

Shadow Arena Competitive Rules

1. Introduction

1.1 These Shadow Arena Competitive Rules have been designed and established to ensure the integrity and excellence of competitive play of the game, Shadow Arena, which is serviced by Pearl Abyss.

2. Application and Changes in Rules

2.1 These rules apply to all players who participate in Shadow Arena's competitive events, as well as the Pearl Abyss Administrators who host the event.

2.2 The Competitive Rules apply to all competitive events of Shadow Arena that are certified and acknowledged by Pearl Abyss. However, "Supplemental League Rules" shall apply for the detailed rules for each on-going competitive event.

2.3 The Shadow Arena Competitive Rules are subject to frequent change to reflect the game's updates and league characteristics. Pearl Abyss reserves the right to change or supplement the rules at its sole discretion. However, Pearl Abyss shall provide advance notice if changes occur.

3. Player Eligibility

3.1 Players who participate in Shadow Arena competitive events must adhere to the following eligibility requirements.

3.1.1 Players must be at least of the age to play Shadow Arena for their service region.

3.1.2 Players must be free from any restrictions on play as a player.

3.1.3 Players must own at least 1 official Shadow Arena account.

- Republic of Korea: Pearl Abyss Shadow Arena Official Website Account or Steam Account
- Other Regions: Steam Account

3.1.4 Accounts that apply to participate in competitive events must not be penalized with login restrictions for violating the Terms of Service.

3.1.5 Players cannot change their participating account after the end of the participant sign-up period.

3.1.6 Players cannot change their team members after the end of the participant sign-up period for Team events.

3.2 Pearl Abyss employees are not eligible to participate as players.

3.3 Players must be able to submit legitimate/legal documents when requested by Event Administrators for personal identification or related documents in order to verify personal identity or other reasons.

3.4 Players cannot use an in-game character nickname that has text or words that can be considered offensive, vulgar, provocative, and/or deemed inappropriate for broadcast. Event Administrators reserve the right to change any names that includes words or text that cannot be used.

4. In-Game Rules

4.1 Matches will begin at the time originally announced unless otherwise stated by an administrator.

4.2 Unless a specified version of the client is provided separately, all competitive events shall use the latest updated (Hero balance adjustments, etc.) version of the client.

4.3 As Shadow Arena is in Early Access, there may be issues (character/game bugs, etc.) that occur in the game. However, the results of a tournament/match shall not be overturned due to such an issue. If a player's character is trapped in a particular terrain, geographic feature, etc. during a match, an administrator will move their character to a nearby safe location, and the player shall be responsible for any disadvantages that may occur.

4.4 Unless an event-specific map is provided separately, all competitive events shall use the standard map.

4.5 Unless competitive specific settings are provided separately, the standard settings of Shadow Arena shall apply to all competitive events.

4.6 Competitive events shall be held on the live servers provided for each region. All participating players should verify the game impact of the server location in advance. (Network latency/ping time, disconnect settings, etc.) Players shall be responsible for any personal network problems that occur after the start of the match.

4.7 Certain competitive events may be held in an event (tournament) server. The tournament server may differ in environment to the live servers.

4.8 If it is deemed that extraordinary circumstances or other difficulties prevent the continuation of a match, the match may be suspended, postponed, or restarted as decided by the Event Administrators.

4.9 In-game chat is not allowed for all cases except for the purposes of informing the Event Administrators of a critical issue or an extraordinary occurrence.

5. Administrator Authority and Judgement

5.1 Administrators act as the primary authority for rendering decisions and will not overturn the decision of the Organizers.

5.2 Administrators shall maintain the game environment in advance to ensure the progress of the competition.

5.3 If a player deems it is too difficult for them to continue the competition, they can notify the Administrators through the predesignated communication channel to withdraw.

5.4 If a player-affiliated individual or spectator is deemed to have a significant on the outcome of the competition the Administrator may force them to leave.

5.5 Event Organizers may impose additional disciplinary actions on players who behave inappropriately to the Administrators decisions and/or have a significant impact to the outcome of the competition.

5.6 If there is an objection to the decision of an Administrator, an objection can be submitted through the Organizers side (Customer Support, etc.) after the end of the competitive event, and decision on this objection will be made by the Event Organizer.

5.7 However, the decision will not be overturned; if a misjudgment is evident, the level of response shall be determined by the respective Organizer.

6. Code of Conduct

6.1 All players participating in the competitive event, Event Administrators, and other concerned parties shall be respectful of each other and observe the general principles of good sportsmanship. Any violations or attempts at violating the rules below regardless of intention may result in penalties.

6.1.1 Players shall not use abusive/offensive language or engage/associate with such behavior. Similarly, players shall not incite or trigger such behavior. Additionally, players shall not engage in discriminatory acts or language against race, ethnicity, religion, state, social status, gender, or political view to undermine or offend an individual or group.

6.1.2 Players shall not play the game in a manner that is intentionally advantageous for an opponent, such as by not harming them. If an Administrator deems that the game was not played at a reasonable level, this may be considered deceitful play and the player may be penalized.

6.1.3 Players shall not engage in any kind of act which may be considered collusion. Acts of collusion refers to advance cooperation between 2 or more players/outside parties to intentionally make an opponent and/or player on the same team advantageous/disadvantageous.

6.1.4 Players shall not duplicate and/or tamper with the Shadow Arena client without explicit permission from Pearl Abyss or the Administrators. Players shall not use or attempt to use programs unauthorized by Pearl Abyss and participate in the competitive events. If a player is found to be using an unauthorized program during a match, the player will be immediately disqualified and removed; this player will also face game restrictions in accordance with the Terms of Service.

6.1.5 Players shall not intentionally use in-game bugs or engage in exploitative/abusive acts in order to gain a competitive advantage or force a match restart.

6.1.6 Players shall not intentionally disconnect without reasonable reason.

6.1.7 Players shall not share/transfer their accounts with someone else and/or allow someone else to play for them. Players shall not borrow and/or receive an account from someone else to participate in a competitive event.

6.1.8 Players shall not participate in a match/competitive event with more than 1 account. If the same player is found to be participating in an event multiple times, the player may be disqualified, forfeit any rewards/prize money, the match/event results may be annulled, etc.

6.2 Players must complete preparations for their game and equipment settings before the start of the competition. Players should check their nearby space and PC status in advance for any factors that may impact the competition, and the player shall be responsible for any disadvantages/results that may occur as a result.

6.3 Players may be penalized if the Administrators deem a players' remark or action to be detrimental to fair play.

7. Penalties and Disciplinary Action for Rule Violations

7.1 If a player is deemed to have violated the rules or guidelines, the Administrators may impose penalties on the player and/or take additional disciplinary action with reasonable judgement.

7.2 The penalties the Administrators may impose with reasonable judgement are as follows (but not limited to):

7.2.1 Warning: Warnings apply on an event-by-event basis and 3 warnings will result in disqualification.

7.2.2 Disqualification: Disqualifications apply to all competitive events hosted by

Pearl Abyss and 2 disqualifications will result in revocation of participation privileges.

7.2.3 Revocation of Participation Privileges: Upon revocation of participation privileges, you will no longer be allowed to participate as a player in any kind of Shadow Arena competitive event that is acknowledged by Pearl Abyss.

7.2.4 Penalty Point: Penalty that can be imposed on all types of points/scores that can be earned in a competitive event, such as round score. More information regarding Penalty Points are in the "Supplemental League Rules".

7.2.5 Result Nullification and Loss of Rewards: If a violation of the rules is discovered after the end of a competitive event, the results shall be made null and any obtained rewards shall be forfeited.

7.3 Any violation of the Rules and/or Code of Conduct shall be subject to the following penalties.

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| Warning | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Failure to comply with the instructions/directions of the Organizers• Use of inappropriate language through the in-game chat• Behavior/actions that may impact the game such as pre-designated Social Actions or in-game chat• Unsportsmanlike behavior, such as intentionally provoking an opponent• Player fails to connect within a set period of time• intentional disconnection• Cause a delay that hinders the progress of the competition• Disrupting the progress of the competition such as an unreasonable response to an Administrators decision <p>Disqualification upon 3 Warnings</p> |
| Disqualification | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Failure to participate in 1st round |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the case of team matches, if all team members fail to participate - Note: You will not be disqualified if you fail to participate in the next round after participating in round 1, but you may face a penalty in accordance with each event's rules. • Acts of collusion such as cooperative play/teaming in Solo mode • Acts that violate the Terms of Service which falls under the category of usage restriction during a competition <p>Revocation of Participation Privileges upon 2 Disqualifications</p> |
| Revocation of Participation Privileges | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tamper/forge client or use unauthorized programs/macros • Use an in-game bug or exploit • Acts that violate the Terms of Service which fall under the category of permanent restrictions during a competition |

7.4 In addition to the penalties listed above, the Organizers may impose appropriate penalties for disruption/interference of competition progress at the discretion of the Organizers.

7.5 If a participating player has a significant impact on the outcome of the competition by violating the Rules and/or Code of Conduct, the Administrators reserve the right to restart the competition or partially restart the competition.

8. Communication

8.1 All competition related communication will be through the designated communication channel. All participating players must join the provided channel in advance to ensure seamless communication. If a player is unable to join the channel due to extraordinary reason or fails to join, the player shall be responsible for any problems that may occur.

8.2 Information regarding the official communication channel is provided in the "Supplemental League Rules".

8.3 Important information related to the competition, competition rules, and format/schedule will be announced on the official website. These announcements and information are subject to change before the start of the competition. In this event, an update will be provided the event page.

8.4 All competition-related objections can be submitted within 7 seconds after the end of the event through the Support page on the official website.

9. Interpretation of Rules

9.1 Unless otherwise specified in these rules, all matters shall be governed by the Shadow Arena Terms of Service.

9.2 If any misunderstandings or problems occur regarding these rules, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with the relevant laws. If the relevant laws do not exist, the matter shall be interpreted by general social norms and/or good faith principle.

10. Effective Date

10.1 The Shadow Arena Competitive Rules shall enter into force upon being announced.

Supplemental League Rules

1. Competition Details

1.1 Name

- Shadow Arena 1v1 Challenger Series – Europe/Russia

1.2 Region

- Europe/Russia

1.3 Schedule

- August 29, 2020 (Sat) 20:00 CEST – expected to run 2 hours

1.4 Participant Format

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| Participant Sign-Up | Online Sign-Up |
| Participant Limit | 8 selected participants |
| | 3 reserve participants |
| Selection Criteria | Ranking out of all sign ups |

1.5 Participant Announcement

- August 20, 2020 (Wed) CEST

1.6 Reward

| Placement | Rewards |
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| Winner | Winner-exclusive Special Skin - "Blackstar's Successor" Winner-exclusive Special Title - "Blackstar's Successor" Hero Selection Coupon x5 |
| Runner-up | Hero Selection Coupon x3 20,000 Silver |
| Semi-finalists (Third & fourth place) | Hero Selection Coupon x 1 10,000 Silver |

1.7 Official Communication Channel

- Official Discord Channel

2. Competition Format

2.1 Invitations

- All participants must enter the tournament Discord server by August 14 (Fri), 23:59 CEST.
 - Participants will win by default and proceed to next round should their opponents cancel their participation after August 28, 20:00 CEST.
 - Apart from being in the tournament Discord server, all participants need to be logged into the game an hour before the tournament begins (i.e. by August 29, 19:00 CEST).
 - If you are a selected participant and fail to confirm your participation in this manner, then you will be disqualified as a "selected participant" and a reserve participant will take your spot in the tournament.
- * Reserve participants will be notified of their final participation status by August 28, 08:00 CEST and selected reserve participants must respond back their confirmation by August 28, 20:00 CEST.

2.2 Format

- Each Challenger Series match will be a 1v1 match in a custom King of the Hill mode.
- When both players have entered the match, the match will begin
- The pair will go through a best of 3, and the first player to win 2 matches will qualify to the next round.
- If a player does not show up to their match or does not accept their invitation but the opponent has, the opponent will automatically qualify for the next round.

2.3 Live Broadcast

- All matches will be broadcast live via our official channels, as a result, the nicknames and other details of participants may be broadcasted.
- Pearl Abyss reserves the right to use the video (unedited or edited) of this broadcast for promotional purposes without limitations to time or region.