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Basic Information

What are National Championships? ***Update***

National Championships are Tier 3 tournaments in which Duelists compete to earn invites to the 2023 WCQ: European Championship, along with exclusive prizes. Participants in National Championships are held to the highest standards of sportsmanship and are expected to be fully prepared for the event.

Will there be a WCQ: European Championship in 2023? ***NEW***

There will be a 2023 WCQ: European Championship.

What Duelists are invited to the 2023 WCQ? ***NEW***

Duelists that acquired an invite since the 2020 WCQ Season will see their invites honoured for this event.

From: September 2019 – Now, all Duelists that had acquired an invite will retain that invite.

What is the difference between the 2023 WCQ: European Championship and the 2022: European Championship? ***NEW***

The 2022: European Championship took place in replacement of the 2022: WCQ European Championship. The 2023 WCQ: European Championship is scheduled to take place during summer of 2023. Additional information about the 2023 WCQ: European Championship will be revealed later.

Where and when are the National Championships?

A list of dates and locations for currently scheduled National Championship events can be found online [here](#).

How much does it cost to enter a National Championship?

Duelists will need to check each National Championship to see the entry requirements. Additional information can be found [here](#).

Who can participate in a National Championship tournament?

National Championships are open events that require no prior qualification.

- National Championships are open to all Duelists whether they are a resident in that country or not
- National Championships are open to Duelists who already hold an invitation to the WCQ: European Championship
- Duelists who are suspended from official Yu-Gi-Oh! Organized Play cannot participate in National Championships, attend the venue, or apply to staff the event
- Tournament Organisers retain the right to refuse entry to Duelists who have engaged in criminal behaviour, such as theft or violent conduct
- Only Duelists from European, Middle East, African and Oceania territories can participate in National Championships held in Europe, Middle East and African territories. Duelists from countries outside of Europe, Middle East, African and Oceania that host a National Championship cannot participate in European, Middle East and African National Championships and Oceania State Championships. Duelists who wish to participate in a National or State Championship in Europe or Oceania respectively must provide proof of residence in one of the territories.

What is the format for National Championship tournaments?

National Championship tournaments are Advanced Constructed events, which mean each Duelist must bring their own Deck in order to compete. Decks must be constructed according to the latest Advanced Format guidelines. Please check the “Limited and Forbidden Cards” page <https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/limited> for more information.

National Championships will be run using Swiss Format, which means all Duelists will play a set number of rounds determined by the number of Duelists enrolled in the tournament. Duelists will not be dropped from the Tournament unless they request to be dropped.

Swiss Rounds for the 2023 National Championship

Swiss Rounds*	Number of Swiss Rounds	Top Cut
4 – 8	3 Rounds of Swiss	None
9 – 16	4 Rounds of Swiss	Top 4
17 – 32	5 Rounds of Swiss	Top 4
33 – 64	6 Rounds of Swiss	Top 8
65 – 128	7 Rounds of Swiss	Top 8
129 – 256	8 Rounds of Swiss	Top 16
257 – 512	9 Rounds of Swiss	Top 16
513 – 1024	10 Rounds of Swiss	Top 32
1025 – 2048	11 Rounds of Swiss	Top 32
2049 or more	12 Rounds of Swiss	Top 64

After those Swiss rounds, there will be a top cut (depending on attendance). Duelists who move on to the top cut will continue to play in single elimination mode.

Can I play in more than one National Championship? ***UPDATE***

Competing in more than one National Championship is a violation. Doing so will result in losing the qualification for the WCQ: European Championship and may result in further penalties.

Dragon Duel National Championships are considered National Championships. A participant of a Dragon Duel National Championship may not participate in another National Championship or Dragon Duel National Championship event.

I’m from Europe / South Africa / Middle East / Oceania, can I play in National Championships? ***New***

Only Duelists from European, Middle East, African and Oceania territories can participate in National Championships held in Europe, Middle East and African territories. Duelists from countries outside of Europe, Middle East, Africa and Oceania that host a National Championship cannot participate in European, Middle East and African National Championships and Oceania State Championships. Duelists who wish to participate in a National or State Championship in Europe or Oceania respectively must provide proof of residence in one of the territories.

Duelists with dual Nationality (Oceania + example, European) may only participate in ONE National Championship or ONE State Championship, not both.

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Will there be Public Events?

Some National Championships will offer additional Public Events. Check with the Tournament Organiser to find out – contact information for the National Championship organisers can be found at [here](#).

How long will the National Championship tournament last?

The number of Swiss rounds is determined by the number of Duelists enrolled in the tournament. Rounds in the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME are 45 minutes long. Since Duelists can play all rounds in a Swiss tournament, they should expect to be at the event for several hours; some National Championships will span over two days.

What happens if I am not done with my Match after 45 minutes?

Duelists should familiarize themselves with the End of Match procedures prior to attending any event. Sometimes a Match will not be finished when the time ends for a round. If this happens, it is both Duelists' responsibility to note whose turn it is when time is called. Duelists who require assistance with the End of Match procedures should raise their hand and call for a judge. The judge should be notified that the Match is ongoing and whose turn it is. The judge may or may not stay to supervise the End of Match procedure, but should ensure that both Duelists understand the following procedures.

End of Match procedures should follow these three (3) rules:

Rule #1: If time is called while Duelists are in the middle of a Game, the current Game must have a decision (Win, Loss, or Draw)

Rule #2: Once the current Game has concluded with a decision, determine the winner of the Match by determining the number of Game Wins (or Game Losses) each Duelist has for the current Match. The Duelist with the most Game Wins will win the Match.

Swiss Rounds: If both Duelists have the same number of Game Wins, or if time was called in between games of a Match when both Duelists had the same number of Game Wins, then the Match is a Draw.

Single-Elimination Rounds: If both Duelists have the same number of Game Wins, or if time is called in between Games of a Match while both Duelists have the same number of Game Wins, they will begin a new Duel with specific guidelines.

Neither Duelist may use their Side Deck. If time was called in between Games of a Match and at least one Duelist has already accessed their Side Deck, then both Duelists may use their Side Deck.

Duelists must use a random method (die roll, coin flip, etc.) to determine who will go first.

The Duel will continue for a total of four (4) turns, two (2) turns for each Duelist, unless a Duelist manages to win the Duel before the four (4) turns have concluded.

A "turn" is defined as the start of the Draw Phase until the end of the End Phase for a single Duelist.

Once the four (4) turns are completed, Life Point totals are compared and the Duelist with the highest Life Point total wins the Match.

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If both Duelists' Life Points are the same after the four (4) turns are completed, then play will continue on a turn-by-turn basis, with the Duelist with the most Life Points at the end of a turn being declared the winner of that Game.

Rule #3: If a win condition occurs during End of Match Procedures, that Duelist wins the current Game.

Keeping these three (3) rules in mind, please follow these instructions when proceeding to End of Match procedures:

Continue with the current Phase of the Game. Once the Phase is over, stop the game.

Determine a Game Winner at this point, with the Duelist with the most Life Points winning the Game.

During Swiss Rounds, if both Duelists' Life Points are the same, the Game is a Draw. Compare Game Wins with the Duelist with the most Game Wins winning the Match. If the Game Win totals are the same, the Match is a Draw.

During Single-Elimination, if both Duelists' Life Points are the same at the end of the current Phase (Step 1 above), finish the current turn. If both Duelists' Life Points are the same at the end of the turn, then play will continue on a turn-by-turn basis, with the Duelist with the most Life Points at the end of a turn being declared the winner of that Game.

Match Draws cannot occur during Single-Elimination Rounds.

Preparing for the event

Can I get a CARD GAME ID number at the National Championship tournament, or will I need to have one before I attend the event?

If a Duelist does not have a CARD GAME ID number, they can acquire one digitally using the KCGN website, linked below, or the NEURON support app, to acquire a new CARD GAME ID. Moving forward, physical cards will be less common as we focus on features provided by NEURON. If a Duelist already has a CARD GAME ID number but does not remember the 10-digit ID, a registration staff member on-site may be able to assist in finding the correct ID. Duelists should create a CARD GAME ID via NEURON and link it with a KONAMI ID to ensure the details are stored. Duelists history and record from a previous number will not be accessible.

Duelists can also acquire a CARD GAME ID digitally through KCGN, [here](#).

Duelists may download the NEURON support app and acquire a CARD GAME ID through there.

Will I need to complete and turn in a Deck List? ***Update***

Yes. All Duelists participating in a National Championship must turn in a completed Deck List in order to participate. Please check with the onsite Tournament Organiser for additional information regarding the Deck List collection process. Duelists can download the official KDE Deck List at http://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/rulings/constructed_deck_list.pdf. Duelists are encouraged to complete their Deck List before arriving at the tournament.

Some Organisers may require registration for the event or submission of Deck lists using NEURON. Please check back later for details on how to submit a Deck list via NEURON. A guide for Deck list submission will be available on the Nationals event page.

What cards are legal for play?

Please check the page online at <https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/products/> for an updated look at the legality dates of Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME product releases as well as the "Card Legality" page [here](#), prior to preparing the Deck for the event.

In addition to checking the tournament legality of a product or cards, Duelists should check the current Advanced Format Forbidden/Limited list. Certain cards in products with tournament-legal dates can sometimes be excluded from the current format.

Can I use OCG cards in my Deck?

No. Cards printed for Asian markets are not legal for play in TCG tournaments.

Can I use foreign language cards in my Deck?

Duelists can use foreign-language copies of legal-for-play cards printed for the TCG market, provided they can show an official translation of the card, kept outside of the Deck and deck box, when asked to do so by an opponent or tournament official. Duelists can also scan these cards with NEURON and see their different translations.

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I've never been to a National Championship tournament, what should I expect?

National Championships are large tournaments and attract competitive Duelists who are attempting to earn World Championship Qualifier invites, National Championship prizes and keeping their Dueling skills honed.

There are several things a Duelist should do to make sure they are prepared before heading to the tournament. Read over the list of things Duelists will need for the tournament to make sure they have everything. Duelists will have a better time at the event if they don't have too many bulky or heavy possessions to carry around, as it can get crowded there on the floor. Duelists should think ahead while they are planning what to bring with them.

When a Duelist get to the event, they will need to register in order to play. Duelists will also need a CARD GAME ID card – this is the ID number used to track them in the tournament. If a Duelist doesn't already have one, they can download the NEURON support app and acquire a CARD GAME ID through it. Please note, keep your CARD GAME ID from NEURON and link it with a KONAMI ID (register). This will keep your records safe. Moving forward, there will be less CARD GAME ID cards available in physical form.

If a Duelist has a CARD GAME ID and have lost or forgotten it, they can ask the Registration station to look it up for them. If a Duelist has played in a previous event, they may be able to retrieve their number.

Duelists should aim at arriving at least 30 minutes before the National Championship is scheduled to start to ensure they will be properly registered for the tournament.

Duelists will also need a Deck List. A Deck List is required to participate in the National Championship. Duelists can get a Deck List form at the event when they register, or they can download one to fill out ahead of time by clicking on this link: https://img.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/rulings/constructed_deck_list.pdf. Write the name of each card in full and write down how many copies a Duelist has in their Deck.

- Duelists need to make sure their name and CARD GAME ID are on the Deck List
- Duelists need to make sure their Deck List exactly matches their Deck
- Duelists need to make sure to write legibly and do not use abbreviations for card names

Duelists should check with the Head Judge for additional instructions on the Deck List collection process if needed.

Submitting a Deck list via NEURON may be possible for some events, please confirm with the Tournament Organiser.

Duelists are responsible for paying attention to information from judges and/or tournament staff in order to understand what is going on. If Duelists have questions about the event either beforehand or while they are there, they should check with the Tournament Organiser.

Before heading to the event, all Duelists should read over the KDE-E Tournament Policy and Penalty Guidelines carefully. These documents tell Duelists what they can and cannot do at an event and give a good idea of what to expect. The guidelines can be found at <http://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/>.

When Duelists compete in a National Championship tournament, they'll be held to high standards of play and sportsmanship. Duelists should know how the cards in their Deck work, and should take great care to prepare their Deck, sleeves, and Deck List. Duelists must pay attention to information from judges and/or tournament staff in order

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to understand what is going on. Duelists are expected to know and understand the information provided in the above policies and guidelines while at a National Championship or any Sanctioned event.

National Championships are excellent places to test their skills, learn more about deck-building and strategy, and see how well they match up against the other Duelists in their area.

What will I need to bring to a National Championship tournament?

Duelists should bring a tournament-legal Deck as described above, along with any tournament supplies they will need, such as paper and pen to track Life Points, dice or counters if they're using cards which require them, extra sleeves to replace any that become damaged, and so forth. If a Duelist has a CARD GAME ID number, they should bring it. Duelists will also need to check the entry requirements for the event (example, tournament package, vaccination status, other requirements) as well as money for their incidentals (food, drink, Public Events, etc.). To register Duelists must provide a form of legal identification, so they must bring a passport, school ID, driver's license or similar. The same is valid for Dragon Duelists, in order to verify the date of birth.

I want to judge at a National Championship, instead of competing as a Duelist, how can I volunteer?

If persons are interested in judging, they should contact the Tournament Organiser for the National Championship as soon as possible. Most Tournament Organisers are always on the lookout for judge staff, so be prepared to provide full name, contact information including email and phone number, and a description of previous judging experience.

Judges are encouraged to take the Level 1 Rulings Comprehension test and Policy Comprehension test available at <http://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/judges.html>. Following their successful completion of the test, they should follow the instructions at the above link and register as a judge with KDE.

Whom should I contact for more information about a specific National Championship?

The best resource for answers about a specific National Championship event is the contact number listed on the webpage. KONAMI won't be able to answer questions such as "How do I get to the venue?", "Where should I park?", "When does registration start?", and so forth. For questions such as these, it is best to contact the Tournament Organiser directly.

Prizes and Invites to the 2023 WCQ: European Championship

What are the prizes for National Championships?

Please refer to the table and click on the National Championship you wish to attend to find out about the prizes they can win at their country's Nationals.

How and when will I receive my invite? ***Update***

A list of Duelists who have earned invites to the 2023 WCQ: European Championship is posted online. The list can be found online. Please check back later for this

- Duelists will not receive an invite or certificate via letter mail
- Duelists will not receive an invite or certificate via email
- Duelists will not be required to present any kind of certificate to enter the 2023 WCQ: European Championship
- Duelists CARD GAME ID's and event they qualified at will be added to the Invite List, and that is proof that they qualified
- Duelists that have successfully linked their CARD GAME ID with NEURON or have been using NEURON to register onto events will receive a direct notification with their invite – more information on this soon

If a Duelist has a question about their invite status, they can email eu-opsupport@konami.com and ask KONAMI directly. Please provide full name, CARD GAME ID number, and the date and location of the event at which they qualified, along with the question, so KONAMI can answer quickly and efficiently.

Please remember that invite status information isn't automatically or instantly updated online and can take up to 3 weeks to be displayed. As we approach the 2023 WCQ: European Championship, the updates will be more frequent.

How many Duelists will earn invites at a National Championship?

Please refer to the table [here](#), click on the country's flag to see how many Invites are awarded at each countries National Championship.

Please remember that invite status information isn't automatically or instantly updated online.

Will 2023 National Championships award World Qualifying Points ***Update***?

2023 National Championships will award World Qualifying Points.

Will National Championship invites "pass down" if someone who has already earned an invite earns another one?

No, invites will not pass down for the 2023 National Championship.

How can I participate in Dragon Duel National Championship?

Duelists born 2009 or later can participate in the 2023 Dragon Duel National Championship.

How do qualifications to the 2023 WCQ: European Dragon Duel Championship work?

If a Duelist born 2009 or later earns an invite at a National Championship, he can choose to participate in either the 2023 WCQ: European Championship or the 2023 WCQ: European Dragon Duel Championship, which will both take

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place on the same weekend in the same location. Those Duelists do not need to decide in which to participate when earning the invite; instead, they will announce their decision when enrolling for either of the two Championships.

Is travel or hotel included with my invite?

Costs for travel and/or accommodation are not included with invites earned at a National Championship – the expenses incurred in attending a World Championship Qualifier tournament will be the responsibility of the Duelist. Only the winner of each country's National Championship, Dragon Duel and Guardian, when applicable, win flight and accommodation to the 2023 WCQ: European Championship.

What is the VIP Package?

The VIP Package consists of perks for National Champions during the 2023 European Championship weekend.

This includes:

- Additional Participation Gifts (additional packs of sleeves, National Champion badge / event lanyard)
- Option of assigned seating during the 2023 WCQ: European Championship Event
- Automatic registration to the 2023 WCQ: European Championship – Duelists will not require an event ticket to attend the event, this will already be done automatically

Additional perks may be announced nearer the event.

I would like to provide feedback to Konami concerning the National Championship I attended, who should I contact?

If a Duelist attended one of our National Championships and would like to send us feedback, they are welcome to send us an e-mail to eu-opsupport@konami.com.