# WCQ: Oceanic Championship 2017 - Frequently Asked Questions



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## WCQ: Oceanic Championship 2017 (including Dragon Duel) Information:

## What happens at a WCQ: Oceanic Championship?

The WCQ: Oceanic Championship (and Oceanic Dragon Duel Championship) are some of the most prestigious tournaments in the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME. Duelists from all over Oceania will compete for the opportunity to represent their country and continent at the Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG World Championship 2017 and Dragon Duel World Championship 2017.

The top performing Duelists in both events will be invited to the World Championship to be held in London, United Kingdom in summer 2017. The winner from both WCQs will receive paid travel and accommodations, along with a host of other prizes, and the title of "2017 Oceanic Champion."

The WCQ: Oceanic Championship is invite-only tournaments. The Dragon Duel is available only to those who are born in 2004 or later.

In addition to the World Championship Qualifiers, there will be numerous Public Events, including tournaments specifically for Duelists born in 2005 or later, and Regional Qualifier tournaments, that are open to anyone.

## When and where is the WCQ: Oceanic Championship?

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

Ellerslie Events Centre 80 Ascot Avenue Greenlane Auckland 1050 New Zealand

## How much does it cost to enter the WCQ: Oceanic Championship?

There is no entry fee into the WCQ Oceanic Championship, since this is an invite-only event. Entry fees are required for Public Events. Each Duelist will receive participation packs equal to the entry fee for all Public Events.

## Are there any security requirements to enter the tournament hall?

• Bags maybe checked upon entrance to the tournament hall or at any other time within the building at the request of an event official.

Place	WCQ: Oceanic Championship 2017 Prizes	
1st Place	24 Boosters of <i>Maximum Crisis</i>	
	Invitation, travel and accommodation to the the 2017 Yu-Gi-Oh! World Championship in London, United Kingdom	
	Complete Set of Raging Tempest and Maximum Crisis	
	2 Super Rare Number 93: Utopia Kaiser	
	128GB iPad	
	Personalised Jersey	
	Championship Trophy	
	12 Boosters of Maximum Crisis	
	Invitation, travel and accommodation to the the 2017 Yu-Gi-Oh! World Championship in London, United Kingdom	
2nd Place	Super Rare Number 93: Utopia Kaiser	
	128GB iPad	
	Personalised Jersey	
	Championship Trophy	
3rd - 4th Place	Complete Set of <i>The Dark Illusion, Invasion: Vengeance, Raging Tempest</i> and <i>Maximum Crisis</i>	
	Super Rare Number 93: Utopia Kaiser	
	Championship Trophy	
	Complete set of Raging Tempest and Maximum Crisis	
5th - 8th Place	Super Rare Number 93: Utopia Kaiser	
	Championship Trophy	
9th-16th Place	24 Boosters of <i>Maximum Crisis</i>	
	Super Rare <b>Number 93: Utopia Kaiser</b>	
Top Cut	WCQ Top Cut Game Mat	
Participation	WCQ 2017 Game Mat	
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## Are there any booster pack prizes?

The only booster pack prizes are listed above in the prize breakdown. No other booster pack prizes will be awarded.

## Is there a participation prize?

Yes, all Duelists who register for the WCQ: Oceanic Championship will receive a World Championship Qualifier Game Mat, and a pack of World Championship Qualifier Card Sleeves.

## What is the format of the WCQ: Oceanic Championship?

The Oceanic Championship tournaments are Constructed events, which means each Duelist must bring his or her own Deck in order to compete. Decks must be constructed according to the latest Advanced Format guidelines. Click here for the Forbidden & Limited Cards List.

Duelists will need to make sure their Deck matches the current format, and that all of your cards are currently legal. Click here for card legality guidelines.

## What are the tournament details of the WCQ: Oceanic Championship?

If 65 to 128 Duelists compete in the event: 7 Rounds of Swiss Top 8 Single Elimination

If 129-256 Duelists compete in the event: 8 Rounds of Swiss Top 16 Single Elimination

All rounds of Swiss and top cut single elimination will be held on Sunday 2 July.

# Are there any special rules I need to know for the WCQ: Oceanic Championship and WCQ: Oceanic Dragon Duel Championship?

In the final Match of the Playoff Top Cut of the WCQ and Dragon Duel WCQ, Duelists may not concede a game or Match. Duelists must play out the Match, in order to ensure a clear Oceanic Champion. If a Duelist does concede a Match in the Finals of the Playoff Top Cut of the WCQ or Dragon Duel WCQ, they will be dropped from the tournament and will no longer be eligible to receive any prizes to which they may have been entitled.

## What will I need to bring to the WCQ: Oceanic Championship?

You should bring a tournament-legal Deck as described above, registration sheet, and a completed Deck List (which can be downloaded as a fillable PDF here). The registration sheet and Deck List can also be found onsite. You should also bring any tournament supplies you will need; such as paper and pen to track Life Points, dice or counters if you are using cards which require them, extra sleeves to replace any that become damaged, and so forth.

To register for the WCQ: Oceanic Championship and/or Oceanic Dragon Duel Championship, you **must** bring your COSSY ID number and a form of personal identification with a picture, as you will need proof of identity in order to register. If you are only competing in Public Events, and if you already have a COSSY ID number, you should bring your number and barcode. If you do not have one, you can obtain one at the event. You should also bring money for your incidentals (food, drinks, Public Events, etc.).

Sunday 2 July		
Event	Start Time	
WCQ Oceanic Championship 2017 Registration	07:30	
WCQ Oceanic Dragon Duel 2017 Registration	11:00	
WCQ Oceanic Championship 2017	9:00	
WCQ Oceanic Dragon Duel 2017	12:00	

## I have never been to one of these events, what should I expect?

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

When you get to the event, you will need to register in order to play. You will also need a COSSY ID card — this is the ID number used to track you in the tournament. If you don't already have one, you will be able to get one at the tournament.

If you have a COSSY ID and have lost or forgotten it, you can ask the Registration station to look it up for you. If you've played in a previous event, they may be able to retrieve your number.

Please arrive at least 30 minutes before the WCQ: Oceanic Championship is scheduled to start to ensure you will be properly registered for the tournament.

You will also need a Deck List. A Deck List is required to participate in the WCQ: Oceanic Championship. You can get a Deck List form at the event when you register, or <u>you can download one to fill out ahead of time by clicking on this link</u>.

Write the name of each card in full, and write down how many copies you have in your Deck.

- Make sure your name and COSSY ID are on your Deck List.
- Make sure your Deck List exactly matches your Deck.
- Write legibly and do not use abbreviations for card names.

Please check with the Head Judge for additional instructions on the Deck List collection process. 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 Tournament Policy and Penalty Guidelines carefully. These documents tell you what you can and cannot do at an event, and give you a good idea of what to expect. You may find these Guidelines at this link.

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

The Oceanic Championships are excellent places to test your skills, learn more about Deck-building and strategy, and see how well you match up against the other Duelists from other countries.

## I will be bringing my children to this event, is there anything I should know?

We will have a Parents' Area available, where parents can relax while their children are occupied in the tournament. This area is open only to parents and their children. You are not required to stay on site, but we strongly recommend that you do, especially if your children are young or if this is their first event. Please know that the tournament staff cannot be responsible for looking after your children, or their possessions. Always make sure your child has a way to contact you, and is provided with any necessities such as food, drink, or extra money if you do not wish to remain in the tournament area.

When your child is preparing for the event, encourage him or her to leave any bulky or expensive possessions at home. Electronics and large collections of cards are hard to keep track of during a big tournament – your child will have a much easier day without having to worry about these kinds of items.

Card trading is a big attraction at large tournaments, but if you are concerned about your child trading away valuable cards, talk to him or her before the event and set some guidelines. You can always have your child check with you before making a trade.

## Will there be meal breaks during the tournament?

There will not be any meal breaks scheduled into the tournament.

### What happens if I am not done with my Match after 40 minutes? (Swiss)

Sometimes a Match will not be finished when the time ends for a round. If this happens, the Duelist should note whose turn it is when time is called, and raise their hands 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 procedure.

Please follow these instructions when proceeding to End of Match procedures during the <u>Swiss</u> portion of the tournament:

- Continue until the end of the current turn.
- If the Duel is not over at the end of the turn, go to "Extra Turns."
- Extra Turns = Conduct (5) additional turns starting from the opponent's turn.
- If a win condition (a Duelist's Life Points is reduced to 0 or an instant win condition such as the effect of **Exodia the Forbidden One** or **Final Countdown**) occurs within these (5) turns, the Duel ends as normal.
- If a win condition does NOT occur within these (5) turns, the Duelist who has higher Life Points after the "Extra Turns" (5 turns) wins.
- If both Duelists' Life Points are the same after the "Extra Turns" are completed, the Duel is considered a Draw.
  - After the Duel is concluded, the Duelist who has won the most Duels is declared the winner of the Match. If both Duelists now have the same number of Duel wins, the Match is a Draw.
  - o If both Duelists won one Duel and the third Duel ends in a Draw, the Match is considered to be a Draw.
  - If time is called before a Duel begins (during Side Decking, before drawing their opening Hands), and both Duelists have won the same number of Duels, the Match is considered to be a Draw.
  - If time is called before a Duel begins (during Side Decking, before drawing their opening Hands), and one Duelist has won more Duels, the Duelist with more wins is declared the winner of the Match.
  - Duelists may not choose to intentionally end a match in a Draw. Intentionally ending a
    Match in a Draw, or stalling to have a Match end in a Draw, is against tournament policy and
    could result in a Disqualification.

Match Draws may only occur during the Swiss portion of a tournament and only during End of Match procedures. Duelists may not intentionally end a Match in a Draw. Intentionally ending a Match in a Draw, or stalling to have a Match end in a Draw, is against tournament policy and could result in a Disqualification.

#### What happens if I am not done with my Match after 40 minutes? (Single Elimination)

During Single-Elimination rounds, if Duelists have not completed their matches during their allotted time limit, proceed to End of Match procedures. Please follow these instructions when proceeding to End of Match procedures during the <u>Single-Elimination</u> portion of the tournament:

- Continue until the end of the current turn.
- If the Duel did not end at the end of the turn, go to "Extra Turns."
  - o Extra Turns = Conduct (3) additional turns starting from the opponent's turn.
- If a win condition (a Duelist is reduced to 0 Life Points or an instant win condition such as the effect of **Exodia the Forbidden One** or **Final Countdown**) occurs within these (3) turns, the Duel ends as normal.
- If a win condition does NOT occur within these (3) turns, the Duelist who has higher Life Points after the "Extra Turns" wins.

- If both Duelists' Life Points are the same after the "Extra 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.
  - o Life Points are checked after the turn has completed but before the opponent's turn begins.
  - o If a Duelist's Life Points reach 0 or if a win condition occurs during the turn, normal game play rules apply.
- Once the winner has been determined for the current Duel, the Match winner is determined.
  - o If a Duelist has more wins than his or her opponent, that Duelist wins the Match.
  - If both Duelists have the same number of Duel wins, or if time is called in between Games of a
     Match, they will begin a new Duel with specific guidelines.
    - Neither Duelist may use his or her 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 (4) turns, two turns for each Duelist, unless a Duelist manages to win the Duel before the (4) turns are up.
    - Once the four turns are completed, Life Point totals are compared and the Duelist with the highest Life Point total wins the Match.
    - If both Duelists' Life Points are the same after the (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. Please use the same criteria listed above (Step 5).

Draws cannot occur during Single-Elimination. There must always be a winner.

Will there be tournament coverage at this event?

No.

Who should I contact if I have any questions about this event?

If would like to send us feedback, you are welcome to send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:yugioh@konami-europe.net">yugioh@konami-europe.net</a>.

## WCQ: Oceanic Dragon Duel Championship 2017 - Additional Information:

## Can I enter in either the Oceanic Championship or the Oceanic Dragon Duel Championship?

Dragon Duel is open entry. Duelists of the applicable age may opt to play in the Dragon Duel Championship. Duelists who are eligible to play in Dragon Duel can still play in the WCQ if qualified but this is **instead of** the Dragon Duel Championship. Dragon Duelists may not register and/or participate in both events.

## What are the prizes for the WCQ: Dragon Duel Championship?

Place	WCQ: Oceanic Dragon Duel 2017 Prizes		
1st Place	Invitation, travel and accommodation to the the 2017 Yu-Gi-Oh! World		
	Championship in London, United Kingdom		
	Complete Set of Raging Tempest and Maximum Crisis		
	Super Rare Number 93: Utopia Kaiser		
	128GB iPad		
	Personalised Jersey		
	Championship Trophy		
	36 Boosters of Shining Victories		
2 and Diagram	Complete Set of Raging Tempest and Maximum Crisis		
2nd Place	128GB iPad		
	Championship Trophy		
3rd - 4th Place	Complete Set of Raging Tempest and Maximum Crisis		
	Championship Trophy		
	Complete Set of and Maximum Crisis		
5th - 8th Place	Championship Trophy		
Top Cut	WCQ Dragon Duel Top Cut Game Mat		
	WCQ 2017 Dragon Duel Game Mat		
Participation	WCQ 2017 Card Sleeves		
	2 Boosters		

## **Registration Information:**

## When can I register for the WCQ: Oceanic Championship?

Registration on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> begins at 07:30am and ends at 9:00am.

## What will I need to bring in order to register?

Make sure you have all of the following, in order to register for the WCQ: Oceanic Championship 2017 and WCQ: Oceanic Dragon Duel Championship 2017.

- Your COSSY ID (if you have lost your ID and cannot remember your number, we will be able to look it up on site during registration).
- A proper form of identification, with your name and photo. A driver's license, school ID, or passports are all acceptable forms of identification.
- Completed Deck List (<u>which can be downloaded as a fillable PDF here</u>).

## When will I receive my participation prizes?

Players will receive their prizes at registration.

## **Invitations:**

## Do I need an invitation to compete in the WCQ: Oceanic Championship?

The WCQ: Oceanic Championship is an invitation-only event. Duelists <u>must</u> have an invitation in order to participate. Invitations were awarded during our Regional Qualifiers, Yu-Gi-Oh! Championship Series & National Championships.

The WCQ: Oceanic Dragon Duel Championship is open entry, and any Duelist that is born 2004 or later may opt to play in the WCQ: Dragon Duel Oceanic Championship. A player is only able to play in the WCQ: Oceanic Championship and not both.

#### How and when will I receive my invite?

A list of players who have earned invites to the WCQ: Oceanic Championship 2017 will be posted online at this link. You will not receive a physical invitation, or an invitation through e-mail or postal mail – you will be entered in the invite list database.

Information about these events will be posted online – it will not be mailed or sent to you. Duelists are responsible to verify that their name appears on the appropriate Invite List, and to access posted information about their WCQ Continental or WCQ Dragon Duel Continental tournament by checking the <a href="https://www.yugioh-card.com/oc/events">www.yugioh-card.com/oc/events</a> page for updates.

If you have a question about your Invite status, you can email <a href="mailto:yugioh@konami-europe.net">yugioh@konami-europe.net</a> and ask. Please provide your full name, COSSY ID number, and the date and location of the event at which you qualified, along with your question, so we can answer you quickly and efficiently.

Remember that Invite status information isn't automatically or instantly updated, so you should allow some time for results to be posted from your tournament – it can take several weeks for the data to be entered into the system, and posted online.

## What should I do if I can't find my name on the invite list?

Check the invite list carefully, to see if you have missed seeing your name. Look at the COSSY ID numbers as well.

If you do not see your name and the event at which you qualified is highlighted in blue, you should email <a href="mailto:yugioh@konami-europe.net">yugioh@konami-europe.net</a> and ask. Please provide your full name, COSSY ID number, and the date and location of the event at which you qualified, along with your question, so we can answer you quickly and efficiently.

If you see an error in your name or COSSY ID, you can also report this to <a href="mailto:yugioh@konami-europe.net">yugioh@konami-europe.net</a>. Make sure to include your full name, COSSY ID, and the date and location of the event at which you qualified.

## **Public Events:**

## When do the Public Events take place?

You will be able to find a full list of public events here.

#### What is a Swiss-Round Tournament?

Players are paired off based on each player's win/loss record. Players are not eliminated when they lose a match during Swiss tournaments – instead, they will continue to be paired against players with similar records for all remaining rounds of the event. If a player wishes to drop out of the tournament at any time, they can do so after any of their Matches.

## What is a Single-Elimination Tournament?

Half of the tournament is eliminated after each round – the losing player is out of the tournament, while the winner goes on to the next round. This continues until only one player remains, which is then declared the winner.

## **Card Legality:**

#### What cards are legal for play?

<u>Please check the "Products" page online</u> for the most current legality dates of Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG product releases, prior to preparing your Deck for the event.

Also check this link for the current legality of all promotional cards.

## Can I use foreign language cards in my Deck?

You may use foreign-language copies of legal-for-play cards printed for the TCG market, as long as you can show an official translation of the card when asked to do so by an opponent or tournament official.

Translations do not have to be a local language version of the card. An official translation written down or printed is acceptable. If you want to use a local language version of the card as your translation, you must keep that card outside of your Deck box. For **English** language cards, you are **not** required to have an official translation.

## Can I use OCG cards (cards printed for use in Japan and other Asian territories) in my Deck?

No, cards printed for Asian markets are **not** legal for play in TCG tournaments, even if you have a translation available.

#### **Travel:**

## What is the closest airport to the tournament venue?

There is one airport in Auckland: <a href="https://www.aucklandairport.co.nz/">https://www.aucklandairport.co.nz/</a>

Getting to city from airport can be done using a Taxi / Shuttle or airport bus. There is no train service from the airport to the city.

Taxi/Shuttles: https://www.aucklandairport.co.nz/transport/taxis-and-shuttles

Bus: https://www.aucklandairport.co.nz/transport/public-transport

## Are there any nearby hotels?

The 2017 Oceanic World Championship Qualifier is located at the Ellerslie Events Cetnre, 80 Ascot Avenue, Greenlane, Auckland 1050. There are two hotels onsite:

- Novotel Auckland Ellerslie <a href="http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-3060-novotel-auckland-ellerslie/index.shtml">http://www.novotel.com/gb/hotel-3060-novotel-auckland-ellerslie/index.shtml</a>
- Ibis http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-3059-ibis-auckland-ellerslie/index.shtml

## **Other Questions:**

I want to judge at the WCQ: Oceanic Championship instead of competing as a player, how can I volunteer?

Application Calls for upcoming events are provided through our Judge Program. If you have not joined the Judge Program yet and wish to do so, please click here for more information.

## Will there be vendors on-site so that I can buy single cards and supplies, and sell my cards?

There will be a number of vendors present, selling single cards, sealed product, and card supplies such as sleeves and deck boxes. Approved vendors will also be buying cards on site. Buying and selling of cards to third party individuals is prohibited and may result in individuals being dropped from the event, and asked to leave the venue.

## Can I buy and sell from other people at the event?

Duelists are not allowed to buy or sell from one another at the Continental Championship. If you do so, you risk incurring penalties, including being disqualified and removed from the event.

## Can I get a COSSY ID at the event, or will I need one beforehand?

If you are only participating in Public Events, then if you do not have a COSSY ID number, you can get one at the event. If you have already received an invite to the WCQ, then you must bring your existing COSSY ID number. If you do not remember your COSSY ID number for the Main Event, we will be able to retrieve it for you at registration. Please have a valid photo ID with you at time of registration.

## Where can I get food and drinks at the venue?

There is food onsite and shops, cafes, restaurants walking distance from the venue.

## Can I take photographs and record in the venue?

Members of the media who wish to attend any Sanctioned event to create written, photographic, audio, or video content must contact the Tournament Organiser and KDE in advance of the event. Media representatives should be prepared to provide evidence of their association with a news outlet or reputable entity in the gaming industry at the beginning of the event or before the event begins.

Any member of the media approved to cover an event agrees to provide, as well as assume liability, for all of his or her own equipment and employees. Guests from the media must abide by the same rules set for spectators, and are expected to defer to tournament officials and KDE employees.

Members of the media are required to obtain their own written releases from players and/or spectators.

KDE reserves the right to publish event information such as a player's Deck List, photographs, interviews or video reproduction of any official Konami-run Trading Card Game tournament.

Any unauthorised recording on-site by individuals or members of the media is strictly prohibited.