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Introduction and Purpose

This document lays out Riot's rules which all tournaments operating under the "EMEA Regional League" (ERL) banner must abide by. These rules will apply to each of the Teams who have qualified to play in ERLs. These rules also apply to the Teams' Team Managers & Team Members and other employees but apply only to official League play and not to other competitions, tournaments or organised play of League of Legends. Standardised rules benefit all parties who are involved in the professional play of League of Legends, including the Team Managers, Team Members and Teams. Rules that impact all regions can be seen here: <https://www.emea-competitiveops.com>.

Riot Games Limited, a limited liability company registered in the Republic of Ireland, has established these rules for the competitive play of League of Legends in order to unify and standardise the rules used in competitive play.

The terms of engagement between Team Managers, Team Members and Teams are left to each of the Teams and its Team Managers/Members.

The rules contained in this Rulebook are applicable to all ERLs without exception. Each ERL may add ERL specific rules as an appendix to this Rulebook, with prior written approval from Riot Games, and which do not conflict with the rules contained in this Rulebook. The ERL specific rules allow ERLs to add clauses, which would impact operations of their specific regional competition and are not already covered by this Rulebook. In case the ERL specific rules are in conflict with this Rulebook, this Rulebook will prevail over the ERL specific rules.

Any dispute over the interpretation or application of these rules should be raised to the attention of the [ERL Operations team](#). The English version of these rules will supersede any translation.

*****Each Team Member must read, understand, and agree to the ERL Rulebook, and in additional ERL Region specific rules before participating in any ERL event.*****

1. Eligibility Requirements

- 1.1.1. To be eligible to compete in the ERL and/or EM, each Player must satisfy all of the following requirements outlined in this section.

1.2. Player Age

- 1.2.1. No Player shall be considered eligible to participate in any ERL or EM Match before having lived 16 full years. This shall not prevent Teams from signing Free Agents who have lived 15 full years, granted that they may not participate in an ERL Match until they have lived 16 full years.
- 1.2.2. Additionally, players younger than the age of majority in their country of residence must receive parental permission to participate in any ERL or EM Match.

1.3. Residency & Representation

- 1.3.1. A Player can be an EMEA Resident (IMP) and an LTR simultaneously.
- 1.3.2. LTRs are defined as players who have fulfilled one or more of the following criteria:
- The Player has legally resided and been primarily present in the competitive area of the ERL for no less than 36 out of the last 60 months immediately prior to their participation in the first Game of the applicable competition.
 - The Player who has been on an ERL Team Roster for the majority of applicable Matches in an ERL in no less than three of the last five ERL Splits immediately prior to their participation in the first Game of the applicable competition.
 - For LEC players, if the LEC organisation operates an ERL Team Roster: The player was on the Team Roster of an LEC Team for the majority of Competition Weeks in no less than three of the last five LEC Splits immediately prior to their participation in the first Game of the applicable competition.

Additionally, a split will count towards the LTR requirement for a Player who has been on an ERL Team Roster for the majority of the Split, even if the Player has not been actively participating in the respective ERL, as long as they have not been participating in any other ERL.

- The Player has legally resided and been primarily present in the competitive area of the ERL for at least 36 months after their 13th birthday, defined as having lived 13 full years.
- A player may acquire LTR status by participating in any regional ERL 1st division split that qualifies for EMEA Masters. Additionally, LTR status may also be obtained by competing in a

lower-tier league, provided that the league serves as a qualifying pathway to the 1st division of an ERL and takes place across each of the three splits during the competitive season.

1.3.3. Temporary grandfathering of LTR Status for 2025 Season:

- A Player who meet the LTR criteria at the end of 2024 Season shall retain their LTR status for the 2025 Winter Split under the 2024 season criteria as follows:
 - The Player who has been on an ERL Team Roster for the majority of applicable matches in an ERL in no less than two of the last three ERL Splits immediately prior to their participation in the first Game of the applicable competition.
 - For LEC players, if the LEC organisation operates an ERL Team Roster: The player was on the Team Roster of an LEC Team for the majority of Competition Weeks in no less than two of the last three LEC Competitive Half-Seasons prior to their participation in the first game of the applicable competition.
- A player who was on an ERL Team Roster for the majority of applicable Matches in any single Split during the 2024 Season shall be eligible to claim LTR status if they subsequently appear on an ERL Team Roster for the majority of applicable Matches in at least one of the two ERL Splits immediately following the Split in which they initially participated. For example:
 - If a Player was on an ERL Team Roster for the majority of applicable Matches in the Spring Split of the 2024 Season, they would need to be on an ERL Team Roster for the majority of applicable Matches in the Winter Split of the 2025 Season to meet the eligibility requirement.
 - If a Player was on an ERL Team Roster for the majority of applicable Matches in the Summer Split of the 2024 Season, they would need to be on an ERL Team Roster for the majority of applicable Matches in either the Winter Split or Spring Split of the 2025 Season to meet the eligibility requirement.
- These provisions apply solely to the 2025 Winter and Spring Split, after which standard LTR criteria as outlined in Section 1.3.2 will resume.

1.3.4. If a Player can prove they have not claimed LTR status in any ERL in the past and cannot currently claim LTR status for any ERL using the clauses above, the League may grant LTR status to the Player at their sole discretion.

- 1.3.5. A Player may only claim LTR status for the ERL region in which they are currently participating. Upon joining another ERL, the Player will have to prove their LTR status for the respective ERL or become a Non-Representative.
- 1.3.6. A Player may only be an LTR of a single ERL at any point in time. A player will not be considered a representative until they have declared themselves as an LTR to the respective ERL.
- 1.3.7. Players are not required to claim LTR status and may choose to remain a Non-Representative despite being eligible.
- 1.3.8. In order to be deemed a Resident, a Player must qualify under two possible scenarios:
- **Provisional Non-Residents:**
A Provisional Non-Resident is a current Non-Resident who has begun accruing time towards becoming a Resident. A Provisional Non-Resident can become a Resident if the Player has legally resided and been primarily present in the region for no less than 48 months out of the last 72 months immediately prior to such Player's participation in the first Game of the applicable competition.
 - **New Non-Residents:**
A New Non-Resident is a Player who was not on the Team Roster of a Team in the Professional or Accredited League nor relocated to that region for the goal of training in those Leagues between May 11th, 2015 and August 1st 2016. After that date, a Player will be considered a New Non-Resident and unable to obtain residency only by staying within the region for 8 out of the last 12 Splits.

A New Non-Resident Player must obtain lawful permanent resident status in the region the Player participates in.
- 1.3.9. A Player may only be a Resident of one single region at any point in time. Upon joining a Team's Roster, a Player will be considered a Non-Resident until and unless they declare themselves a Resident and meet the standards set forth in this rule. A Player who has lawful permanent resident status in multiple regions cannot be a Resident of two regions simultaneously per this rule. Once a Player declares residency in one region in which they are eligible, in order to switch residency to the other region, they must have participated in at least 50% of Regular Season Matches of their Team within that region in its most recent Split.
- 1.3.10. Players may prove Residency and LTR eligibility by submitting documentary evidence of eligibility. There are two general categories of evidence: government-issued documentation (e.g., government benefits records, military/draft registration papers) and private documentation (e.g., school records, deeds, leases, homeowner association documents, utility bills, bank records/statements, tax returns, insurance documents, medical records &

employment records).

Minors may also have a parent or guardian prove Residency or LTR status on their behalf by first, providing documentary evidence of the parent-/guardian-child relationship (e.g., a birth certificate) and second, submitting documentary evidence belonging to the parent/guardian, as outlined above.

1.4. Team Member Services Agreement

- 1.4.1. For any contractual agreement signed between a Team Member and an ERL Team, the contract needs to adhere to and be governed by applicable local laws.
- 1.4.2. For Accredited ERLs: Team Members are required to have a Team Member Service Agreement with their respective Teams.

1.5. Player Eligibility

- 1.5.1. A Player may only compete in a single ERL at a time.
- 1.5.2. An LEC Secondary Team Player cannot be part of their LEC and ERL Team Roster at the same time. As an exception to this, LEC Teams will be allowed to designate up to two Players from their ERL Team Roster for their LEC Team Roster if those Players are not considered Veterans.
- 1.5.3. A Player is prohibited from participating in any amateur competitions without obtaining prior written approval from their respective ERL TO, as outlined in section [Third Party Event Participation](#).
- 1.5.4. A Player who has participated in more than 50% of the Matches in an ERL Split will be considered locked into their respective ERL for the remainder of the Split. Locked Players may only be signed or be traded to a Team within their own ERL 1st Division.
- 1.5.5. A Player who has participated in more than 50% of the Matches in any ERL 1st Division Split may not compete for any other ERL Team in Promotion tournaments for that Split, including any Qualifiers leading to the promotion tournament.
- 1.5.6. A Player who has participated in more than 50% of the Matches in the current LEC Split is ineligible to participate in any ERL Regular Season, Play-Offs and the EM event for the current Split.
- 1.5.7. A Player contracted to a non-LEC organisation in any Professional League, as defined by their ability to qualify for the World Championship Event (LCS, LCK, LPL, PCS etc.), is strictly forbidden from engaging in any competition within the ERL Scope.
- 1.5.8. Team Members who are not part of GCD (for Accredited ERLs) are ineligible to participate in any competitions within the ERL scope, and EM.

1.6. Team Member Vetting

- 1.6.1. Prior to a Team Member being deemed eligible to participate in the ERL, Team must submit details of all active League of Legends accounts used in the last 6 months, including user/summoner name and server region, to ERL Officials. Failure to do so may result in penalties.
- 1.6.2. The behaviour check will analyse the Team Member's behaviour record across all accounts on the live servers and determine whether or not they are in line with the standards expected from Team Members in the ERL.
- 1.6.3. ERL Officials will inform Teams of their Team Members' eligibility upon completion of the vetting. This process may take up to 96 hours.
- 1.6.4. ERL Officials will share the Team Member Vetting report with the respective Team and Team Member.
- 1.6.5. Based on the outcome of the Vetting report, the Team Member may be subject to sanctions, including but not limited to warnings, suspensions, and/or fines.

1.7. Rank Requirement

- 1.7.1. All Players on a Team Roster must have held a peak rating of Diamond 3 or above in 5v5 Summoner's Rift Ranked Solo/Duo or Ranked Flex at least once in the current ranked split or in one of the two previous ranked splits.
- 1.7.2. In the case of extenuating circumstances, such as temporary visa issues, a competitive suspension or a medical emergency, the Team Roster requirements may be waived temporarily. Grant of this waiver is at the sole discretion of the ERL TO.

1.8. No Riot Employees

- 1.8.1. Team Owners and Team employees may not be employees of Riot Games Inc., Riot Games Limited, League of Legends European Championship Limited, or their affiliates ("Riot Entities"); or employees of the Tournament Organiser or its respective affiliates. "Affiliate" is defined as any person or other entity which owns or controls, is under the ownership or control of, or is under common ownership or control, with the named Riot Entities or Tournament Organiser. "Control" shall mean the power, through any means, to determine the policies or management of an entity, whether through the power to elect, appoint or approve, directly or indirectly, the directors, officers, managers or trustees of such entity or otherwise.

1.9. Eligibility & Release form

- 1.9.1. Team Members will be sent a Team Member Eligibility and Release Form by the ERL Officials. This form will inform the Team Member of what information, including personal information, that the League will collect and process for use on broadcast, social media and player movements.

2. Ownership

2.1. Ownership Restrictions

- 2.1.1. In order to preserve the integrity of official League play, the Team Managers, or affiliates thereof, shall not have an interest in more than one ERL Team participating in a ERL or/and EM, as defined below:

An “Interest” in or with a ERL Team means any of the following: (i) a direct or indirect financial interest in, or financial relationship with, such ERL Team, whether by legal or beneficial ownership, control, contractual relationship, loan agreement, or otherwise (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any buyback provision, right of first purchase, voting rights agreement, lien, deferred, reversion or security interest); or (ii) status as an officer, director, employee, stockholder, owner, affiliate, representative, agent, consultant, or advisor of such ERL Team, or any other role whereby a person participates, directly or indirectly, in the financing, operation, marketing, or management of such ERL Team or its assets.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall not be considered a violation of Rule 2.1.1 for a Team Manager to have ownership in a common entity or venture that is not a ERL Team, with another Team Manager (a “Common Undertaking”) that would otherwise constitute an Interest subject to this rule; provided, however, that such interests comprise (i) a solely passive ownership interest in less than ten percent of the capital stock of such Common Undertaking, (ii) such Team Managers do not undertake any operating role (including as an officer, director, employee, representative, agent, consultant, or advisor, etc.) with, and otherwise has no ability to control or exercise influence over such Common Undertaking, and (iii) such Team Manager has provided written notice to the League of such ownership in a Common Undertaking five business days in advance of such investment.

- 2.1.2. An Organisation or Team may only own one ERL Team across all ERLs.
- 2.1.3. Organisations or Teams are only allowed to participate in one ERL per Season. Any changes can only take effect between Seasons and must follow the procedures and timeline outlined by the ERL Officials. An Organisation or Team must receive approval from both the future ERL Officials and League Officials for the change to occur. If an Organisation or Team is relegated from their ERL top division, they shall not acquire the place of another top division ERL Organisation or Team for the duration of one Season within that same ERL top division, unless exceptional prior written approval from ERL Officials and League Officials is obtained.
- 2.1.4. Unless otherwise permitted in writing by LEC Officials, from the Organisations or Teams belonging to the Professional Esports Leagues (cf. section 11 below, Glossary & Exhibits), LEC Organisations or Teams are the only Organisations or Teams permitted to own and operate an ERL Team. Unless permitted in writing by LEC Officials in advance, no individual who, directly or indirectly, is an Owner of a professional Organisation or Team, can also own and operate an ERL Team.

2.2. Recognition of Ownership

- 2.2.1. The League shall have the right to make final and binding determinations regarding Team ownership, issues relating to the multiple Team restriction and other relationships that may otherwise have an adverse impact on the competitive integrity of the ERL. Any person that petitions for ownership into the ERL can be denied admission at the sole discretion of the League. Team Owners agree that they will not contest any final determination of the League in connection therewith.
- 2.2.2. If an Owner is found to have any financial interest or benefit or any level of influence in another Team, the Owner will be required to immediately divest said interest in one of the two Teams and may be subject to punishment by the League.
- 2.2.3. Ownership of a Team competing in an ERL or EM should be clearly indicated by the Starting Line-up or Organisation to ERL officials.

3. Team Rosters

3.1. Team Roster Requirements (1st Division)

- 3.1.1. Teams are required to maintain at least five Players in their Team Roster during the entirety of the ERL Season.
- 3.1.2. Team Rosters declared by Teams for their respective ERL Playoffs will be the Team Rosters eligible for the EMEA Masters event. Teams will not be able to add any new Players & Coaches past the regional ERL Playoffs roster lock.
- 3.1.3. Teams may register up to a maximum of 14 Team Members in their Team Roster, but not more than ten Players.
- 3.1.4. Teams are required to have a minimum of two LTRs and three EMEA Residents in the Starting Line-up at all times. If the Team has at least one substitute, they will be required to have a minimum of three LTRs and four EMEA Residents (IMP) in their Team Roster at all times.
 - 3.1.4.1. ERL TOs may, at their discretion, increase the LTR requirement for their region by up to one additional LTR. For instance, Teams may be required to maintain a minimum of three LTRs in their Starting Line-up. Any adjustments to LTR requirements must be finalised before the first Match of the Season and communicated to Teams in a timely manner. No further changes to LTR requirements are permitted during the Season.
 - 3.1.4.2. The LTR requirement for each respective ERL will be specified in the region specific rulebook provided by the local ERL TO.
- 3.1.5. An ERL Starting Line-up cannot include more than two Veteran Players at a time.
- 3.1.6. A Team shall maintain their Starting Line-up from their most recent Regular Season (1st Division) or Playoff (2nd Division) roster lock, for their Promotion tournament.
- 3.1.7. In the event of an emergency, a Team may be granted the ability to sign a new player, provided that all conditions outlined in the [Substitutions](#) section are met. The decision to allow such an emergency substitution will be at the sole discretion of the ERL Officials.

3.2. Team Member Agreement Requirements (Accredited ERLs)

- 3.2.1. A Team Member will not be allowed to have a contractual or financial arrangement with, be on the Team Roster, or compete for more than one Team.
 - Team Coaches may be allowed to work with another Team outside of the ERL scope - subject to League approval.
- 3.2.2. A Team Member is only allowed to compete for the one Organisation they have a contract with. A Team Member can only be contracted to one Team globally, and if the Team Member currently has a contract with a Team in another region, the Team Member must disclose that information to ERL Officials. A Team Member

cannot have a contractual or financial arrangement with another Team unless explicitly allowed by the League in writing. Loans from/to LEC Teams are allowed under certain conditions, as described in the [EMEA LOL Player Loan Policy](#).

- 3.2.3. To verify that Team Members are officially under contract, each Team must submit the Summary Sheet of the Team Member Agreement for each Team Member they wish to designate as under contract. The Summary Sheet is itself not a Team Member Agreement but rather a summary of some key terms needed by the League to verify eligibility, and confirm agreement by the Team Member and the Team. In all instances of conflict between the Summary Sheet and the Team Member Agreement, where the Team Member Agreement is compliant with the requirements outlined in the Team Participation Agreement, the League reserves the right to interpret the Summary Sheet as superseding.
- 3.2.4. All Team Member Agreements have to adhere to the following:
- They must not include any non-compete, right of first refusal or other similar provision that restricts a Team Member from joining another esports team, organisation or company after the expiration or termination of the Team Member Agreement.
 - They must include an option to terminate the Team Member Agreement on the part of either party in the event that the other party commits a material breach of the Team Member Agreement that is not cured within thirty days of written notice from the non-breaching party.
 - They must not include any automatic, deemed renewal, or “renewal by silence” provisions that extend the term of the Team Member Agreement without the express written approval of the Team Member.
 - They must include an option to immediately terminate the Team Member Agreement on the part of the Team Member in the event that the respective Team’s Team Participation Agreement is terminated by the League; or the Team Member is officially removed from the Team as triggered by removal from the Global Contract Database.
 - They must not have a term or duration that is fewer than seven days, and in the event that the term or duration extends beyond the Global Contract Window Closing for the current Season, will have an expiration date that ends the term of the agreement on any of Global Contract Window Openings in the following two Seasons (17. November 2025 23:59 UTC, 16. November 23:59 UTC). Any agreement or contract, other than the Team Member Agreement, shall not have a duration longer than the expiration date of the Team Member Agreement. All contractual obligations between the Team Member and the Team must end on said expiration date with the exception of ongoing financial

obligations.

- If the contract is signed after the Summer Split for the purpose of competing in Pro-Am competition, they must not have a duration which extends beyond Global Contract Window Opening for the current Season.
- They must include an exception to any confidentiality restrictions in the Team Member Agreement allowing disclosure of the agreements, and any summary sheet of the agreements, to the League.

3.3. Substitutions

- 3.3.1. Player substitutions have to result in Teams having eligible Team Rosters. To clarify, a suspended player cannot be a Substitute.
- 3.3.2. A Team may substitute a Player between Games of a Match. The Team must notify an ERL Official and have the substitution approved, no later than 5 minutes after the conclusion of the previous Game.
- 3.3.3. In the event of an emergency on the day of the Match, a Team will be given up to one hour to find an immediate Substitute from their Team Roster for a Game. If a replacement cannot be found, the Team will forfeit. ERL Officials will determine if an event qualifies as an emergency.
- 3.3.4. In the event of an emergency prior to the day of the Match, a Team may be given up to 48 hours to sign a new Player to their Team Roster. The exact time given to the Team will be decided based on the proximity to the Team's Match and will be at the sole discretion of the ERL Officials. Teams will be required to abide by the following restrictions in order to sign new Players:
 - 3.3.4.1. Must not have been part of any ERL 1st Division Team Roster within the three weeks immediately preceding the Match in which they are required to participate.
 - 3.3.4.2. Must not have played professionally in the current LEC Split.
 - 3.3.4.3. The signed contract with the new Player must end before the upcoming Free Agency Opening.
 - 3.3.4.4. The newly signed Player will be allowed to participate for the duration of the emergency. The signing Team will be required to provide necessary evidence to the ERL officials.
- 3.3.5. For any offline stages, ERL TOs, at their discretion, will set requirements in regards to physical presence of Substitutes at the Match venue.

3.4. Coaches

- 3.4.1. Teams may register a Head Coach in their Team Roster. In addition, Teams may register up to three other Coaches as either Strategic Coaches, Assistant

Coaches or Performance Coaches.

- 3.4.2. Up to two of Team's registered Coaches or Substitutes are eligible to participate in the Pick-&-Ban Phase of the Team's official Games.
- 3.4.3. In the event of an emergency, the Team can designate an interim Coach. Whether or not an event qualifies as an emergency is determined at the sole discretion of the ERL Officials.

3.5. Inter-Team Roster Changes

- 3.5.1. Team Players are allowed, under certain conditions, to play for their ERL Academy Team:
 - An ERL Team Player who has participated in more than 50% of the Matches in the ERL Split, are ineligible to participate for their Academy Team in any event they may compete in, for the current Split.
 - An ERL Team Player cannot be part of their ERL and ERL Academy Team Roster at the same time.

3.6. Global Contract Window (Accredited ERLs)

- 3.6.1. The League has established limited periods of time during which new Team Members or Free Agents can be signed or traded. Signings or trading of any kind outside of these specified dates are strictly prohibited outside of the exceptions listed in Team Roster Modifications. To clarify, contract extensions are always allowed. The start of the Global Contract Window for the next Season will commence on 19 November 2024.

Season	Global Contract Window Opening (00:00:00 UTC)	Global Contract Window Closing
2025	19 November, 2024	72h prior to the first Match of the last week of the respective ERL's Summer Regular Season or equivalent stage prior to the Playoffs

3.7. Trades (Accredited ERLs)

- 3.7.1. Trades need to adhere to the Global Contract Window.
- 3.7.2. Teams may trade Team Members with other Teams, in the EMEA Region or globally. Trades are not limited in quantity, can be asymmetrical and can involve cash or other considerations as part of the trade.
- 3.7.3. A Team must submit trade requests to ERL Officials in advance, in writing, using the Trade Approval Request Form. The ERL & League must approve trade requests, in writing, before becoming effective.

3.8. Team Roster Modification

- 3.8.1. The League has established limited periods to allow ERL Teams to register Team Members as a part of their Team Roster.
- 3.8.2. Signing or trading Team Members to Reserve Roster between the Winter Split and Spring Split, and between Spring Split and Summer Split is allowed, but these Team Members will not be eligible to participate until the next Team Roster Modification period.
- 3.8.3. Team Roster Modification periods are:
 - 3.8.3.1. From the Global Contract Window Opening to Winter Split Playoff roster lock.
 - 3.8.3.2. From the day after EMEA Masters Winter Finals at 00:00 UTC until the Spring Split Playoff roster lock.
 - 3.8.3.3. From the day after EMEA Masters Spring Finals at 00:00 UTC until the Summer Split Playoff roster lock.
- 3.8.4. An individual appointed by the Team will be responsible for Team Roster management and document submissions. The individual is authorised to make changes to the Team Roster using one of the following methods: (1) Trading Players with other Teams; (2) Signing Free Agents; (3) Releasing Players from the Team Roster.
- 3.8.5. At a time designated by the ERL Officials before the start of each Split, each Team must submit their Team Rosters. If Team Managers intend to modify a Team Roster, they must submit requests in compliance with these rules. The request must be submitted in advance of the proposed effective date of any such change, at the earliest possible date and time. An ERL Team will not be allowed to start a Player for the first week of the respective Split that is not on a Team Roster that was declared on this date.
- 3.8.6. Teams may request to modify their Team Roster.
 - 3.8.6.1. For the Regular Season, the request must be submitted to an ERL Official at least 72 hours before the start of the Competition Week and its approval is at the sole discretion of the ERL Official. As an exception to the above, shifts between the LEC and ERL Roster may be requested up until 24 hours before the start of the Competition Week.
 - 3.8.6.2. For the Play-offs Stage, the request must be submitted to an ERL Official at least 72 hours before the start of the first Competition Week of the Play-offs Stage and its approval is at the sole discretion of the League. Teams will not be able to modify their rosters until the end of the Split after this deadline.
- 3.8.7. For Accredited ERLs: If a Team intends to drop a Team Member from the Team Roster during the Split, the Team has to submit the Drop Form for that Team Member at least 72 hours before the Global Contract Window Closing of that Season. Mutually agreed upon terminations after the Global Contract Window

Closing are allowed.

- 3.8.8. For a Team Member entry to be removed from the GCD, a Drop Form must be submitted with the relevant details.
- 3.8.9. Any Team Member who is dropped from Team Roster may not rejoin that Team Roster until a minimum of three weeks have elapsed after the effective date of the Team Member's prior removal from the Team Roster.
- 3.8.10. Team Members are allowed to switch roles within their Team, where Coach would become a Player and vice-versa, after Global Contract Window Closing. Any change that would modify the Starting Line-up, would have to be done prior to respective Competition Week roster lock.
- 3.8.11. Team Members who have participated in any aspect of a Professional or Accredited League in the most recent Split cannot enter into any new oral or verbal commitment, financial arrangement, or contractual arrangement after the Global Contract Window Closing and before the Global Contract Window Opening with any Organisation owning a Professional or Accredited Team if that commitment extends past the Global Contract Window Opening, or otherwise impacts the Team Member's status once the Global Contract Window opens.
 - To clarify, this does not apply to individuals who have never played, coached, or been contracted to a team in a Professional League or ERLs.
 - As an additional exception to the Global Contract Window restrictions, Teams are able to sign Coaches starting the day after the conclusion of the World Championship. To clarify, this only includes individuals who have participated in any aspect of a Professional or Semi-Professional League in the most recent Split as a Coach.
- 3.8.12. For Accredited ERLs: The Team Rosters will be displayed in the GCD. The GCD will be updated once authorised Team Roster changes have been confirmed by ERL Officials. The Team Roster in the GCD will be considered the most up-to-date Team Roster and Teams are responsible to notify ERL Officials if their current Team Roster is not accurately reflected.
- 3.8.13. Teams are restricted from announcing any Roster changes needing ERL TO approval as final until they have been approved. However, announcements can state that the Roster change is under review from the ERL TO. This includes any acquisitions and re-signings to the same Organisation.

3.9. Non-Competitive Language

- 3.9.1. Teams may not enter into any agreements, arrangements or conduct that have as their object or effect any non-compete, right of first refusal or other similar provision that restricts the Team Member from joining another esports team, Organisation, or company after the expiration or termination of the Team Member

Services Agreement.

- 3.9.2. Teams may not enter into an agreement with another Team or other third party that results in any party acquiring the ability to influence in employment, performance, or Team Member transfer related matters the independence of any Team.

4. Summoner Names and Team Names

4.1. Naming Regulations

- 4.1.1. Summoner Names may include upper-case letters, lower-case letters, digits, underscores, or single spaces between words only. Summoner Names must not exceed 11 characters including spaces. No additional special characters will be allowed for team names, Summoner Names, or tags. Summoner Names and team names may not contain: vulgarities or obscenities; League of Legends Champion derivatives or other similar character names; or derivatives of products or services that may create confusion.
- 4.1.2. Teams will be permitted a team tag of 2-4 characters to be added to the front of each Player's Summoner Name on the Tournament Realm. These team tags must be a combination of uppercase letters and/or digits.
- 4.1.3. Team tri-codes and Summoner names must be unique globally.

4.2. League Approval & Conflict Resolution

- 4.2.1. All team tags, team names and Summoner Names must be approved by League Officials in advance of use in play. Name changes must be approved by League Officials prior to use in-game. Any cosmetic change to team tags, team names, etc. must be made 96 hours in advance of the first Game of the Split of the respective ERL. League Officials reserve the right to deny a team name if it does not reflect the professional standards sought by the League and the Team will be required to change their name.
- 4.2.2. Conflict Resolution - In a case where two players with identical summoner names are entering the LEC/ERL play at the same time, but one is entering at the Professional level (LEC) and the other is entering at the Semi-Professional level (Accredited ERLs), the player entering professional play will be granted use of the summoner name.

In a case where two Players with identical summoner names are entering the LEC/ERL play at the same time, but one is entering at the Semi-Professional level (Accredited ERLs) and the other is entering at the Non-Accredited ERLs level, the player entering Semi-professional play will be granted use of the summoner name.

If two Players with identical summoner names are entering the same level of play at the same time, then the Players and their Teams should work together with the League and the respective ERL TO to find a compromise. If no compromise can be found, then the summoner name shall be disallowed for both Players, and both shall be required to select a new summoner name that conforms with this policy.

5. Competition Information

5.1. Competition Format

- 5.1.1. The Competition format for each ERL will be outlined in the additional ERL Region specific rulebook provided by the local ERL TO.
- 5.1.2. To ensure parity, fairness, and competitive integrity across the ecosystem, the League has standardised certain aspects of the competition. ERLs shall adhere to the following regulations:
 - 5.1.2.1. ERLs must provide a minimum of one qualification slot for a Team to enter the ERL competition based on competitive merit. This qualification opportunity must occur at least once per Season.
 - 5.1.2.2. Each competitive Season shall consist of three Splits: Winter Split, Spring Split, and Summer Split, followed by Season Finals. ERLs may adopt alternative formats, whereby the Season Finals may either be held as a standalone event or combined with the Summer Split.
 - 5.1.2.3. Each ERL shall crown one Season Champion, determined by the performance across the Season or through Season Finals.

5.2. Competition Schedule

- 5.2.1. ERL Split Date Ranges:
 - 5.2.1.1. Winter Split - from 13 January to 9 March 2025.
 - 5.2.1.2. Spring Split - from 24 March to 30 May 2025.
 - 5.2.1.3. Summer Split - from 13 July to 12 September 2025.
- 5.2.2. The Competition schedule for each ERL will be provided by the local ERL TO.

5.3. Starting Line-Up Submissions

- 5.3.1. Requests to modify the ERL Team Starting Line-Up for a Team's Match on any match day must not be submitted any later than outlined below:
 - 5.3.1.1. For the first Game of the Competition Week, all Teams are required to submit their Starting Line-up no later than 24 hours before the scheduled start of the first Match of the broadcast day.
 - 5.3.1.2. For any other game day of the Competition Week, all Teams are required to submit their Starting Line-up no later than 24 hours before the scheduled start of the first Match of the broadcast day. In case an ERL Match including either of the Teams that will be playing the following day occurs on the day on which Starting Line-ups are due, the Starting Line-up deadline will shift to 15 minutes after the conclusion of the last Game on that day
 - 5.3.1.3. For their first Game of a Match in the Play-offs or Promotion tournament, Teams are required to submit their Starting Line-up 24 hours before the

scheduled start of the first Match of the broadcast day. In case an ERL Match including either of the Teams that will be playing the following day occurs on the day on which Starting Line-ups are due, the Starting Line-up deadline will shift to 15 minutes after the conclusion of the last Game on that day.

5.3.2. ERL TO can shift this deadline at their discretion by informing affected Teams. If no decision is submitted in time, the Starting Line-up will default to the Starting Line-up used in the Team's last official Game or Match.

5.3.3. Team coaches must be submitted at the same time as the Starting Line-up for the respective Game.

5.4. Side Selection Rules

5.4.1. The side selection rules for each ERL will be outlined in the additional ERL Region specific rulebook provided by the local ERL TO.

5.5. Tiebreaker Rules

5.5.1. The tiebreaker rules for each ERL will be outlined in the additional ERL Region specific rulebook provided by the local ERL TO.

6. Travel & Offline Events

6.1. Travel To Events

- 6.1.1. For up to five Players, one Substitute, one Coach or Team Manager per Team who have earned the right to participate in ERL offline events held as part of an ERL Split, the ERL TO will provide (a) reasonable travel, accommodation and meals, or (b) provide reimbursements for aforementioned costs while they compete at such events.
- 6.1.2. Team Members who qualify to compete in any offline events held as part of an ERL Split must have all necessary visas, passports or other travel documents for travel to the city where the offline events are held. Team Members under the age of majority under applicable law may be required to travel with a parent or legal guardian. In such cases, the ERL TO will also provide a single parent or guardian for each player under the age of majority with reasonable travel, accommodation and meals or reimbursement for the foregoing while such player competes at the offline event.

7. Finance

7.1. Sponsors

- 7.1.1. A Team has the ability to acquire sponsors. Restrictions on sponsorship acquisition are defined by the applicable ERL & EM rules. The Team is obligated to notify the League of the intended acquisition of a new sponsor before the acquisition is finalised. If the sponsorship is classified as a Prohibited Sponsorship, then the sponsorship may not be displayed by the Players during the use or play of League of Legends, adjacent to League of Legends related material, the LEC, ERL, EM, or any other Riot-affiliated event. If the sponsorship is classified as a Conditional Sponsorship, then the Team must follow the rules and regulations regarding receiving approval from League Officials (Exhibit J).
- 7.1.2. The Team may only sell or manage sponsorships or brand elements for the Team which they are affiliated with.
- 7.1.3. A sponsor which holds naming rights to a Team may be a naming rights sponsor of up to 1 other Team in the League, with a maximum of 4 possible naming rights sponsorships by this sponsor across the ERL ecosystem. No person or entity acting as an owner, partial or total, or as a corporate officer for one Organisation may sponsor a Team of a different Organisation through themselves, a direct connection, another Organisation they represent, or a proxy.
- 7.1.4. Teams cannot have multiple brand names in their Team name unless they comply with the naming restrictions set forth in the Team Name Sponsor Integration Policy.

7.2. Prize Money

- 7.2.1. The prize money for each ERL will be outlined in the additional ERL Region specific rulebook provided by the local ERL TO.

8. Additional Provisions

8.1. Publishing

- 8.1.1. The League shall have the right to publish a declaration stating that a Team Manager, Team Member and/or Team has been penalised. Any Team Manager, Team Member and/or Team that may be referenced in such declaration hereby waive any right of legal action against the ERL, EM, League of Legends European Championship Limited, and/or any of their parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, agents, or contractors for publishing such a declaration.

8.2. IP Usage

- 8.2.1. Refer to your Team Participation Agreement with your ERL TO for general usage guidelines.

8.3. Finality of decisions

- 8.3.1. All decisions regarding the interpretation of these rules, Team Member eligibility, scheduling and staging of the ERL & EM and penalties for misconduct, lie solely with the League, the decisions of which are final.

8.4. Right of modification

- 8.4.1. These rules may be amended, modified or supplemented by the League, in order to ensure fair play and the integrity of official League play.

9. Match Process

9.1. Tournament Realm and Live Accounts

- 9.1.1. Players will be provided with Tournament Realm Accounts by the ERL TO. It is the Players' responsibility to configure their account to their preferences. The Account's Summoner Name must be set to the Player's Official Tournament Handle as approved by the ERL TO.
- 9.1.2. The use of ward skins and emotes on Tournament Realms is allowed unless usage has been restricted by ERL Officials.

9.2. Patch

- 9.2.1. The Tournament Realm patch will be communicated by ERL TOs to participating Teams at their earliest convenience.
- 9.2.2. Champions will be automatically restricted from play for their release patch. Champions that have undergone reworks will be enabled at the sole discretion of the League.

9.3. Scheduling

- 9.3.1. The ERL TO may, at its sole discretion, modify the schedule of Matches. In the event of a schedule modification the ERL TO will notify all Teams at the earliest convenience.

9.4. Referees

- 9.4.1. Referees will oversee the ERL matches, including the following:
 - Checking the Team's Starting Line-up before the Match.
 - Checking and monitoring Player peripherals and Match Areas.
 - Announcing the beginning of a Game.
 - Ordering pause/resume during a Game.
 - Issuing penalties in response to rule violations during the Match.
 - Confirming the end of a Match and its results.
- 9.4.2. At all times, Referees shall conduct themselves in a professional and impartial manner. No passion or prejudice shall be shown towards any Player, Team, Team Manager, Coach or other individual.
- 9.4.3. If a Referee makes an incorrect judgement, the judgement can be subject to reversal. ERL Officials, at their discretion, may evaluate the decision during or after the Match to determine if the proper procedure was implemented. If the proper procedure was not followed, ERL Officials reserve the right to invalidate the Referee's decision. ERL Officials will always maintain a final say in all decisions set forth throughout the ERL competition.

9.5. Readiness

- 9.5.1. All Players will be expected to be ready to join the Game-lobby at the time specified by the ERL Officials. Readiness includes but is not limited to, all five Players on the Starting Line-up having completed client

patching and the configuration of in-game settings.

- 9.5.2. Tournaments held on a rolling schedule will have estimated Match start times. Teams are required to be available to play their Match up to 90 minutes in advance of their estimated time, or as otherwise directed by ERL Officials.

9.6. Punctuality

- 9.6.1. Players participating in the ERL event must arrive at the designated Match area no later than the time specified by the ERL Officials.
- 9.6.2. During the Regular Season all Teams are required to be fully ready for their Matches in the respective Game Lobby at least 5 minutes before the official Game Time.
- 9.6.3. During the Play-Offs all Teams are required to be fully ready for their Matches in the respective Game Lobby at least 5 minutes before the official Game Time for Game 1 of each Match. For all following Games within one Match Teams are required to be fully ready at least 2 minutes before the official Game Time.
- 9.6.4. If a Team is not fully ready at the aforementioned times, the ERL Officials may issue a penalty at their own discretion. ERL TO shall communicate any punctuality penalty index to Teams, to inform them about possible sanctions for lateness. ERL TOs must seek approval from Riot before introducing any punctuality related systems.
- 9.6.5. If a Team or any of their Players does not show up in time for any of their Matches, as defined by the aforementioned rule, due to a force majeure, Teams must inform ERL Officials immediately. ERL Officials may postpone, suspend or cancel the Game or Match at their sole discretion.
- 9.6.6. If a Match is postponed, it will be rescheduled to a date within the same or the following week, unless another agreement can be found among Teams and ERL Officials. The exact Match date will be communicated by ERL Officials at the earliest convenience.

9.7. Pick-&-Ban Phase

- 9.7.1. Once all ten Players report to the official game lobby, an ERL Official will request confirmation that both Teams are ready for the Pick-&-Ban Phase. Once both Teams confirm readiness, an ERL Official will instruct the game-lobby owner to start the Game.
- For Offline events: Coaches will be granted on-stage access and will be allowed to communicate with the Players during the Pick-&-Ban Phase. Coaches will exit the stage to a designated position once the countdown timer has reached five seconds during the trading phase and if applicable, will be muted once the timer has reached zero seconds.
- 9.7.2. During the Match, communication by a Player on the Starting Line-up shall be limited to the other Players on their Starting Line-up and ERL Officials. In addition

the Players are allowed to communicate with their on-stage Coach during the Pick-&-Ban Phase.

- 9.7.3. If a Player disconnects during the Pick-&-Ban Phase, punctuality rules will apply. If the Player reconnects to the lobby in time, the Pick-&-Ban Phase will continue from the state where the latest pick or ban is locked.
- 9.7.4. The Pick-&-Ban Phase will be executed through the Client's Tournament Draft feature. At the discretion of ERL Officials, the Pick-&-Ban Phase may be recorded and the Game's start aborted.
- 9.7.5. Game Settings:
 - Map: Summoner's Rift
 - Team Size: 5
 - Allow Spectators: Lobby Only
 - Game Type: Tournament Draft
- 9.7.6. ERL Officials may choose to employ either the Tournament Draft feature or a manual draft at their discretion.
- 9.7.7. Restrictions may be added at any time before or during a Match if there are known bugs with any Gameplay Elements or for any reason as determined at the discretion of ERL Officials.
- 9.7.8. Draft mode proceeds in a snake draft as follows:
 - Blue Team = A; Red Team = B
 - Bans: ABABAB
 - Picks: ABBAAB
 - Bans: BABA
 - Picks: BAAB
- 9.7.9. If a Player picks or bans a Champion by mistake in the Pick-&-Ban Phase, the Player must notify an ERL Official of their intended selection before the other Team has locked in their next selection. In this case, the Pick-&-Ban Phase will be restarted with the same Picks and Bans up until the mistake occurred and the Player may correct the mistake. In the case the other Team has locked in their next selection, before the Player notifies an ERL Official, the Pick-&-Ban Phase will not be restarted and the mistakenly selected Champion stays locked in.
- 9.7.10. Teams must complete all Champion trades before the 20-second mark during the Trading Phase or will be subject to penalties.

9.8. Game Start

- 9.8.1. A Game will start immediately after the Pick-&-Ban Phase is complete, unless otherwise stated by an ERL Official. Players are not allowed to quit a Game after the completion of the Pick-&-Ban Phase.
 - ERL Officials will remove any printed materials from the Match Area, including any notes written by Team Members.

- 9.8.2. If there is an error in the Game Start, or an ERL Official decides to separate the Pick-&-Ban Phase and the Game starts, the Blind Pick feature may be used at the discretion of the ERL Officials. All Players will select Champions in accordance with the valid completed Champion selections.
- 9.8.3. If a Bugsplat, disconnect or any other failure occurs which interrupts the loading process and prevents a Player from joining a Game, the Game must be immediately paused until all Players are connected.

9.9. Pause

- 9.9.1. If a Player intentionally disconnects without notifying an ERL Official or pausing, the ERL Official is not required to enforce a pause.
- During any pause, Players may not leave the Match Area unless authorized and accompanied by an ERL Official or a Referee.
- 9.9.2. ERL Officials may order to execute a pause of a Game at their sole discretion.
- 9.9.3. Players may only pause a Game immediately following an Unintentional Disconnect, hardware/software malfunction or physical interference and must notify an ERL Official immediately and identify the reason.
- 9.9.4. Minor Player illness, injury, or disability is not an acceptable reason for a Player pause. In the case of an underlying and/or pre-declared medical condition the Player may however inform an ERL Official prior to the Match, who may then grant a pause during the Match in order to evaluate the issue and to determine whether the Player is ready, willing, and able to continue playing within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the ERL Official, but not to exceed a few minutes. If the ERL Official determines that the Player is not able to continue playing within such a reasonable period of time, then the Player's Team shall forfeit the Game unless an ERL Official determines that the Game is subject to an Awarded Game Victory at the ERL TO's discretion.
- 9.9.5. If an ERL Official observes a condition or behaviour, is notified by a Team or otherwise has a good faith belief that leads the official to believe that a Player is medically unfit to play or continue play, the ERL Official may, in his/her sole discretion, grant a pause, not to exceed ten minutes, in order to evaluate the identified Player.

If ERL Officials determine that a Player needs to be examined by medical officials, such Player must receive medical clearance to play or continue play.

Such Players may refuse medical exam or care, but in such a situation they will lack requisite medical clearance and will not be able to play or continue to play.

If a Player is rendered unable to play or continue to play because of a lack of medical clearance, or if the Team is unable to field a Team Roster that is compliant with these Rules, the Team shall forfeit the Game unless a ERL Official, at their sole discretion, determines that the Game is subject to an Awarded Game Victory.

- 9.9.6. Players are not permitted to resume the Game after a pause. After clearance from an ERL Official is issued and all Players are notified and ready, which will be contingent on confirming through in-game chat, the in-client spectators will unpause the Game.
- 9.9.7. If a Player pauses a Game without a valid reason as outlined above, or un-pauses a Game without permission from an ERL Official, it will be considered unfair play and penalties will be applied at the discretion of the ERL TO.
- 9.9.8. For Offline events: For the fairness of all competing Teams, Players are not allowed to communicate with each other during a pause. For the avoidance of doubt, Players may communicate to the Referee, but only in order to identify and remedy the cause for the pause. If a pause extends long enough, Referees may, at their discretion, allow Teams to talk before the Game is unpaused, in order to discuss the Game's conditions.

9.10. Pause Allowance & 5v5 Play

- 9.10.1. Teams may pause the game for a maximum of 10 minutes over the course of a single Game, or 20 minutes over the course of a best-of-three Match, or 30 minutes over the course of best-of-five Match to resolve issues affecting their gameplay. These issues include but are not limited to: FPS drops, connection issues, peripherals or other hardware not working properly, possible in-game bugs that critically affect gameplay or put the Team at a significant disadvantage.

Pausing beyond allowance time will be considered unfair play and penalties will be applied at the discretion of ERL Officials. ERL Officials may ask the Team to immediately resume the Game if there has been a minor issue and after reasonable steps are taken to remedy the situation or if the impact on the Game is deemed minimal. ERL Officials will also ask the Team to immediately resume the Game if the pause is deemed unauthorized.

- 9.10.2. Teams are required to field a full team of five Players to start a Match. If a Player disconnects during a Game, a Team may continue to play after the Pause allowance is exhausted to attempt to complete the Game.

9.11. Post-Game Process

- 9.11.1. ERL Officials will confirm and record the Game's result.
- 9.11.2. Players will inform ERL Officials of any tech issues.
- 9.11.3. Referees may log into Player Accounts to join the next Game's lobby.
- 9.11.4. ERL Officials will inform Players of the remaining time before the next Game's Pick-&-Ban Phase. Pick-&-Ban Phase may commence as scheduled even if a Team is not fully present in the Lobby at the discretion of ERL Officials. If only a single Player of a Team is present when the Pick-&-Ban Phase begins, this

Player may determine all Picks and Bans for the Team. If no Player from a Team is present in the Lobby when the Pick-&-Ban Phase begins that Team shall be deemed to have forfeited the Game.

- 9.11.5. Results of Forfeiture. Matches won by forfeit will be reported by the minimum score it would take for one Team to win the Match (e.g. 1-0 for best-of-1 Matches, 2-0 for best-of-three Matches, 3-0 for best-of-five Matches). No other statistics will be recorded for forfeited Matches.

9.12. Post-Match Process

- 9.12.1. ERL officials will confirm and record the Match result.
- 9.12.2. Players will be informed of their current standing in the competition, including their next scheduled Match.
- 9.12.3. Players will be informed of any post-match obligations, including, but not limited to, media appearances, interviews, or further discussion of any Match matters. Teams will be required to make available to the media for a minimum of 20 minutes at least two Players that started any Game that day, regardless of Team victory or defeat.

10. Online Match Process

10.1. Equipment

- 10.1.1. Players will be expected to provide all of their own equipment. This includes, but is not limited to: computers, keyboards, mice, and voice programs. As the Matches will not be played on an offline server, Players will also need to account for their own DDOS and other computer protection. Exclusive responsibility for protection will fall upon the Players and Teams. Additionally, the stability of the Player's hardware and internet connection are the responsibility of the Player. In the event that a Game is played on the live server and not the Tournament Realm both Teams will be required to use the default skins for their selected Champions.

11. Offline Match Process

11.1. Equipment

- 11.1.1. ERL Officials will provide and Players will exclusively use the following equipment: (1) PC & monitor; (2) headsets and/or earbuds and/or microphones; (3) table & chair.
- 11.1.2. Players can provide the following equipment and use it during on-site Matches: (1) PC keyboards; (2) PC mice; (3) PC mouse pads.
- 11.1.3. Checking of Player Equipment is at sole discretion of ERL Officials.
- 11.1.4. ERL Officials may disallow use of specific equipment at their sole discretion for reasons relating to tournament security, safety, operational efficiency/effectiveness or if the equipment features a company or brand competing with Riot Games, the ERL event or League of Legends.
- 11.1.5. Players are prohibited from installing their own programs and must use only the programs provided by the ERL TO on-site, unless explicitly allowed by an ERL Official.

11.2. Match Area

- 11.2.1. If applicable, the foregoing regulations shall apply to any Match venue a Team participates from.
- 11.2.2. Access for Teams to the restricted areas of venues for Matches is restricted to the Team only unless otherwise approved by the ERL Officials. Permission to attend ERL Matches is solely at the discretion of the ERL TO.
- 11.2.3. Team Managers are not allowed in the Match Area during the Match. They may be in the Match Area during the Match preparation process but must leave prior to the Pick-&-Ban Phase.
- 11.2.4. Players are not allowed to have wireless devices in the Match Area. The ERL Officials will collect such devices in the Match Area and return them at the end of the Match.
- 11.2.5. Players must sit in the order in which they will join the game lobby: Top, Jungle, Mid, Bot, Support. This order should be considered from the vantage point of a viewer facing the Players, and read from left to right.
- 11.2.6. No food is allowed in the Match Area. Drinks are permitted in ERL-provided re-sealable containers.
- 11.2.7. Access to other areas within the venue may be granted by the ERL Officials. Access to these areas is also restricted to Teams and at the ERL Officials' discretion.

11.3. Setup Time

- 11.3.1. Players will have a designated time frame prior to their Match to ensure they are properly prepared. ERL Officials will inform Players and Teams of their scheduled preparation time frame as part of their Match schedule. ERL Officials may change the schedule at any time. Setup time is considered to have begun once Players enter the Match Area, at which point they are not allowed to leave without permission of the on-site ERL Official or Referee and accompanied by another ERL Official or Referee. Setup is comprised of the following:
- Ensuring the quality of all equipment
 - Connecting and calibrating peripherals
 - Ensuring the proper function of the voice chat system
 - Testing that editing and saving of rune pages and summoner spells is working as intended
 - Adjusting in-game settings
 - Limited in-game warm-up
- 11.3.2. If a Player encounters any equipment issues during Setup Time, the Player must notify an ERL Official immediately.
- 11.3.3. ERL Officials might be available to assist with the setup process during the pre-Match setup period.
- 11.3.4. It is expected that Players will resolve any issues with the setup process within the allotted time and that Match will begin at the scheduled time. Delays due to setup issues may be permitted, at the sole discretion of ERL Officials. Penalties for tardiness may be assessed at the discretion of the ERL Officials.
- 11.3.5. No fewer than two minutes before the Match is scheduled to begin, an ERL Official will confirm with each Player that their setup is complete.
- 11.3.6. Once all ten Players in a Match have confirmed completion of setup, Players may not enter a warm-up Game.
- 11.3.7. ERL Officials will decide how the official Game lobby will be created. Players will be directed by ERL Officials to join a Game lobby, as soon as Setup Time has ended, in the following order of positions: Top, Jungle, Mid, Bot, Support.

12. Chronobreak & Remakes

12.1. Chronobreak

- 12.1.1. Chronobreak. The Deterministic Disaster Recovery Tool.
- 12.1.2. Bug. An error, flaw, failure or fault that produces an incorrect or unexpected result, or causes a game or hardware device to behave in unintended ways.
- 12.1.3. Minor Bug. A bug (including a hardware failure) that is, at worst, inconvenient to Players. This may include bugs that alter game stats or gameplay mechanics in a manner that, while not optimal, can be played through if necessary. For the absence of doubt, in a case where Chronobreak is not available, these bugs would not result in a remade Game.
- 12.1.4. Play Through Bug. A bug that does not significantly alter the competitive integrity of the game. This may mean that there are mitigation steps available for an otherwise difficult to play around bug (like restarting the game client or computer). Alternatively, this may include situations where the impact of the bug can be mitigated through other in-game functions.

This category also includes bugs provided under the “inform designation” - i.e. those bugs that are provided to teams in advance of games (usually champion, item or environment interactions and persistent effects) for which no Chronobreak or remake will be offered. These effects or interactions cannot be avoided or mitigated through any means other than disabling of the offending champions, skins or items and thus remakes are not available for these bugs, which must be played through.

- 12.1.5. Unintentional Hardware Failure. The failure of any piece of hardware, including server failure, monitor or PC failure or player peripheral failure. This does not include any hardware failure that is player induced, including the intentional damage to, or destruction of, a player peripheral, damage to the monitor or a player interfering with a PC. The determination of whether a hardware failure is unintentional is up to the sole discretion of ERL officials.
- 12.1.6. Critical Bug. A bug (including an Unintentional Hardware Failure) that significantly damages a player’s ability to compete in the game situation, significantly alters game stats or gameplay mechanics, or a situation in which the external environmental conditions become untenable. The determination of whether the bug has significantly damaged a player’s ability to compete is up to the sole discretion of ERL officials.
- 12.1.7. Verifiable Bug. A bug or critical bug that is conclusively present and not attributable to player error. The spectator must be able to replay the instance in question and verify the bug or critical bug.
- 12.1.8. Terminal Situation. A bug or other circumstance that requires that a game be remade. These circumstances include (i) instances of critical bugs where

Chronobreak is unavailable or unable to recover the game; (ii) bugs which cannot be remedied or avoided through the use of Chronobreak, including champion or skin bugs that may require that such champion or skin be disabled; or (iii) any other instance in the discretion of ERL officials where the continuation of the game is untenable (including environmental concerns and catastrophic hardware failure).

- 12.1.9. “Dead-Ball” State. A point in a game when neither team is heavily engaged with one another, although some minor engagement may still constitute a dead-ball state.

In establishing a dead-ball state, every effort should be made to identify a time as close to the bug instance as possible while providing an approximate 2 second window before a potential engagement in situations where the game was wound back from a point where the teams were engaged. The goal is to locate a point in time where an engagement remains possible, but not inevitable.

A perfect dead-ball state may not exist, and in those situations, the overarching goal of identifying a state in which there is no major engagement as close as possible to the bug instance should be prioritised (for example, going too far back could potentially remove setup a team has done, including wards, lane pressure and flanking).

- 12.1.10. Cost. Any (i) player deaths; (ii) objectives (tower, inhibitor, dragon, herald or baron) taken that were not otherwise in progress at the dead-ball state (i.e. dragon was pulled or three players on the tower with a minion wave and no opposition); or (iii) ultimate, item or Summoner spell usage where such ultimate spell at Rank 1 (regardless of the ultimate rank or cooldown at the time of the bug) or base Summoner spell or item (i.e. without cooldown reductions from runes or items) has a cooldown of 110 seconds or longer. An ultimate or Summoner spell used, in the opinion of ERL Officials, outside of normal play patterns for the purpose of triggering a cost under this rule shall not constitute a cost. Other factors such as vision (placed or destroyed wards), minions farmed, etc, while all carrying some value in the game, do not rise to the level of consideration in whether to use Chronobreak.

- 12.1.11. Prompt Reporting. Once a player is aware of a bug (which, as defined, includes presumed hardware failures), the player is required to pause the game as soon as is practical through one of the methods listed below and alert ERL Officials as to the bug. These methods are:

- Pausing the game through the /pause command
- Asking a teammate to pause over audible voice communications
- Requesting that a referee pause the game.

For the avoidance of doubt, if a player audibly requests that a referee pause the game, even if the game is not immediately paused, the player will be considered to have requested a pause as soon as is practical. In addition, it may not be practical to cause an immediate pause upon recognizing the bug if, for example,

the two teams are engaged with each other. In such cases, ERL Officials may determine that it was not practical to pause the game until the engagement ended.

- 12.1.12. Game of Record. A game where all ten players have loaded and which has progressed to a point of meaningful interaction between opposing teams. Once a game attains Game of Record (“GOR”) status, the period ends in which incidental restarts may be permitted and a game will be considered as “official” from that point onward. Examples of conditions which establish GOR:

- Establishing line-of-sight between players on opposing teams.
- Any attack or ability is landed on minions, jungle creeps, structures, or enemy Champions.
- Setting foot, establishing vision or targeting skillshot ability in opponent's jungle by either team, which includes either leaving the river or entering brush connected to enemy jungle.
- Game timer reaches two minutes (00:02:00).

12.2. Chronobreak Availability and Use

- 12.2.1. If a game experiences a bug at any point during the match, ERL officials must first determine whether the player followed the pause protocol (see Prompt Reporting). If the game was timely paused, ERL officials must next determine whether the bug is a verifiable bug. If it is a verifiable bug, ERL officials must next determine whether the bug is a minor bug, critical bug or terminal situation.

12.3. Minor Bug

- 12.3.1. If the bug is a minor bug and is not a Play Through Bug, ERL officials must determine what the appropriate dead-ball state would be and whether there is a cost associated with the use of Chronobreak to revert to that dead-ball state. If there is a cost associated with the minor bug, Chronobreak is not available and players should be instructed to play through the bug.
- 12.3.2. In the case of a minor bug with no cost, ERL officials must determine (i) whether Chronobreak can restore the game; and (ii) whether reverting the game to an earlier state will fix the bug or avoid the trigger condition for the bug. If Chronobreak cannot restore the game or reverting the game to an earlier state will not fix or avoid the bug, or in the case of any play through bug, Chronobreak shall not be used and the players will be instructed to play through the bug.
- 12.3.3. If ERL officials determine to the use of Chronobreak is appropriate, ERL officials shall determine whether either or both teams were significantly disadvantaged by the minor bug, and any significantly disadvantaged team will be offered the opportunity to Chronobreak the game, although such team will not be told what dead-ball state will be utilised. If both teams are significantly disadvantaged, either team requesting a Chronobreak will trigger the use of Chronobreak.

- 12.3.4. If any significantly disadvantaged team requests a Chronobreak, ERL officials will utilise Chronobreak to restore the game to the appropriate dead-ball state. If an appropriate dead-ball state does not exist, players may still be placed back to a recovered spot prior to the bug occurring at the discretion of ERL officials.

12.4. Critical Bug

- 12.4.1. In the case of a critical bug (where such critical bug is not a play through bug), ERL officials must determine (i) whether Chronobreak can restore the game; and (ii) whether reverting the game to an earlier state will fix the bug or avoid the trigger condition for the bug.
- 12.4.2. If Chronobreak cannot restore the game, or reverting the game to an earlier state will not fix or avoid the bug, then the bug constitutes a Terminal Situation.
- 12.4.3. In the case of a critical bug, ERL officials will determine whether either or both teams were significantly disadvantaged by the critical bug, and any significantly disadvantaged team will be offered the opportunity to Chronobreak the game, although such team will not be told what dead-ball state will be utilized. If any significantly disadvantaged team requests a Chronobreak, ERL officials will attempt to find an appropriate dead-ball state prior to the bug occurring. If an appropriate dead-ball state does not exist, players may still be placed back to a recovered spot prior to the bug occurring at the discretion of ERL officials.

12.5. Terminal Situation

- 12.5.1. In the case of a Terminal Situation, ERL officials shall follow the remake procedure (below).

12.6. Remakes Before GOR

- 12.6.1. The following are examples of situations in which a game may be remade if GOR has not been established:
- 12.6.2. If a player notices that a player's rune, Summoner Spell or GUI settings have not applied correctly due to a bug between the game lobby and match, the player can pause the game to adjust these settings. If the settings cannot be correctly adjusted, then the game may be restarted. The Game will not be restarted if the settings have not applied correctly for game elements that have no significant competitive effect (e.g. ward skins, emotes, etc.).
- 12.6.3. If ERL officials determine that technical difficulties will not allow for the game to resume as normal (including a team's ability to be in proper position for certain game events, such as minion spawn).
- 12.6.4. Any circumstance which would permit a restart after GOR.

12.7. Remakes After GOR

- 12.7.1. The following are examples of situations in which a game may be restarted after GOR has been established.

- 12.7.2. If a game experiences a Terminal Situation at any point during the match.
- 12.7.3. If ERL officials determine that there are environmental conditions which are unfair (e.g. excessive noise, hostile weather, unacceptable safety risks).

12.8. Remake Procedure

- 12.8.1. Terminal Situation. ERL officials will determine whether either or both teams were significantly disadvantaged by the bug, and any significantly disadvantaged team will be offered the opportunity to remake the game. If any significantly disadvantaged team accepts a remake, the game will immediately be restarted as per this section. Significant disadvantage is a prerequisite to a remake offer.
- 12.8.2. Controlled Environment. Certain conditions may be preserved in the event of a remade game that has not reached GOR, including, without limitation, picks/bans, runes or Summoner spells. If, however, a match has reached GOR then ERL officials shall not retain any settings.
- 12.8.3. Champion and Skin Disables. If the remake occurred due to a champion bug, then settings no longer will be retained (including picks and bans) regardless of Game of Record status and the champion may be made ineligible for at least the remainder of the day's matches unless the bug can be conclusively tied to a specific game element that can be fully removed (i.e. a skin that can be disabled). For clarity, settings may be retained in situations where Game of Record has not been established and the bug can be conclusively tied to a specific game element that can be fully removed.

12.9. Hardware Malfunction

12.9.1. Online:

- In the case of any hardware malfunctions, player/team affected by hardware malfunctions shall provide demonstrable evidence and ERL officials shall determine whether the hardware malfunction constitutes a minor bug (i.e. a monitor loses connectivity and a player walks directly into an enemy turret), a critical bug (i.e. a keyboard stops working, causing a player death) or a terminal situation (i.e the game server crashes) and follow the appropriate standard above.

12.9.2. Offline:

- In the case of any hardware malfunctions, ERL officials shall determine whether the hardware malfunction constitutes a minor bug (i.e. a monitor loses connectivity and a player walks directly into an enemy turret), a critical bug (i.e. a keyboard stops working, causing a player death) or a terminal situation (i.e the game server crashes) and follow the appropriate standard above.

12.10. ERL Discretion

- 12.10.1. ERL officials may utilise Chronobreak at any time or restart any game if ERL officials, in their sole and absolute discretion, believe that such an action is

necessary to preserve the best interests of the ERL. This power is not constrained by the lack of any specific language in this document.

12.11. Awarded Game Victory

- 12.11.1. In the event of a technical difficulty which leads ERL officials to declare a restart, ERL officials may instead award a game victory to a Team. ERL officials, at their sole discretion, may determine that a team cannot avoid defeat to a degree of reasonable certainty. The following criteria may be used (but are not required to be used) in the determination of reasonable certainty.
- 12.11.2. Game Time. If a game has been played for more than 15 minutes on the game clock (00:15:00).
- 12.11.3. Gold Differential. Of the total gold earned in the game, one Team has earned 57.5% or more of that gold. For example, if 10,000 gold has been earned in the game, the leading Team has earned at least 5,750 gold as a team.
- 12.11.4. Remaining Turret Differential. The difference in the number of remaining turrets between the teams is more than seven (7).
- 12.11.5. Remaining Inhibitor Differential. The difference in the number of standing inhibitors between the teams is more than two (2).
- 12.11.6. Remaining Nexus Turret Differential. The difference in the number of remaining nexus turrets between Teams is two (2).
- 12.11.7. Champion Differential. The difference in alive champions between Teams is at least four (4) with the remaining death timers on all dead champions being at least 40 seconds or higher.
- 12.11.8. Straight Up GG. At the time of technical difficulty there is no scenario that in the opinion of ERL Officials could result in anything other than the victory of one Team.

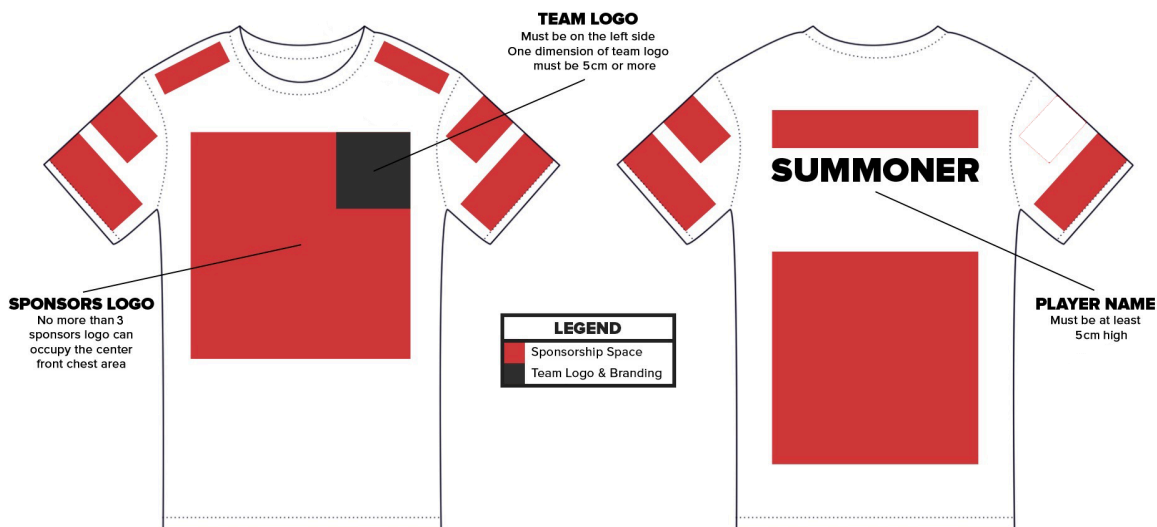
13. Clothing & Apparel

- 13.1.1. This set of rules regulate usage of Team jerseys and pants for match days and during official Games. Teams are expected to adhere and follow the regulations set forth in this section.
- 13.1.2. Teams must have their jersey and pants designs approved prior to use by the ERL TO.
- Regular Season: Team jerseys and pants designs must be sent for approval before the ERL Split starts. Not later than 5 working days before the first official Game.
 - Designs (including sponsor logo placements) cannot be changed until Playoff
 - Playoff: Team jerseys and pants designs must be sent for approval before the ERL Playoff starts. Deadlines at ERL TO's discretion.
 - EM: Team jerseys and pants designs must be sent for approval before the EM starts. Not later than 5 working days before the first official Match.
 - Jerseys and/or Pants must match across all five Players of the team.
- 13.1.3. Players must wear official approved Team jerseys during all ERL Matches and approved Team branded apparel during all pre-/post-match interviews.
- 13.1.4. All Players on the Starting Line-up must wear closed-toe shoes and matching jerseys and pants. The attire will require approval from the ERL TO.
- 13.1.5. Jerseys may have a collar, a hood, short or long sleeves and need to be polyester-based. Cotton-based or cotton-blend materials are not acceptable. Exceptions to this rule for legitimate medical reasons will be granted at the discretion of the ERL TO on a case-by-case basis.
- 13.1.6. Outerwear, including hoodies and jackets may only be worn onstage if they are official Team gear, have official Team branding on the front, are the same colours as all other outerwear being worn on stage by the Team and only use official Team colours represented on the Team's approved jersey. A jersey with a hood can be considered a jersey and not outerwear.
- 13.1.7. Team Members may wear apparel with multiple logos, patches or promotional language. All decisions in regard to apparel are at the sole discretion of the ERL TO. Objectionable or offensive examples below are listed for illustrative purposes only:

- Containing any false, unsubstantiated, or unwarranted claims for any product or service, or testimonials, the League considers unethical.
- Advertising any non-"over the counter" drug, tobacco product, firearm, handgun or ammunition.
- Containing any material constituting or relating to any activities which are illegal in any League region, including but not limited to, a lottery or an enterprise, service or product that abets, assists or promotes gambling.
- Containing any material that is defamatory, obscene, profane, vulgar, repulsive or offensive, or that describes or depicts any internal bodily functions or symptomatic results of internal conditions, or refers to matters which are not considered socially acceptable topics.
- Advertising any pornographic website or pornographic products.
- Containing any trademark, copyrighted material or other element of intellectual property that is used without the owner's consent or that may give rise to, or subject the League or its affiliates to, any claim of infringement, misappropriation, or other form of unfair competition.
- Disparaging or libeling any opposing Team or Player or any other person, entity or product.

13.2. Jersey Guidelines

13.2.1. All ERL jerseys shall comply with all of the following:

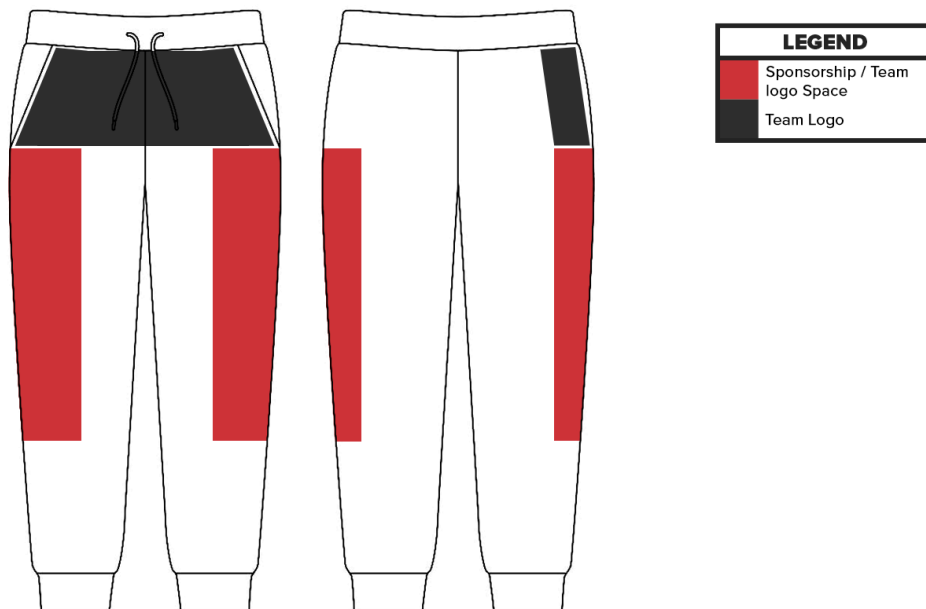


ERL Jersey visual sample

- 13.2.2. The chest area of the jersey needs to feature the team name/logo and can feature up to three sponsors. A manufacturer brand logo appearing on the chest is considered to be one of these three sponsors. The equivalent area on the back of the jersey is reserved for Team branding and Summoner Name.
- 13.2.3. Sponsor logos may be placed on the shoulders, sleeves, collar bones as well as the area below the chest and the corresponding area on the back of the jersey. Except for the chest area of the jersey, there is no limit to the number of brand logos that can appear on the shoulders, sleeves, collar bones and the back of the jersey. No ERL or Riot Games logos may be used on jerseys except for the spaces dictated by the League.
- 13.2.4. Long-sleeved shirts of cotton or athletic material may be worn underneath the Team jerseys. The under-jersey apparel must be either Team colors or a neutral color. Sponsors will only be allowed on this attire if the design has been previously submitted and approved by the ERL TO.

13.3. Pants Guidelines

- 13.3.1. All ERL Player pants can have a maximum of: 1 sponsor logo, 1 manufacturer logo and the team logo. Sponsor and team logos should remain inside the areas designated below. Please share your mockups for final approval. All sponsor restrictions for the jerseys also apply to pants (e.g. Beer/Crypto: Not allowed).



- 13.3.2. Coaches must wear, at a minimum, business casual attire while at the studio. Business casual is defined as clothing suitable for the environment. Examples of this include simple polo t-shirts with a Team logo, buttoned shirts, suit jackets, jeans, trousers. Business casual does not include: athletic wear and Team and sponsor-branded apparel, beyond what is specifically mentioned above.
- 13.3.3. All apparel must conform to the League Branding and Style Guide.
- 13.3.4. Hats or any headwear that would block the headset covering the ears are not allowed without prior written approval of the ERL TO.
- 13.3.5. A Player may not cover their face or attempt to conceal his or her identity from ERL Officials. ERL Officials must be able to distinguish the identity of each Player at all times and may instruct Players to remove any material that inhibits the identification of Players or is a distraction to other Players or League Officials.
- 13.3.6. The League reserves the right to refuse entry or continued participation in the Match to any Team Member who does not comply with the apparel rules.
- 13.3.7. Headphones must be placed directly on a Player's ears, and must remain there for the duration of the Game. Players shall not obstruct the placement of headphones by any method. This includes placing any item, excluding glasses, between the headphones and the Player's ears.

14. ERL Streaming Regulations

14.1. Team Streaming Rights

- 14.1.1. These regulations apply to ERL 1st Division Teams.
- 14.1.2. ERL Team Members, or other staff who currently is or has at any point been directly involved with League of Legends in a professional capacity are prohibited from streaming League of Legends, or co-commentating on the ERL broadcast on any platform during the ERL broadcast unless approved by the ERL TO in writing at its sole discretion.
- 14.1.3. ERL TO shall seek approval for any sublicensing from League.
- 14.1.4. ERL TO shall have the right to provide streaming rights for 1st Division Teams to broadcast the ERL competition, using the following regulations:
 - Teams shall be able to stream on a Team's channel; Streaming channel to be approved by the ERL TO, and can be changed by the Team provided that they inform the ERL TO and the ERL TO approves it.
 - Teams can only stream Matches that they are playing in. Teams may stream other Matches with the approval of the ERL TO.
 - Teams shall not monetize outside of the streaming platform (e.g., Pre-rolls, ads, etc.).
 - Teams shall not alter, blur or cover ERL sponsor logos/placements.
 - Teams can start streaming once the previous match is finished or 15 minutes before their match if it is the first match of the day; Teams can stream for 15 minutes postgame (defined as being 15 minutes from the nexus explosion).
 - ERL TO shall have the right to define any hosting/raiding rules.
 - ERL TO shall have the right to define reporting structures and intervals.
 - Teams shall have the right to invite guests. Co-streaming on-air talents need approval by ERL TO.
 - ERL TO can allow Teams to show Teams Sponsors during the 15 minute pre- and postgame portion if they so choose. These sponsors must be vetted (i.e. Permitted or Conditional Category). Teams cannot show their Team Sponsors during the match itself.

- All portions of the broadcast from the Team, both live and archived, must be readily available to non-paying viewers.

14.1.5. ERL Teams may stream their own Point-of-View (PoV) gameplay, provided prior approval has been granted by the ERL TO.

14.1.5.1. The delay on the Team's stream must match or exceed the delay on the official ERL TO stream and shall never be shorter than four minutes.

14.1.5.2. To minimise competitive integrity concerns, Teams are recommended to set a minimum delay of ten minutes on their stream.

15. Third Party Event Participation and Organisation

15.1. General Rules

- 15.1.1. Organisations and Teams are permitted to organise their own events but must abide by the following guidelines:
- 15.1.2. Requires local ERL TO approval.
 - 15.1.2.1. If the event has a total prize pool of 5000 EUR or above (or equivalent to that amount in local currency): requires League approval.
- 15.1.3. Does not clash with any League sanctioned League of Legends competition.
 - International Tournaments: MSI, Worlds, or any other international tournament.
 - Regional Tournaments: LEC, local ERL
- 15.1.4. Any Team Members registered in any EMEA Regional Leagues are not allowed to participate in any events outside of the events which are part of ERL Scope without prior approval from ERL TO.
- 15.1.5. When seeking to organise or participate in a Third Party Event, an ERL Team or Player must provide the following to ERL Officials via email.
 - Dates of the event
 - Participating Teams & Team Members
 - Format of the event including event structure and game modes
 - Sponsors of the event & other monetization mechanisms
 - Prizepool of the event
 - Platform(s) & Channel(s) the event will be broadcast via
 - Any other information relevant for ERL officials and the League to make a determination.

15.2. Approval Process

- 15.2.1. ERL Officials must first approve of a Team or Player's participation or Organisation prior to League approval.
- 15.2.2. ERL Officials are the main Point of Contact of the League for Third Party Event Participation and Organisation.
- 15.2.3. The League requires at least 5 business days upon notification from ERL Officials for the League's decision.

16. Code of Conduct

16.1. Code of Conduct

Each Team Entity shall comply with and ensure that all players, coaches, trainers, team managers, team owners, other team representatives, and any other esports professional registered with Riot (the foregoing collectively, **“Esports Professionals”**) of the Team Entity complies with the Riot Games Esports Global Code of Conduct. Each Team acknowledges and agrees that a breach of, or failure to comply with the Riot Games Esports Global Code of Conduct by any Esports Professional shall be deemed a breach of, or failure to comply with the Riot Games Esports Global Code of Conduct by the Team Entity, in each instance even in cases where the Team Entity was not, itself, at fault.

16.2. Disciplinary Action

The League shall be entitled to undertake such disciplinary procedures as it determines in relation to any breach of, or failure to comply with, these regulations, the Riot Games Esports Global Code of Conduct and any other Rules by the Team or Esports Professionals, and to impose such fines, suspensions, disqualifications and other disciplinary actions (or combinations thereof) as the League determines in its sole discretion (collectively, **“Disciplinary Actions”**); and such Disciplinary Actions (i) may be publicly disclosed by the League as determined in its sole discretion, (ii) are reasonable and necessary in order to maintain the competitive integrity of League Games or the goodwill associated with the Game and the League, and (iii) are dealt with in compliance with the Riot Games Esports Global Code of Conduct and all relevant Rules.

16.3. Team Continuity Protection

No Team Manager/Member or Affiliate of a Team may solicit, lure, or make an offer of employment to any official Coach or Player, whose contracts are on the Global Contract Database and signed to any League Team, nor encourage any such Coach or Player to breach or otherwise terminate a contract with said League Team. A Coach or Player may not solicit a Team to violate this rule. A Coach or Player may express publicly their desire to leave the Team and encourage any and all interested parties to contact their Manager. But the Coach or Player may not entice a Team directly to reach out to their Team Manager or attempt to violate their contractual obligations. Violations of this rule shall be subject to penalties, at the discretion of League Officials. To inquire about the status of a Coach or Player from another Team, Team Managers must contact a Team Manager of the Team that the Player and/or Coach is currently contracted with. The inquiring Team must provide visibility to League Officials before being able to discuss the contract with a Player.

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17. Changelog

Full list of changes is available [here](#).

18. Glossary & Exhibits

Accredited ERLs	Official Riot-recognized competitions which adhere to the necessary global policies and standards of professionalism and qualify into EMEA Masters. Accredited ERLs are: LFL 1st division, SL 1st division, PRM 1st division, TCL 1st division.
Amateur Competitions	Riot licensed competitions which do not qualify to EMEA Masters.
Non-Accredited ERLs	Official Riot-recognized competitions which qualify into EMEA Masters. Non-Accredited ERLs are: NLC 1st division, EBL 1st division, ESLOL 1st division, GLL 1st division, HM 1st division, AL 1st division, LPLOL 1st division, LIT 1st division and UL 1st division.
Coach Agreement	The contract between an Organisation and their Coach.
Conditional Sponsorship	Exhibit J.
Competition Week	For LEC: A Competition Week is defined as the timeframe between Saturday 5:00 PM of any given week and Saturday 4:59 PM of the next week. For weeks where the LEC starts on Friday, this timeframe is between Friday 5:00 PM of that week and Friday 4:59 PM of the next week. League Officials may, at their sole discretion, define a different time frame for any given competitive week due to special circumstances. For ERLs: ERL TOs shall define the Competition Week schedule and communicate it via region specific ERL TO Rulebook.
EM	Stands for EMEA Masters, the championship for top ERL teams.
ERL	EMEA Regional Leagues, including the following Leagues: EBL - Esports Balkan League (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Kosovo) ESLOL - Elite Series (Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands) GLL - Greek Legends League (Cyprus, Greece) HM - Hitpoint Masters (Czechia, Slovakia) AL - Arabian League (Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates) LCL - LoL Continental League (Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia) LFL - La Ligue Française (France, Monaco) LPLOL - Liga Portuguesa (Portugal) NLC - Northern LoL Championship (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom, Malta) LIT - League of Legends Italian Tournament (Italy, Holy See (the), San Marino) PRM - Prime League (Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, Switzerland) SL - Superliga (Spain, Andorra) UL - Ultraliga (Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Ukraine, Israel) TCL - Turkish Championship League (Azerbaijan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)
ERL Academy Team	A secondary team of the ERL under the same Organisation that competes in amateur competitions outside ERLs.

ERL TO	Tournament Organiser of an EMEA Regional League
ERL Penalty Index	Exhibit I.
ERL Scope	ERL 1st Division & Promotion tournament.
EMEA Competitive Region	The EMEA Competitive Region is defined as: Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Holy See (the), Hungary, Iceland, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Libya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Oman, Palestine, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russia, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan.
Force Majeure	An event that is unpredictable, extraordinary and that occurs with a force that is irresistible, making it materially impossible in the circumstances to perform the obligation. The event is beyond the affected party's control, the affected party has taken reasonable steps to avoid it and it is the only reason the obligation cannot be performed. Typical Force Majeure events include natural causes (fire, storms, floods), governmental or societal actions (war, invasion, civil unrest, labour strikes), infrastructure failures which are not reasonably foreseeable or fixable (transportation, energy), etc.
Free Agent	A Free Agent is a Player eligible to participate in ERLs, EM or LEC and either (1) has not yet signed a valid written Player Agreement with a Team or (2) has been released from a Team or has had a contract expire without renewal.
Game	An instance of competition on the Summoner's Rift map in League of Legends which is played until a winner is determined by whichever of the following occurs first: (1) Destruction a Nexus (2) Surrendering (3) Forfeiting (4) Awarded Game Victory
Gameplay Elements	Gameplay Elements include but are not limited to Items, Champions, Skins, Runes, Summoner Spells.
Global Contract Database	GCD
Global Contract Window	The date at which contracts need to expire if they extend past the current Season's World Championship. The Global Contract Window opens on the following dates: 2024: Tuesday, 19 November at 00:00 UTC 2025: Monday, 18 November at 00:00 UTC 2026: Tuesday, 17 November at 00:00 UTC
Global Penalty Index	Link .
Intentional Disconnect	A Player losing connection due to the Player's actions. Any actions of a Player leading to a disconnect are considered intentional, regardless of actual intent of the Player.
IMP	Interregional Movement Policy.
LEC	League of Legends EMEA Championship. The highest level of professional competition in the EMEA region.
LEC Secondary Team	An LEC team's respective ERL team.
League	The governing body of the LEC, ERL & EM.

LTR	<p>Locally Trained Representative. A status that can be acquired by players as outlined in the section Residency & Representation.</p> <p>Currently available LTRs: EBL, ESLOL, GLL, HM, AL, LCL, LFL, LPLOL, NLC, PGN, PRM, SL, UL, TCL</p>
Match	A set of Games which is played until one Team wins a majority of total Games. The winning Team will either receive a win tally in the League format or advance to the next round in the tournament.
Match Area	The area immediately surrounding any League-provided PCs for the competition. During Matches, presence in the Match Area is restricted to the Starting Line-up.
Organisation	The entity owning the Team.
Official	<p>A person of authority within the competition (referee, admin, or someone else appointed by the respective competition organiser)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEC Official - responsible for LEC operations • EM - responsible for EM operations • ERL - responsible for ERL operations (appointed by ERL TO) • League - Riot Games competitive operations team
Permitted Sponsorship	<p>Categories that have been pre-authorised and permitted in writing by the ERL Officials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Airline • Automotive • Beverages - Non-alcoholic • Building & Construction • Consumer Care • Consumer Electronic • Fashion & Jewellery • Financial Services & Insurance • Food & Snacks • Household Goods • Industrial Equipment & Systems • IT&I - Information Telecommunications & Internet • LO - Logistics • M - Media • PC - Personal Care • PS - Professional Services • RE - Retail • SA&S - Sports Apparel & Supplier • TT&L - Travel, Tourism & Leisure • TY - Tyres • U&E - Utilities & Energy
Player Agreement	The contract between an Organisation and their Player.
Pro-Am Tournament	A Tournament (including any qualifiers) organised by an ERL TO, taking place after the Summer Split, and scheduled within the specified Pro-Am competition window. ERL TOs may agree to organise this competition alone or together. The tournament is not part of the Regular ERL Season, nor does it have any impact on EM qualifications.
Professional Esports Leagues	League of Legends EMEA Championship, the North American League of Legends Championship Series, the Garena Premier League/League of Legends Master Series, League of Legends Champions Korea, and the Tencent LoL Professional League, and any other league that represents the highest tier in the region that is eligible to qualify a Team to the League of

	Legends World Championships are considered Professional Esports Leagues.
Prohibited Sponsorship	<p>The following is a non-exhaustive list of prohibited sponsors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other video game, other video game developer, or publisher Any video game consoles Any esports or other video game tournament, league, or event Any other esports team, owner, or affiliate thereof Any prescription drugs Firearms, ammunition or firearm accessories Pornography or pornographic products Tobacco products or paraphernalia Betting or gambling providers (bookmakers and betting sites) Alcohol products (except alcoholic beverages included in the Conditional Category) or other intoxicants the sale or use of which is regulated by applicable law Sellers of or marketplaces for virtual items known to be counterfeit or illegal Seller of or marketplaces for goods or services that violate the LoL Game Terms of Use Fantasy esports operators (including daily fantasy) Political campaigns or political action committees Charities that endorse particular religious or political positions, or are not reputable (by way of example, Red Cross, Stand-Up to Cancer and other similar mainstream charities would be considered reputable) Cryptocurrencies, or any other unregulated financial instruments or markets Businesses & platforms engaged in offering Contracts for Difference (CFD) trading, or similar trading on margin products
Referee	Referees are Officials who are responsible for making judgments on every match-related issue, question and situation which occurs before, during, and immediately following a Match.
Reserve Player	A Player on the Reserve Roster.
Reserve Roster	Players on a Team's Roster who are in the process of becoming eligible to be on the LEC or ERL Team Roster but are not yet (e.g.: Players who are 16, Players who have applied for a visa but have not received it yet, Players currently banned competitively.)
Resident	A Player is classified as a Resident of a region if the Player has obtained residency status as defined in the section Residency & Representation.
Season	Defined as the entirety of the year between the start of the Global Contract Window in a given year and the start of Global Contract Window in the year that follows.
Player	Any player currently registered and participating in the EMEA Regional Leagues.
Server Crash	All Players losing connection due to an issue with a game server, Tournament Realm or venue internet instability.
Splits	Spring and Summer Split.
Spring Split	The period from the first Match after the Winter Play-Offs until the end of the Spring Play-Offs/Promotion Tournament (extending to any international League-Events).
Starter	A Player on the Starting Line-up.

Starting Line-up	The five Players actively participating for a Team in a given Game.
Substitute	A Player who is part of a Team Roster, but not on the Starting Line-up.
Summer Off-Season	The period between Spring & Summer Split.
Summer Split	The period from the first Match after the Spring Play-Offs until the start of Global Contract Window opening.
Team Manager	A Team's Owner, Co-Owner, General Manager or other Manager.
Team Member	A Player or Coach of a Team.
Team Member Transfer Agreement	An agreement between two or more teams who compete in any League or Competition regarding the transfer of a Team Member that occurs prior to the expiration or termination of that Team Member's Team Member Agreement.
Team Roster	For Accredited ERLs: All Team Members registered to a team in the Global Contract Database. For Non-Accredited: All Team Members registered to a team in the ERL Player Database. This includes the Starting Line-up, Substitutes, Coaches and the Reserve Roster.
Unintentional Disconnect	A Player losing connection due to issues with the game client, platform, network or PC.
Veteran	A Player who has participated in more than 50% of eligible Matches in a Professional League (LEC, LCS, LPL, LCK etc.) in at least three out of the last five completed Splits.
Victory Time	The time it took a Team to win their Games in aggregate against all other Teams in the tiebreaker.
Winter Off-Season	The period between one Season's Summer Split & Winter Split of the following Season.
Winter Split	The period from the first Match of a Season until the end of the Winter Play-Offs/Promotion Tournament (extending to any international League-Events).

ERL Rulebook Forms
ERL Team Member Agreement Summary Sheet (Exhibit A)
ERL Team Member Eligibility and Release Form (Exhibit B)
Riot Games: Team Members Privacy Statement (Exhibit C)
ERL Trade Approval Request Form (Exhibit D)
ERL Team Member Drop Form (Exhibit E)
ERL Availability Declaration Form (Exhibit F)
ERL Loan Agreement Summary Sheet (Exhibit G)
ERL Team Member Registration Form (Exhibit H)

ERL Penalty Index

This ERL Penalty Index shall be used as a non-exhaustive penalty guideline for ERL TOs, which would need Leagues' prior approval before issuance, unless the penalty needs to be issued urgently during competitions.

<u>General Penalties</u>				
Offense	Minimum Penalty	Max Penalty (1 st Off.)	Max Penalty (2 nd Off.)	Limitation Period
Conduct Unbecoming of an ERL Team Member (e.g. in Game Toxicity, Making an Obscene Gesture on Stage, Etc).	Warning	Fine - League Discretion and/or Up to 2 Game Suspension	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine) and/or Up to 4 Game Suspension	12 Calendar Months
Account Sharing (A Single Instance, and Not Done For Personal Gain; Includes the Usage of Botted Accounts; This is Distinct from Elo Boosting)	Warning	Fine - League Discretion and/or 1 Game Suspension	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine) and/or Up to 2 Game Suspension	12 Calendar Months
Major Misconduct (e.g. Assaulting an Opponent, Attempt to Bribe a Referee, etc)	Fine - League Discretion and/or 1-10 Game Suspension	Permanent Suspension and/or Expulsion from League	Permanent Suspension and/or Expulsion from League	36 Calendar Months
Refusing to participate in Required Marketing and Promotion Activities and Post-Match Obligations, if applicable.	Warning	Fine - League Discretion Per Instance (Team)	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine) Per Instance (Team)	12 Calendar Months
Shuttle Fines, if applicable (i.e. Team Arrives More Than 30 Minutes Late)	Fine - League Discretion	Fine - League Discretion based on impact and significance of the delay.	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine) & forfeiture	12 Calendar Months
Failing to Follow Operational Procedures, if applicable. (e.g. going on stage without going through metal detection, not wearing	Warning	Fine - League Discretion	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine)	12 Calendar Months

masks in required areas, etc.)				
Failure to comply with Peripheral Regulations (eg. failure to comply with any equipment requirements set by ERL TO, etc.)	Warning	Fine - League Discretion	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine)	12 Calendar Months
Participating in a Third Party Event without League approval	Warning	Fine - ERL TO Discretion	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine)	12 Calendar Months

Competition Penalties				
Offense	Minimum Penalty	Max Penalty (1st Off.)	Max Penalty (2nd Off.)	Limitation Period
Unauthorized Communication During a Pause (During a Single Game)	Warning	Fine - League Discretion and/or Loss of Phase 2 Bans in the next Game	Forfeit and/or 1 Game Suspension	End of Competitive Split
Unauthorized Removal of Headset Prior to Completion of Game	Warning	Fine - League Discretion and/or Loss of Phase 2 Bans in the next Game	Forfeit and/or 1 Game Suspension	End of Competitive Split
Refusing to Follow Reasonable Instructions of League Officials (e.g. To Get Into Game Lobby to Start a Match)	Warning	Fine - League Discretion and/or Loss of Phase 2 Bans in the next Game	1 Game Suspension	End of Competitive Split
Unauthorised Pause	Warning	Fine - League Discretion and/or Loss of Phase 2 Bans in the next Game	Forfeit and/or 1 Game Suspension	End of Competitive Split
Exploitation of a Bug Despite Having Received Specific Notice From League Officials Beforehand Not To Do So	Warning	Forfeit and/or 1 Game Suspension	Forfeit and/or 4 Game Suspension	End of Competitive Split
Usage of restricted Gameplay elements	Warning	Fine - League Discretion and/or Forfeit and/or 1 Game Suspension	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine) and/or Forfeit and/or 4 game Suspension	End of Competitive Split

Studio Interference (Tampering or Destruction of Lights, Cameras, or other ERL Equipment, if applicable.	Warning	Fine - League Discretion	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine)	End of Competitive Split
Attempting to tamper with, eavesdrop on, or otherwise obstruct League Officials' decisions.	Warning	Fine - League Discretion	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine)	End of Competitive Split
Failing to swap champions prior to the 20-second mark.	Warning (only when the roles for each champion were obvious to the enemy team, for example)	The team that failed to swap within the rules is forced to play with the champions as they were at the 20-second countdown mark.	Fine - League Discretion and the team that failed to swap within the rules is forced to play with the champions as they were at the 20-second countdown mark.	End of Competitive Split

<u>Administrative Penalties</u>				
Offense	Minimum Penalty	Max Penalty (1st Off.)	Max Penalty (2nd Off.)	Limitation Period
Failure to Have a Team Member under Contract (For Accredited Leagues or if applicable)	Warning	Fine - League Discretion per instance	Forfeit	12 Months
Lying to or Misleading League Officials About Eligibility During Entry Screening to Join the ERL (e.g. Submitting False Information about residency or age)	Warning	Fine - League Discretion and/or Forfeit	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine)	36 Months
Amending an Eligible Starting Roster After the Declaration Deadline (Acceptable only at League Discretion)	Warning	Fine - League Discretion and/or Loss of Phase 2 Bans in the next Game	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine) and/or Loss of Phase 2 Bans	24 Months
Signing a Team Member After the Relevant Roster Declaration Deadline (Acceptable only at League Discretion)	Warning	Fine - League Discretion and/or Loss of Phase 2 Bans in the next Game	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine) and/or Loss of Phase 2 Bans	24 Months

Announcing a Player has joined an ERL Team Roster before they have passed entry screening	Warning	Fine - League Discretion	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine)	24 Months
Failure to submit relevant League documentation within 72 hours of a Roster change.	Warning	Fine - League Discretion	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine)	24 Months
Failure to field an eligible roster by the Roster Declaration Deadline. (only 4 players, no sub)	Warning	Fine - League Discretion	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine)	24 Months

<u>Team Operation Penalties</u>				
Offense	Minimum Penalty	Max Penalty (1st Off.)	Max Penalty (2nd Off.)	Limitation Period
Team Forfeiting a Game Without Prior Consent from the League	Warning	Fine - League Discretion	Indefinite Suspension or Expulsion from the League	48 Months
Failing to Adhere to ERL Uniform Policy	Warning	Fine - League Discretion per Matchday	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine) per Matchday	12 Months
On-Broadcast Commercial Logo Violation (e.g. Putting on a Hat With an Impermissible Logo Immediately Following a Game)	Warning	Fine - League Discretion	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine)	12 Months
Failure to Have a Coach On-Site Without Permission From the League (For Accredited Leagues)	Warning	Fine - League Discretion	Fine - League Discretion (up by at least 50% of previous fine)	12 Months

■ **Conditional Categories**

- Conditional categories are categories that Riot considers to have an increased legal and/or perception risk and so these categories have specified requirements and conditions that must be met and adhered to in any potential sponsorship deal before the League can give approval. It is possible that some ERLs have a conditional category that others do not - this is based on a combination of legal concerns (i.e. the increased risk in a particular jurisdiction) and overall risk analysis (some products may have different perceptions in different cultures). Please note that all categories included within the conditional section require League approval for **every planned activation**.

■ **Category: Alcoholic Beverages**

- Depending on the legal possibilities within your region (please confirm with League Officials), teams potentially have access to alcoholic sponsorships of beverages up to 20% ABV
 - non-alcoholic, beer, wine, alcoholic mixers below 20%
 - Please note that this is a general overview - for the precise rules and options in your ERL, please consult League Officials
- Ongoing obligations:
 - Request pre-approval from the League for all new activations
 - Due to the mixed audience of our sport, activations should be careful to avoid being a direct activation for alcohol
 - Activations must refrain from being focused on minors
 - Consider the local impact of your activation (i.e. if a German ad, then German rules apply)
- Activations
 - To ensure a clean feed and avoid legal issues at a local level, teams cannot have these sponsors visible on broadcast at this time,
 - No team naming sponsors
 - No jersey placement
 - No background appearance
 - No use of any player under 18 in an activation - we will fine heavily against this - even if it is inadvertent.
 - Certain jurisdictions require that the endorser is 25 or over
 - No use of any Riot IP in proximity to your activations with an alcohol sponsor
 - Use of Team Members will depend on age and type of activation for the local territory
 - Due to the mixed audience of our sports, activations should be careful to avoid being a direct activation for alcohol, or focused on minors/using minors.
 - Regulatory jurisdiction to uphold local rules falls upon the team and their partner, not Riot or your ERL. If local regulations impose stricter restrictions than above (e.g. age of individuals featured in promotions), local applicable laws prevail.

■ **Category: Cryptocurrency Exchanges**

Any and all cryptocurrency/asset exchange sponsorships must meet the following criteria for them to be approved by Riot for use in association with our esports events:

- The sponsoring entity is approved by Riot, based on the local regulations
- The sponsored activations are approved by Riot & League Officials. Teams must provide the list of **all planned activations** using this sponsorship. Prohibited activations include (though are not limited to):
 - In order to maintain our ability to produce a clean feed, Teams will not be able to show this sponsor on our live broadcast thus:
 - No jersey placement
 - No team naming rights
 - No placement on Riot/ERL broadcast or exposure on a Riot/ERL broadcast

- Note that this is an ongoing obligation (i.e. any future activations not presented initially need to be presented before occurring)
- The Team and the sponsor are responsible for legal and regulatory compliance. If local regulations impose stricter restrictions than above (e.g., age of individuals featured in promotions), local applicable laws prevail.
- Should the Exchange lose its approved status due to legal challenges or regulatory change or other similar events, the Team cannot extend or renew a deal with the Exchange until the situation is rectified
- All team sponsorships must contain a termination right (which the Team agrees it will promptly exercise without obligation or liability to Riot) if the exchange begins operating in a Prohibited Category
- Note that this sponsorship category will be conditionally opened at EU level but it is still Internationally Prohibited.

CATEGORY: NFTs

- Team issued NFTs using Team Members **cannot include**:
 - Riot IP,
 - Competition IP (i.e. such as ERL/EUM footage),
 - game footage or pictures or footage of our trophies or from our live events (including international Riot events such as MSI, Worlds, EUM, Masters, Champions, Origin Series, Horizon Cup etc.).
 - Any link to any other prohibited sponsor (i.e. gambling)
- Teams may include:
 - Players and staff imagery (provided Teams have the contractual right to use player likeness this way)
 - Competition Team jerseys (provided they do not include any Riot or TO IP (such as the tournament/competition marks).
- Please note that each activation type outside of what is mentioned above that uses Team Members/staff and talent will need to be vetted and pre approved by Riot
- The following activations will not be possible:
 - No jersey placement
 - No team naming rights
 - No placement on Riot broadcast or exposure on a Riot broadcast
 - No calls to action to buy a specific coin/asset
 - They should not interact with any Riot IP at all:
 - They should not appear next to any champion art, overlaid over any gameplay, or otherwise associate with both Riot Games / Esports IP.
 - The only exception to this rule is that these sponsors may appear in an end card of a video that has gameplay in it.
 - This exception does not include naming rights for this type of clip/content.
- This category remains Internationally Prohibited

CATEGORY: Approved blockchain related technology companies

- Note that any sponsorship in this category needs to be submitted for the League's approval prior to completion. Needed for approval is the list of activations that you plan to include within the deal. Note that any future new activations will also need to be presented first to the League for approval.
- The following activations will not be possible:
 - No jersey placement
 - No team naming rights
 - No placement on Riot broadcast or exposure on a Riot broadcast
 - No calls to action to buy a specific coin/asset
 - They should not interact with any Riot IP at all:
 - They should not appear next to any champion art, overlaid over any gameplay, or otherwise associate with both Riot Games / Esports IP.
 - The only exception to this rule is that these sponsors may appear in an end card of a video that has gameplay in it.

- This exception does not include naming rights for this type of clip/content. This category remains Internationally prohibited.