2022: Pittsburgh Steelers

May 13, 2022: Cleveland Browns

May 14, 2022: Baltimore Ravens

### **AFC South**

May 20, 2022: Tennessee Titans

May 21, 2022: Indianapolis Colts

May 27, 2022: Houston Texans

May 28, 2022: Jacksonville Jaguars

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## **June 4, 2022: AFC Semifinal (Broadcasted)**

### **NFC East**

June 10, 2022: Dallas Cowboys  
June 11, 2022: Philadelphia Eagles  
June 12, 2022: Washington Commanders  
June 17, 2022: New York Giants

### **NFC West**

June 18, 2022: Los Angeles Rams  
June 19, 2022: Arizona Cardinals  
June 24, 2022: San Francisco 49ers  
June 25, 2022: Seattle Seahawks

### **NFC North**

June 26, 2022: Green Bay Packers  
July 1, 2022: Minnesota Vikings  
July 2, 2022: Chicago Bears  
July 3, 2022: Detroit Lions

### **NFC South**

July 8, 2022: Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
July 9, 2022: New Orleans Saints  
July 10, 2022: Atlanta Falcons  
July 15, 2022: Carolina Panthers

## **July 23, 2022: NFC Semifinal (Broadcast)**

## **July 30, 2022: Top 8 Grand final (Broadcasted)**

## **3.5 Match Rules**

## Match start time

All matches will start once both players are present in the round (as soon as possible). The only exception to this rule is matches being broadcasted where the administrators will give details of the match via Protest Ticket. To see the match schedule, access the match event page in your PS4™ console by going to My Events.

## Joining your game lobby

1. Add your opponent as a PSN friend.
2. Start Madden NFL 22.
3. Create an online Lobby (Ultimate Team > Play > H2H Season > Play a Friend > Select Head to Head Play a Friend).
4. Invite your opponent.
5. Select the "Match details" found below.
6. Take a screenshot with the chosen teams on the Team Select screen.
7. Start the match.
8. After the match is finished, enter the result and upload the screenshots (Team Select screen and Post Game Report screen) via your match event on your PlayStation®4 console or the ESL Play mobile app or ESL Play website.

## Match details

- Game mode: MUT (Madden Ultimate Team).
- Game settings are determined by the MUT Head to Head Play a Friend event. (Ultimate Team > Play > H2H Season > Play a Friend > Select Head to Head Play a Friend).
- **Allowed team:**
  - Qualifiers: Players can play any team.
  - Semifinals and Grand Final: Players must play with the team they qualified with.

## Hosting

- **Club Tournament Qualifiers:**

The player positioned on the left side of the PSN Match Page Title / left side on the ESL Play Match Page will be the **HOME** Team and responsible for creating the lobby and inviting their opponent. The hosting player will be responsible for setting up the game lobby, with the correct settings.

- **Semifinals and Grand Final:**

The player with the higher seed (lower number) will be the **HOME** Team and responsible for creating the lobby and inviting their opponent. The hosting player will be responsible for setting up the game lobby, with the correct settings.

### 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 [Protest Ticket](#) (which is available in the match event page).

### Results

Results have to be reported after the end of the match through the match event on your PS4™ console or the ESL Play mobile app or website. Players should upload the screenshot/video which shows the exact match score. Match media has to be uploaded directly on the match event page.

### Disconnection

- In the event of a disconnection, regardless of the situation, both players need to notify the administration via a Dispute/Protest Ticket. Players must share with the admin team screenshots with the message of disconnection and information about the state of the game before the disconnection happened (score, ball possession, quarter in play, time left on the quarter).
- In case of a disconnection with a 0-0 score, both players must remake the match as soon as possible. If a disconnection happens after the first minute of the game or after one of the Players scored a point, the admin team may allow the game to restart the game respecting the score and the time of the game or award the victory to a Player at their discretion. No matter the situation, a Dispute/Protest Ticket must be created by any of the Players affected by the disconnection.

### 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.



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- In order to create a dispute, go to the match page in your PS4™ console and select the option “Go to Support Page”. You can also create a dispute using the ESL Play App or directly on the ESL Play website (<https://play.eslgaming.com/protest/add>).
  - 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.

## 3.6 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 teams, date, tournament round).
- Screenshots (or photographs) showing both players and the result/issue.

# 4. Prizing

## 4.1 Prizing breakdown

The following prizes for the tournament series will be distributed to the Players based on their finishing position/point of exit from the tournament series as stated below:

### Prize distribution for Club Tournament Qualifiers:

1st: \$400 USD + Become a “*Representative*” + Champion Themes and Avatar (Game&PS).

2nd: \$300 USD + Elite Themes and Avatar (Game and PS).

3rd - 4th: \$200 USD + Elite Themes and Avatar (Game and PS).

5th - 8th: \$100 USD + Elite Themes and Avatar (Game and PS).

9th - 16th: \$50 USD + Elite Themes and Avatar (Game and PS).

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Cash prizes are always before taxes. For this competition ESL uses [Matcherino](#) to deliver prize money. Matcherino will automatically deduct taxes from prize winnings, except where prohibited by local law.

### **Prize distribution for Semifinals**

1st: \$400 USD + Slot in the Grand Final.

2nd: \$300 USD + Slot in the Grand Final.

3rd - 4th: \$200 USD + Slot in the Grand Final.

5th - 8th: \$100 USD.

Cash prizes are always before taxes. For this competition ESL uses [Matcherino](#) to deliver prize money. Matcherino will automatically deduct taxes from prize winnings, except where prohibited by local law.

### **Prize distribution for Grand Final**

1st: PS5 + \$1000 USD.

2nd: PS5 + \$500 USD.

3rd: PS5 + \$100 USD.

4th: PS5.

5 - 6th: \$250 USD.

7 - 8th: \$100 USD.

Cash prizes are always before taxes. For this competition ESL uses [Matcherino](#) to deliver prize money. Matcherino will automatically deduct taxes from prize winnings, except where prohibited by local law.

## **4.2 Prizing Terms and Conditions**

Prizes are not transferable. No substitution of Prizes for other goods and services is permitted, except ESL reserves the right to provide a substitute Prize of approximately equal value if the

advertised prize is unavailable. All expenses not specified above, including, without limitation, all applicable federal, state, and local taxes, and international tariffs are the sole responsibility of the individual Winner.

Receiving a prize is contingent upon compliance with these Official Rules; all prizes claimed in accordance with these Official Rules will be awarded. In the event that a potential winner is disqualified, or the prize is forfeited for any reason, ESL will award the applicable prize, time permitting given the nature of the prize, to the next eligible runner-up. Only 3 alternate runner-up winners will be chosen, after which the Tournament Organiser retains the discretion to donate the applicable prize to a charity of ESL's choosing. 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

SIE reserves exclusive rights to the coverage of PS4 Tournament matches. This includes all forms of transmission, including IRC Bots, Shoutcast-streams, live broadcasts on platforms like Twitch, Youtube and the likes. SIE 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 SIE management, or ESL as Tournament Organiser, before the match is shown.

SIE or ESL as Tournament Organiser, will contact any player or team if they wish to broadcast one of their matches. If no contact is made, Players are allowed to arrange their own broadcasts.

## 6. General Terms

Players' personal data will be collected, shared, and used subject to ESL's [Privacy Policy](#) which includes ESL's sharing of personal data with SIE. By choosing to participate in the Tournament, you agree to such Privacy Policy and data sharing with SIE. Players' personal data will be processed for the purpose of organising, running and monitoring the Competition and prize fulfilment, including, publishing Player's names in public brackets, and if a Player wins a prize, publishing (i) their name on the Winner(s) List and (ii) their name and country of residence online (including but not limited to social media or the ESL Website) in connection with the Competition. Please note that if you choose to link your Account for PlayStation Network with

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ESL and participate in the Tournament, your personal data, name and country, as mentioned before, will be displayed publicly regardless of any choice you made to hide MADDEN NFL 22 in your Account for PlayStation Network or console privacy settings.

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

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

Players have the right to access, delete, and correct their personal data on their ESL [account page](#).

1. Sign into [your ESL account](#)
2. Edit your personal data
3. Save

By participating in this Competition, each Player 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 country of residence that cannot be derogated from by agreement.

(c) The Tournament Organiser 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, 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

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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) To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, by participating in the Competition each Player agrees (or, if a minor, such player's parent or legal guardian agrees on such Player's behalf) to completely release and hold harmless Sony Interactive Entertainment Inc., Sony Interactive Entertainment Europe Ltd., and Sony Interactive Entertainment LLC, and each of their respective employees, agents, parents, subsidiaries, and affiliates from any and all liability or any injury, loss or damage of any kind arising in connection with the Competition.

(e) 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 administration, marketing, and promotion of the MADDEN22SS, 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 handle (if applicable).

(f) 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 Player's statutory consumer rights.

### **Commercial Rights**

All commercial rights (including without limitation any and all marketing and media rights) relating to the MADDEN22SS belong to Tournament Organizer and its licensors.

Players shall not associate themselves with the MADDEN22SS, ESL, Electronic Arts Inc., or SIE 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

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the applicable rights holders, which consent may be granted or withheld in each of their sole discretion.

Any Player or Player ad sponsor wishing to carry out or facilitate any promotional or marketing activities with respect to the MADDEN22SS, 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 MADDEN22SS for commercial purposes by or on behalf of Players is strictly prohibited.

“PlayStation” and “PS4” are trademarks or registered trademarks of Sony Interactive Entertainment Inc.

## Appendix A: Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct applies to all Players in the MADDEN22SS at all levels of the Competition unless otherwise specified.

Where a Player is found to have acted in contravention of the Code of Conduct, the Tournament Organiser reserves the right to levy penalties, sanction or disqualify any Player at its discretion.

### **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.

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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.

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 MADDEN22SS to be engaging in collusion will be removed from the Competition, be forced to return any compensation and/or prizes they've received.

Examples of collusion include, but are not limited to:

- Intentionally losing a match for any reason.
- Playing on behalf of another Player, 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.

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- Loss of awards (including prize money and other paid expenses).
  - Disqualification from the MADDEN22SS.

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 MADDEN22SS and PlayStation, and/or any of its affiliates.

Please note that this Code of Conduct is in addition to the code of conduct in the PlayStation Network Terms of Service and User Agreement and any game-specific terms of service that may be applicable to your participation in the MADDEN22SS.

### **PLAYER SPONSORSHIP**

Players in the MADDEN22SS 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 MADDEN22SS. 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 reserves the right to prohibit any third party at their sole discretion.

## **Appendix B: Countries / Areas & Age**

Below is a comprehensive list of all eligible countries, their respective tournament region and minimum age required to participate in the MADDEN22SS:



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Country	Region	Age
Canada	North America	16
Mexico	North America	16
United States	North America	16