

# Konami Digital Entertainment, B.V. (KDE-E) Official KDE-E Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME Tournament Policy

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The Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament Policy document exists to explain what is required of all participants – Duelists, Judges, spectators, etc., at any KDE-E Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME (TCG) tournament.

Tournament Policy documents help to keep events consistent, so that attendees will always know what to expect at any KDE-E Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG event.

Everyone who attends a KDE-E Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG tournament is expected to read, understand, and adhere to all Tournament Policy and Penalty Guideline documents.

**For a complete understanding of tournament policies, please read both documents:**

- Official KDE-E Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME Tournament Policy
- Official KDE-E Tournament Penalty Guidelines

Specific events, such as the Yu-Gi-Oh! Championship Series (YCS), Local Legend Duelist Series (LLDS), Regional Qualifier tournaments, etc., may have a standardised Tournament Operation Documents and/or Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). **Any tournament-specific rules in these Operations Documents or FAQs will supersede directions given in this policy document.**

Tournament Policy documents will be updated on an as-needed-basis. There is not a set schedule for updates, and the most current version of any KDE-E Tournament Policy document can be found on the official Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG website for that specific region (links below).

| <b>Territory</b>  | <b>Link</b>   |
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| Europe, Middle East, South Africa<br>(Henceforth, "Europe") | <a href="https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/">https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/</a> |
| Oceania   | <a href="https://www.yugioh-card.com/oc/gameplay/">https://www.yugioh-card.com/oc/gameplay/</a> |

For questions please see the "Contact Information" section of this document for a list of contacts.

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## I. Preparing to Play

### A. Duelists

To participate in a Sanctioned or Official KDE-E tournament you will need a Konami Card Game Network (“KCGN”) CARD GAME ID number. If you do not have one, you can register a KCGN account online, or you can obtain a CARD GAME ID at a Sanctioned event or at a local Official Tournament Store (OTS).

You should keep a record of your 10-digit CARD GAME ID number in case you lose the card or forget the number.

- Please note that Duelists at Sanctioned and Official KDE-E tournaments will be referred to by their CARD GAME ID number and their first name(s) and last name(s).

For more information on KCGN or your CARD GAME ID, please start here:

- <https://cardgame-network.konami.net/>

You must be in good standing and not on the Suspended Persons List to participate in KDE-E Sanctioned and/or Official events. To remain in good standing, you must adhere to all Duelist responsibilities outlined in this and other official documents.

You must meet any age, nationality, and/or invitation for tournaments restricted by age, region, or invitations.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>Dragon Duel</i>                           |
|                 | <i>National Championship</i>                 |
|                 | <i>World Championship Qualifiers</i>         |
|                 | <i>Local Legend Duelist Series Qualifier</i> |

### B. Ineligible Duelists

Any tournament official associated with or working an event cannot play in that specific event.

This includes, but is not limited to, the Judge Staff, Scorekeeper, Registration Staff, OTS Owner, Event Manager, and Tournament Organiser.

Persons who have been suspended from KDE Organised Play may not play, judge, or act as event staff in Sanctioned events or Official tournaments such as Sneak Peeks. **In addition, suspended persons are prohibited from entering tournament venues.**

A list of Suspended Persons can be found at:

<https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=785>.

- You must have a CARD GAME ID number and be in good standing in order to compete in a Sanctioned or Official event.
- Suspended persons are not considered to be in good standing, and may not register, judge, vend, or compete in Sanctioned or Official events.

- Suspended persons may not be on the premises of a Sanctioned or Official events.
- Suspended persons are not automatically reinstated, they must request to be reinstated by e-mailing [eu-opsupport@konami.com](mailto:eu-opsupport@konami.com) on or after the date they are listed as being eligible to do so. Even if their eligibility date has passed, they are still considered to be suspended until such a time as they have requested reinstatement **and** received an e-mail from the KDE Penalty Committee informing them they are reinstated to Organised Play.

Persons who are banned by the rules of the Tournament Organiser, venue, or by local law cannot participate in Sanctioned or Official events held by that Tournament Organiser.

Employees of Konami Corporation and its subsidiaries and their immediate family members (children, parents, and spouses) cannot play in Sanctioned Tier 2 events.

- There may be exceptions made to this rule, in the case of Bounty tournaments or other special events, which will be announced beforehand.

Employees of partner companies or any vendor that may have access to card information before official sale dates cannot participate in Sanctioned Tier 2 events. These include, but are not limited to, VIZ Media LLC, and 4K Media.

Employees of partner companies responsible for Organised Play (Devir, etc.) cannot play in Sanctioned Tier 2 events taking place in the market for which they are responsible. They may, however, participate in any event taking place outside of their market, unless they also have access to card information before official sale dates.

### **C. Head Judge**

The Head Judge oversees the tournament and the rest of the Judge staff.

If there is only one Judge on staff for a tournament, that Judge assumes the role of the Head Judge.

At Tier 2 or higher sanction tournaments, there will usually be one or more Assistant Head Judges on staff.

At Tier 2 or higher sanction tournaments, there may be a dedicated Head Judge for Public Event. This Judge is referred to as the Public Events Head Judge.

Assistant Head Judges, as well as Public Event Head Judges at events can answer appeals and handle other responsibilities of the Head Judge, henceforth Head Judge or Assistant Head Judges will be referred to as “Head Judge”.

The Head Judge makes the final call for game play rulings and/or policy appeals. No other individual, including the Tournament Organiser or a Konami employee can overturn a game play ruling or tournament policy decision made by the Head Judge.

The Head Judge should take this responsibility seriously, and should familiarise themselves with and properly enforce current and correct rulings and tournament policy.

The Head Judge should not create new tournament policies.

The Head Judge needs to be physically present and available during the tournament, to deal with event issues and answer appeals promptly. The Head Judge should be adequately prepared to ensure proper guidelines are followed.

The Head Judge should clearly identify themselves to the players at the start of the tournament. The Head Judge is responsible for making announcements to tournament attendees to inform them of tournament procedures, round start and end times, and any other information they may require.

The Head Judge is responsible for communicating accurate information throughout the tournament to Duelists and event staff.

Time permitting, the Head Judge should act as a mentor for the event's Judge staff, and should carefully consider individual Judges' strengths and weaknesses when building the staff list and assembling teams. It is beneficial for Judges to receive feedback and evaluation from the Head Judge, discussing the Judge's strengths as well as anything the Judge needs to improve upon.

Only the Head Judge may disqualify people from a Sanctioned event.

- The Tournament Organiser, Event Manager, or any other member of staff **may not** disqualify people from Sanctioned KDE-E events.
- **Only the KDE-E Penalty Committee may suspend players from Sanctioned events.**

#### **D. Floor Judge**

Floor Judges are present on the tournament floor, answering rulings and policy questions, doing Deck checks, and handling pairing sheets and match result slips.

Judges are expected to be courteous, professional, and on-task while staffing an event. While judging, Judges should not engage in trading, long personal conversations, phone calls or other activities that would distract them from the tournament.

Judges may not wear official KDE-E Judge Program Judge shirts when they are not judging an event.

Judges should respect the authority of their Head Judge and team lead(s), and address other members of the tournament staff with respect. Judges should interact with Duelists in a polite manner that does not compromise the Judge's authority.

Judges should avoid socialising with Duelists or other Judges during a tournament.

Judges should adhere to the specific responsibilities assigned to them both on the floor and as members of a specialised unit such as a Deck check or Paper team. In addition, they should be prepared to assist other Judges in tasks as they are assigned.

- Judges should constantly observe the tournament, and maintain the tournament area by removing trash, pushing in chairs and straightening tables.

- Judges should actively walk the tournament floor and observe the matches, rather than waiting for a Duelist to call for a Judge.
- Judges are **required** to step in if they observe any violation of the rules or game play – Judges do not need to wait for Duelists to call for assistance.
- Judges should be careful not to “coach” a Duelist or reveal information on Private Knowledge when responding to questions.
- Judges **should** answer questions about:
  - Game mechanics
  - The legality of the activation of an effect
  - Card text

Questions such as the above should have a bearing on the current Game State.

**Judges do not need to wait for the Duelist to attempt an action in order to answer any of the above questions, and should not instruct Duelists to attempt an action before answering their question.**

- Judges **should not** answer questions that would:
  - Provide Duelists with specific strategy advice
  - Instruct a Duelist how best to play their cards
  - Reveal Private Knowledge
  - Involve a discussion of cards that are not a part of the current Game State.

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| <p><b>Examples of Questions that should be answered</b></p> | <p><i>Duelist A has a <b>Beatrice, Lady of the Eternal</b> that has its effects currently negated by <b>Infinite Impermanence</b>. Duelist B has three or more Spells in their Graveyard.</i></p>   |
|   | <p><i>During Player B’s Main Phase, Duelist B activates <b>Sky Striker Mecha – Widow Anchor</b>, targeting the <b>Beatrice, Lady of the Eternal</b>.</i></p>  |
|   | <p><i>Duelist A informs Duelist B that he will not be able to take control of <b>Beatrice, Lady of the Eternal</b>, as it has already been negated and cannot be negated again. Player B calls for a Judge.</i></p>   |
|   | <p><i>The Judge should inform the Duelists that because <b>Beatrice, Lady of the Eternal</b> was already negated by another card, it cannot be targeted by <b>Sky Striker Mecha – Widow Anchor</b>, and it is an illegal activation. The Judge should then fix the Game State as necessary.</i></p> |
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|   | <p><i>During Duelist A’s turn, Duelist B activated <b>Ghost Belle &amp; Haunted Mansion</b>, and Player A chained <b>Called by the Grave</b> to banish <b>Ghost Belle &amp; Haunted Mansion</b> and negate its effects. Duelist A then ended his turn.</i></p>                                      |
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|   | <p><i>During Duelist B’s turn, she discards <b>Thunder Dragonhawk</b> from her hand to Special Summon a “Thunder Dragon” monster from her Graveyard. Duelist A activates his copy of</i></p>  |



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|   | <p><b>Ghost Belle &amp; Haunted Mansion</b> to negate the activation of <b>Thunder Dragonhawk</b>. After activating the card, Duelist A realizes it will also be negated by <b>Called by the Grave</b> from the previous turn, and tries to take back the play. Duelist B calls a Judge and asks what should happen.</p> <p>The Judge should inform both players that the activation of Duelist A's <b>Ghost Belle &amp; Haunted Mansion</b> is legal, it will just be negated and resolve without effect, and Duelist B will Special Summon a "Thunder Dragon" monster. Duelist A cannot take back the play.</p>                                  |
| <p><b>Examples of Questions that should not be answered</b></p> | <p>Duelist A Normal Summons <b>Trickstar Candina</b> and activates its effect with four (4) other cards in his hand. Duelist B has <b>Infinite Impermanence</b> and <b>Ash Blossom &amp; Joyous Spring</b> in his hand, and no cards on his side of the field. Duelist B calls a Judge and asks "Which one of these would stop his <b>Trickstar Candina</b> if he has <b>Trickstar Lycoris</b>?", showing the Judge his hand.</p> <p>The Judge should inform Duelist B that he cannot answer that question, as it would be coaching.</p>   |
|   | <p>Duelist A has <b>Gozen Match</b>, <b>Ultimate Conductor Tyranno</b>, and <b>Thunder Dragon Titan</b> in her hand. Duelist B has <b>Sky Striker Ace – Kagari</b> on the field, and two (2) copies of <b>Sky Striker Mobilize – Engage!</b> in his hand.</p> <p>Duelist B activates <b>Sky Striker Mobilize – Engage!</b> and while trying to decide what to search, calls for a Judge. Duelist B asks the Judge "What would happen if she has <b>Gozen Match</b> and I use <b>Sky Striker Mecha - Widow Anchor</b>?"</p> <p>The Judge should inform Duelist B that she cannot answer questions that might influence his strategic decisions.</p> |

When a Duelist calls for a Judge, the Judge should:

- Approach the table
- Listen carefully to the question
- Ask for additional information if necessary, seeking confirmation from all Duelists involved
- Make a decision
- Issue the ruling
- Duelists have the right to appeal a ruling or policy decision made by a floor Judge. If either Duelist wishes to appeal, the judge should notify the Head Judge immediately.

Judges should stay current with new rulings and new cards as they are released. Judges are also responsible for knowing policy documents, and should keep themselves informed and well-versed in new documents as they are made available.

Judges should actively seek out additional training, and assist fellow Judges in doing the same.

Judges are encouraged to complete certification tests to assess their ability and knowledge.

Unless they are answering a Judge call or examining a current game, Judges should refrain from conversing with Duelists engaged in a match, to avoid distracting them or creating the impression of favoritism. This especially applies to conversations held in a language the opponent doesn't understand.

## **E. Tournament Organiser**

A Tournament Organiser is the person responsible for arranging and running the tournament. In some cases, this may or may not be the Owner of the OTS.

Anyone seeking to organise a Sanctioned or Official event should procure a venue that can safely accommodate the expected number of attendees. Venues should be safe, clean, and in compliance with all applicable building and fire codes.

Tournament Organisers/OTS owners/Event Managers must abide by all relevant Operations Documents, tournament policy, card legality, etc., when organising any Sanctioned and/or Official Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG tournament.

A Tournament Organiser is also responsible for providing staffing for the event and reporting the event results to KDE-E.

Sanctioned and Official events are run at Official Tournament Stores or at venues chosen by approved Tournament Organisers.

Certain criteria must be met in order to run Sanctioned events. Those interested in becoming a Tournament Organiser for a specific event can request more information by e-mailing [eu-opsupport@konami.com](mailto:eu-opsupport@konami.com) (Europe and Oceania).

## **F. Event Manager**

The TO may choose to delegate an Event Manager to oversee the event.

The Event Manager acts on behalf of the TO when he or she is not present, and assists with the overall management of the event. If the TO is not present at the venue, the Event Manager is responsible for fulfilling all agreements made with controllers of the venue before leaving, as well as the resolution of any attendee issues.

## **G. Scorekeeper**

The Scorekeeper is responsible for creating accurate pairings and additional tournament information throughout the event.

The Scorekeeper is responsible for understanding the program being utilised to run the event, such as Konami Tournament Software (KTS) and/or Konami Card Game Network (KCGN), and all procedures relevant to scorekeeping an event.

- All Tier 2 and higher events are run using the Konami Tournament Software (KTS).

## **H. Spectators**

Spectating at an event is a privilege, not a right, for tournament attendees. It is a spectator's duty to remain neutral while observing game play, and to make sure their presence does not disrupt the event.

- At the discretion of the Head Judge, spectating of a tournament may be limited or restricted.

Spectators must abide by the following rules:

- Spectators should not speak to or communicate in any way with Duelists who are currently engaged in a match.
- If a spectator notices any violation of game play rules or Tournament Policy, they must alert a tournament official immediately.
- Spectators must be prepared to move if their presence blocks Judge access, throughways, fire exits, or any other paths identified by tournament staff.
- Spectators will be asked to move if their presence is distracting to any of the Duelists. If a Judge or tournament official instructs a spectator to move, they must comply.

## **I. Media**

Members of the media who wish to attend any Sanctioned or Official event to create written, photographic, audio, or video content must follow these rules:

- Contact the Tournament Organiser and KDE-E 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.
- Members of the media are responsible to know and adhere to all applicable laws concerning privacy.
- Any member of the media approved to cover an event agrees to provide, as well as assume liability, for all of their own equipment and employees.
- Members of the media must abide by the same rules set for spectators, and are expected to defer to tournament officials and KDE-E employees.
- Members of the media are required to obtain their own written releases from impacted participants at the event.

Any media member wishing to attend a Sanctioned Tier 3 level event, should contact [eu-opsupport@konami.com](mailto:eu-opsupport@konami.com) for more information.

## II. Duelist Responsibilities

### A. Konami Card Game Network (KCGN) CARD GAME ID Number

KCGN is the global player identification and ranking system used by KDE-E. You must register for a KCGN CARD GAME ID number in order to participate in a KDE-E Sanctioned or Official event. Once your ID card or number has been issued, it is your responsibility to ensure you do not lose or forget it. You will be required to provide your CARD GAME ID number when registering for a tournament. Your CARD GAME ID number belongs to you, and may not be used by anyone else for any purpose.

- You may not register for more than one CARD GAME ID number at a time.
- If you previously had a COSSY ID, that same number will carry over as your CARD GAME ID. You will still need to register online at <https://cardgame-network.konami.net/>.
- If you do not remember your previous 10-digit ID number, it is possible that your Official Tournament Store, Regional TO or the registration staff at a Premier Event, such as a YCS, can assist you in finding your correct ID number. Duelists should avoid acquiring new CARD GAME ID numbers if the previous ID number can be found.
- If you did not previously have a COSSY ID number, you can get a KCGN CARD GAME ID number by registering online at <https://cardgame-network.konami.net/>.

You are responsible for the maintenance of your own KCGN information. This includes keeping contact information up to date, as well as regularly reviewing your tournament history for accuracy.

If you have questions about your CARD GAME ID that are not covered above, please contact [eu-opsupport@konami.com](mailto:eu-opsupport@konami.com)

### B. Identification

You should be prepared to produce personal photo identification if asked to do so by a tournament official. School ID cards, ID cards, driver's licenses, passports and birth certificates (for players under the age of 13) are all valid forms of identification.

You may contact the Tournament Organiser ahead of time if you have questions about providing identification.

- Approved identification is **required** at all events with an age limit or an invite structure. This includes, but is not limited to, Regional Qualifiers, Dragon Duels, Yu-Gi-Oh! Championship Series, World Championship Qualifier, Local Legend Duelist Qualifiers and Local Legend Duelist Series Finals.

### C. Invites and other Credentials

Some tournaments require an invite in order to participate (such as World Championship Qualifiers, World Championships, and Local Legend Duelist Series Finals). It is your responsibility to ensure that all of your

invite paperwork (if any) is properly filled out, and to verify that your invite information appears in the appropriate Invite list.

You can check relevant event FAQs posted on <https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/events/> for more information on whether or not an invite is required to participate, and how to verify your invite information.

Tournaments held at some conventions may require a convention badge in order to participate. It is the responsibility of the Duelist to ensure that they have a valid convention badge in order to participate in events which require a badge.

- Duelists can check relevant event FAQs posted on <https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/events/> for more information on whether or not a badge is required to participate.

#### **D. Tournament Materials**

You must bring a tournament legal Deck (to Constructed events); as well as extra card sleeves, paper and pens/pencils to track scores and fill out Match Result slips, and any dice, counters, tokens, etc., that your Deck requires.

- You may use a calculator to help keep track of the score, but you **must also keep a paper record of all Life Point changes** to help resolve any disputes.

In addition to tournament supplies, you must bring the appropriate entry fee (if any), your CARD GAME ID number, and personal identification.

You are responsible to ensure that any dice, counters or tokens you bring to the event meet tournament-legal standards.

#### **E. Understand Rulings**

While there will be Judges at all Tier 2 and higher Sanctioned tournaments, you will have a better tournament experience if you prepare yourself beforehand by knowing what your cards do and how the game works.

- You should read and understand the latest version of the rulebook.
- You should read and understand the cards you have included in your Deck.
- You should understand Problem Solving Card Text.

A current version of the rulebook can be found online:

| <b>Language</b>                                       | <b>Link</b>   |
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| English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian, German | <a href="https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=789">https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=789</a> |

## **F. Understand Policy**

You should read and understand all current Tournament Policy documents, including the Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG Tournament Policy, the Official KDE-E Tournament Penalty Guidelines, and any event FAQs. All this information can be found online at <https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/>.

Please check the Organised Play or game play sections, depending upon your territory.

## **G. Unacceptable Behavior**

When participating in a Sanctioned and/or Official KDE-E tournament, you are expected to display good sportsmanship when interacting with other tournament attendees including Duelists, Judges, and staff.

You should read the Official KDE-E Tournament Penalty Guidelines before attending an event, to better understand how you are expected to behave.

You can find the most current version of the Official KDE-E Tournament Penalty Guidelines here: <https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/>

- Rude language, disruptive or disrespectful behavior, inappropriate clothing or supplies, unwarranted accusations, and/or disregard for the safety of others or the condition of the venue will not be tolerated.
- If you arrive at an event intoxicated or under the influence of any narcotics or controlled substances, or become so during the course of the event; you will be Disqualified and removed from the venue and may be subject to additional penalties.
- Prescription medicine may only be brought to/used at the event by the person for whom it is prescribed.
- Persons may not bring any items into the tournament venue that are prohibited by law in their area (local, state, or federal). In addition, unlawful items/transactions, weapons of any kind, and substance drugs which may be illegal on a local, state, and/or federal level, are not allowed at Sanctioned/Official events. Persons who bring any such items to a tournament venue will incur penalties, including Disqualification and removal from the event, and risk suspension from KDE Organised Play.
- The use of electronic and/or vapor cigarettes are not permitted on the tournament floor at any Sanctioned/Official events, or in areas designated for tournament attendees.
- You may not use electronic devices other than a calculator during a match, including cell phones. Smart watches or similar items which can send or receive messages must have messaging functions disabled during a Match.
- Duelists with a medical necessity for an electronic device other than a calculator should speak with the Head Judge prior to the start of the tournament.
- You may not wear headphones during a match.
- You may not eat or drink at tournament tables, including between rounds.
- If you attend an event in costume, you may not wear any masks, hoods, etc., that cover your face during the registration process or during any Duel. You are responsible for ensuring that your costume or accessories will not damage tournament property or injure other persons at the event. Face paint or makeup that obscures or hides your face is also prohibited.

## H. Communication

It is your responsibility to relay accurate information at all times.

You are required to answer completely and honestly all questions relevant to maintaining an accurate Game State, or matters of Public Knowledge.

You should clearly communicate your actions during game play, and ask questions of your opponent or a tournament official if you are unsure about something.

You are obligated to immediately notify your opponent (and a Judge, if necessary) if your opponent fails to follow any game rules, including effects they may be playing incorrectly.

You should never touch any of your opponent's cards or other items without first asking permission.

- Failure to follow any of these rules may result in penalties.

You should request the assistance of a Judge at the time an issue arises, rather than afterwards.

You may not retract moves once you have committed to them.

- Committing to a move includes, but is not limited to, verbally stating or announcing an action, or removing your hand from a card.

If your verbal statement contradicts an action you take in the game, and the verbal statement is a legal play or action, the verbal statement overrules the action you performed.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>A Duelist sets a card in the Spell/Trap Card Zone and removes his hand from the card. The Duelist may not choose to "take back" the move and re-add the set card to his hand.</i>  |
|                 | <i>A Duelist has 2 face-up Attack Position monsters on the field. During her Battle Phase, she verbally declares an attack with Monster A, while gesturing that Monster B attacks the opponent directly. If Monster A can legally attack, the Duelist cannot make a different choice.</i> |
|                 | <i>A Duelist uses a card effect to search for a card in his Deck. He selects a card and reveals the card to his opponent. He cannot change his mind and search for a different card instead (even if he never took his hand off the card).</i>  |

## I. Hygiene

You are expected to be clean when you enter a tournament. Neglecting to wash or put on clean clothes contributes to an unpleasant atmosphere at the event, as the tournament can be crowded and the day can be long.

Persons who neglect self-care to the point that they are negatively impacting the tournament may be asked to correct the issue in order to continue in the event.

### III. Tournament Information

#### A. Tournament Tiers

There are four tiers of Sanctioned and Official tournaments in KDE-E Organised Play:

| Tier   | Event Level        | Description  |
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| Tier 1 | Casual             | This encompasses Official Tournament Store level events, Sneak Peeks, and Duelist Leagues.   |
| Tier 2 | Competitive        | This encompasses VIP Qualifiers, LLDS Qualifiers, Regional Qualifiers, all Dragon Duel events, and Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME Extravaganzas   |
| Tier 3 | Premier            | This encompasses Yu-Gi-Oh! Championship Series, Local Legend Duelist Series Finals, National Championships, and World Championship Qualifiers. |
| Tier 4 | World Championship | The World Championship is a special event, run using a Forbidden and Limited List and Tournament Policy that are unique to the event.          |

Tier 1 events are designed for more casual play, and should provide an instructive, enjoyable atmosphere. These events should function as a learning experience for newer Duelists.

- **Rules and tournament policy are equally important at this level, and should be enforced.**

In addition to enforcing rules and policy, Judges and other tournament officials should take time to educate Duelists about mistakes or infractions, so they learn correct game play.

- Registered Konami Judges are not required for Tier 1 events.

Tier 2, 3, and 4 events are more competitive events, and require the highest level of ruling and policy enforcement.

- Registered Konami Judges are required for all Tier 2, 3, and 4 events.

#### B. Formats

There are a variety of available formats for Sanctioned or Official Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG tournaments. Duelists should make sure they know the format for the tournament they plan to attend, and ensure they are adequately prepared.

| Format             | Description   |
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| <b>Constructed</b> | Duelists must bring their own tournament-legal Deck in order to play in a Constructed Tournament. Constructed Tournaments are run using either the Advanced or the Traditional card lists, according to the list legality dates posted on <a href="https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=426">https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=426</a> |
| <b>Sealed Deck</b> | Duelists in Sealed Deck format events will be provided with card product at the event, and they will construct their Tournament Decks from that product only.   |



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|                        | Sealed Deck formats include Sealed Pack (Duelists are given a set number of boosters and/or a sealed, pre-constructed Deck with which to select their cards) or Booster Draft (Duelists open product in groups and select cards to include in their Deck). The tournament description for Sealed Deck tournaments will explain the format. |
| <b>Open Dueling</b>    | Open Dueling events are casual events that have no set pairings, Win/Loss records, or time limits imposed on Duelists. This format is primarily used for Sneak Peeks and Duelist Leagues.  |
| <b>Special Formats</b> | KDE-E will periodically create new and unique tournament formats that can be run as Sanctioned or Official events. 3 vs. 3, Tag Duels, Generation Duels, etc., fall under this category.   |

### **C. Time Limits**

Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG rounds are 40 minutes in length at Tier 1 and Tier 2 events.

Konami may choose to adjust round lengths at certain Tier 3 or 4 events such as Yu-Gi-Oh! Championship Series, National Championships, etc. Any changes made to the tournament round will be announced before the start of the event.

For Single-Elimination playoff rounds, the time limit may be increased at the discretion of the Head Judge, but only if the increase is announced before the start of the Playoff Rounds.

### **D. Number of Duels**

- Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG matches are run in a best-of-three Duels format.
  - It is possible to play more than three Duels in a Match, if Duels end in a Draw before the end of the round.
- The first Duelist to win two Duels is declared the winner of the Match.
- If a Duelist loses two Duels, they are considered to have lost the Match.
  - If both Duelists have one Game Loss in a Match and both receive a simultaneous Game Loss, the Match is considered a Double Loss.

### **E. Sanctioning**

Only OTS and approved Tournament Organisers can Sanction Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG tournaments.

All Sanctioned events should be created via KCGN and pre-approved by KDE-E at least one (1) business day before the event is scheduled to take place.

- Certain tournament Operations Documents may require tournaments to be Sanctioned sooner than one (1) business day. Please refer to that event's Ops Docs for more information.

Tournament Organisers must keep all tournament records for 6 months after a tournament's completion date, which includes keeping backup copies or printed copies of the tournament details.

- Certain Tier 2 or higher Operations Documents may require tournament records to be kept until a specific date has passed. Please refer to that event's Ops Docs for more information.

Once the deadline has passed for tournament records, the Tournament Organiser is responsible for deleting/destroying any paper or digital records of the event.

**At least four (4) players must compete in order for an event to be Sanctioned.**

## F. Tournament Match Structure

A tournament can be organised as a Single-Elimination event or as an event using Swiss Rounds.

| Structure                 | Description   |
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| <b>Single-Elimination</b> | Half of the tournament is eliminated after each round – the losing Duelist is out of the tournament, while the winner goes on to the next round. This continues until only one Duelist remains, who is then declared the winner.  |
| <b>Swiss Rounds</b>       | Duelists are paired off based on each Duelist’s win/loss record. Duelists are not eliminated when they lose a match during Swiss tournaments – instead, they will continue to be paired against Duelists with similar records for all remaining rounds of the event. A Duelist may choose to drop from a Swiss tournament at any time by either filling out the proper information on a Match Result slip, or by notifying the official Scorekeeper <u>prior</u> to the pairing of the following round. |

## G. Number of Rounds

The number of rounds played in a KDE-E Sanctioned or Official tournament is based on the total number of Duelists enrolled in the event.

- If specific operations documents have been provided for an event (such as a Regional Qualifier or National Championship), any round information set forth within that operations document **must take precedence**.
- **A Tournament Organiser may not choose to deviate from the Operations Document without prior confirmation from KDE-E**

Tournament Organisers may run events with no Top Cut, provided that information is advertised before the start of the event.

The number of rounds and Top Cut (if any) must be advertised before the start of the event, and cannot be changed afterwards.

- **If a tournament Operations Document specifies that a Top Cut must be performed, Tournament Organisers may not deviate from that document except with explicit permission from KDE-E.**

| Number of Participants* | Number of Swiss Rounds (Required) | Minimum Playoff Top Cut (Optional) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 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                              |

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| 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 |

\*The number of Swiss Rounds are based on how many total Duelists are enrolled in the tournament once registration closes.

Any Duelists added to the event after registration closes (late entries) should not affect the number of Swiss Rounds but it does affect the Top Cut and prizing.

- Playoff Top Cut and prizing is based on the total number of enrolled Duelists, which **includes** all late registrations.

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| <b>Example</b> | <i>After registration closes, 127 Duelists have registered for the tournament. This means that the tournament will have 7 Rounds of Swiss, followed by at least a Top 8 playoff cut. Two Duelists register late, beginning the tournament with a Round 1 Match Loss. Even though this brings the attendance total to 129, only 7 Rounds of Swiss are played, but the Top Cut is changed from Top 8 to Top 16.</i> |
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Tournament formats are standardized in order to provide you with a consistent experience, regardless of where you are when playing in a Sanctioned or Official event.

The number of Swiss Rounds is designed, on a best-case scenario, to have one undefeated player after the last round of Swiss has completed.

Reducing the number of rounds in a tournament can cause multiple ties in the standings due to a lack of properly diluted Tie-Breakers.

## H. Publishing Tournament Information

KDE-E and/or the Tournament Organiser reserve the right to publish event information such as a Duelist's Deck List, photographs, interviews or video reproduction of any Sanctioned and/or Official Yu-Gi-Oh! tournament, provided that the proper Registration Forms are used, and signature of Duelists or their guardian have been obtained. PDFs can be found here:

[https://img.yugioh-card.com/ygo/cms/ygo/all/uploads/constructed\\_deck\\_list\\_uk.pdf](https://img.yugioh-card.com/ygo/cms/ygo/all/uploads/constructed_deck_list_uk.pdf)

We will process your data in compliance with our Privacy Policy, which you can access at: <https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/privacy.html>

## I. Reporting Tournament Results

It is a Tournament Organiser's responsibility to report Sanctioned and Official tournament results to Konami by uploading the results to KCGN within five (5) business days of the tournament's completion.

- Certain tournament's Operations Documents may require tournaments to be reported sooner than one (1) business days or via a separate means than uploading to KCGN. Please refer to that event's Ops Docs for more information.

## IV. Tournament Play

### A. Sportsmanship

You are expected to behave in a respectful, polite manner towards all tournament attendees, including Duelists, Judges, tournament officials, and spectators.

If you engage in unsporting conduct or behavior that endangers or detracts from the event you may be penalised, up to and including being Disqualified and/or removed from the venue.

You should read the Official KDE-E Tournament Infractions and Penalty Policy as well as all event FAQs for a better understanding of acceptable behavior at tournaments.

### B. Tournament Registration

When you get to the event, you may need to register in order to participate. Check event FAQs or contact the Tournament Organiser if you need more information on registration times as they may differ from event to event.

To register, you'll need a valid form of ID, your CARD GAME ID if you have one already, and the entry fee for the tournament. You may also need a Registration form. You can get a Registration form at the event, or you can get one to print at home before the tournament by clicking on this link:

- [https://img.yugioh-card.com/en/events/forms/KDE\\_RegistrationSheet.pdf](https://img.yugioh-card.com/en/events/forms/KDE_RegistrationSheet.pdf)

Make sure your Registration form is filled out completely before you reach the registration station.

### C. Special Assistance

If you require any special assistance at the tournament, such as a designated seating area, accommodations for an aide or service animal, etc., please speak to the Head Judge or Tournament Organiser during the registration process.

You may also contact the Tournament Organiser ahead of time to best ensure that your needs can be met.

### D. Deck Registration

Tier 1 events do not require a Deck List to be submitted. TOs may require Deck Lists to be submitted for Tier 1 events, but only if the requirement is announced before the start of the event.

Tier 2 - 4 events all require Deck Lists. Official KDE-E Tournament Penalty Guidelines

A paper copy of the Deck Lists, either legibly written or printed from a computer, must be submitted in order to compete.

- A copy of the KDE-E Deck List can be found here:

| Language | Link  |
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| EN       | <a href="https://img.yugioh-card.com/ygo_cms/ygo/all/uploads/constructed_deck_list_uk.pdf">https://img.yugioh-card.com/ygo_cms/ygo/all/uploads/constructed_deck_list_uk.pdf</a> |
| SP       | <a href="https://img.yugioh-card.com/lat-am/events/forms/KDE_DeckList.pdf">https://img.yugioh-card.com/lat-am/events/forms/KDE_DeckList.pdf</a>                                 |
| PT       | <a href="https://img.yugioh-card.com/lat-am/pt/events/forms/KDE_DeckList-PT.pdf">https://img.yugioh-card.com/lat-am/pt/events/forms/KDE_DeckList-PT.pdf</a>                     |

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.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>A Duelist using a Spanish Language card in the United Kingdom should have an official translation prepared for their card in English.</i> |
|                 | <i>A Duelist using an English Language card in Germany does not require an official translation.</i>   |

You may only use shorthand terms when writing out your Deck list if:

- You use the same shorthand method for abbreviating all relative cards.
- You do not use shorthand that could be interpreted as more than one card.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>Acceptable: BW in place of Blackwing, if <b>all</b> Blackwing cards are abbreviated in this way.</i>                 |
|                 | <i>Acceptable: LS in place of Lightsworn, if <b>all</b> Lightsworn cards are abbreviated in this way.</i>               |
|                 | <i>Not Acceptable: "Bottomless." This could indicate several different cards and cannot be used as an abbreviation.</i> |

If you do not follow Deck Registration rules, you will receive Deck Error penalties such as a Game Loss. For more information on Deck Error infractions and penalties, please see the Official KDE-E Tournament Infractions and Penalty Policy.

It is ultimately your responsibility to accurately, clearly, and completely communicate the contents of your Deck.

**Once a Deck list has been submitted, it may not be altered or changed.**

## E. Shuffling

Your Deck must be randomised using an accepted shuffling method (riffle, pile, Hindu, etc.) and then cut. This must be done at the start of every Duel, and whenever a game mechanic requires you to shuffle your Deck.

You must thoroughly randomise (shuffle) your Deck where your opponent can see.

- You cannot check or arrange any cards while shuffling.
- You cannot pre-sort your Deck (sorting Monsters/Spell/Trap, etc.) without thoroughly shuffling the Deck afterwards.

After a Deck is thoroughly randomised, it must be presented to the opponent. The opponent must randomise (shuffle) the Deck further and then return it to the original owner.

The owner may then “cut” their own Deck. If they do, they must present it to the opponent who must “cut” the Deck again and then present it back to the original owner. No additional randomisation may be done to the Deck after this point.

- By presenting your Deck to your opponent, you agree that you have sufficiently randomised your Deck and that your Deck is legal and matches your Deck List.

After both Decks have been shuffled and presented to the opponent, both Duelists should ensure that all Deck elements are placed in their respective zones.

Both Duelists should count out their Side Decks in view of their opponent, to confirm how many cards are there.

You are not required to keep your Side Deck on the table, it can be returned to the Deck box for safekeeping.

If the Side Deck is kept in the Deck box, the Deck box must be kept on the table in view of both Duelists.

## F. Determining Who Goes First

After both Decks have been shuffled, both Duelists should use a random method to decide who chooses to go first.

- You may roll a die, play Rock-Paper-Scissors, etc.

However, the method must be agreed upon and clearly understood by both Duelists beforehand.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>If a “high roll” will determine the deciding Duelist, all Duelists should clearly agree that the Duelist who rolls the highest number on the selected die or dice gets to choose whether or not to go first. If a die is used, both Duelists should use the same die.</i> |
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When a deciding Duelist has been selected, they will choose who goes first in Duel 1 of the Match. This decision must be made before **ANY** cards have been drawn, or any Duel play has begun.

If the deciding Duelist draws cards before stating who will go first, they must automatically go first. Drawing cards before deciding who will go first may result in a Warning penalty.

During Duel 2 or Duel 3 of the Match, the losing Duelist of the previous Duel will decide who may go first.

If the outcome of a Duel was determined by a Game Loss penalty, the Duelist assigned the penalty (the losing Duelist) may still determine who will go first for the next Duel.

In the case of a Duel ending in a Draw, another random method should be employed to choose the deciding Duelist.

## **G. Sleeves**

You may choose to use plastic card sleeves to protect your cards during the course of a tournament. All sleeves in the Main and Side Decks must be identical in terms of color, wear, and design, and all cards must be placed into sleeves in the same direction and manner.

- You may not “double sleeve” your Decks or any part of your Deck.
- Only one sleeve may be used on each card, which includes cards used as Tokens.
- You may have only one card in each sleeve. You may not have anything but that card in the sleeve.
- Sleeves with highly reflective backs are not allowed.
- Sleeves with holographic fronts are not allowed.
- Sleeves with designs or artwork on the **front** are not allowed.

Sleeves with artwork on the backs, provided that all sleeves are identical and of non-offensive nature, are allowed.

- The Head Judge will decide whether or not artwork on the back of sleeves is offensive.

You may choose to put your Extra Deck in sleeves that are different from the sleeves in your Main and Side Decks.

- **All other sleeve rules still apply for the Extra Deck.**

Sleeves with excessive wear, noticeable patterns, factory defects, or other identifying characteristics will be considered marked, and be disallowed by the Head Judge. You may also be subject to penalties. This is more stringently enforced at tournaments above Tier 1.

If you have a question about the legality of your sleeves, the Head Judge is the final arbiter as to whether or not your sleeves can be used in that tournament.

If you are unsure if your sleeves are marked, you should consult a Judge prior to the start of the tournament or as soon as the possible markings are discovered.



## H. Tournament Materials

You are responsible for providing all necessary tournament materials, including any dice, counters, Tokens, etc., required for your Deck.

| Tournament Material             | Description  |
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| <b>Paper and pencil/pen</b>     | You are required to have paper and a pencil or pen to track Life Points. You may not use electronic tablets or a similar writing surface that can be cleared, instead of paper. You may use calculators to help keep score, but a written record must also be kept on paper.   |
| <b>Replacement card sleeves</b> | You should have access to additional card sleeves, to replace any sleeves in your Deck that become damaged or otherwise marked during the course of the tournament.  |
| <b>Tokens</b>                   | <p>Anything used as a Token must meet the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It must be able to indicate ATK position and DEF position.</li> <li>• Non-token cards used as tokens must be marked as tokens, by writing “Token” on the face of the card itself. The word “Token” must be clearly and immediately visible, so as not to create a misleading game state.</li> <li>• Non-token cards that are specifically prohibited by Tournament Policy (such as non-token OCG cards not marked as Tokens, or cards not marked as Tokens that state they cannot be used in a Duel), cannot be used as tokens.</li> <li>• Items that could be mistaken for other game elements, are overly large, could damage cards or other tournament property, or contain offensive text or images cannot be used as tokens; even if they have been labeled as tokens.</li> <li>• The Head Judge will serve as the final arbiter of token legality.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Dice</b>                     | Dice must be unweighted, with clear and readable markings. Dice that are overly large, could damage cards or other tournament property, or contain offensive images or text cannot be used.  |
| <b>Counters</b>                 | Counters must be items that cannot be confused with other game elements. Items that are overly large, could damage cards or other tournament property, or contain offensive text or images cannot be used.   |
| <b>Field Center Marker</b>      | <p>You are encouraged to use a Field Center Marker, to clarify the position of cards on the field.</p> <p>Field Center markers cannot be items that could be confused for other game elements, such as Token cards, or other official Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG cards. Field Center markers that are overly large, could damage cards or other tournament property, or contain offensive text or images cannot be used.</p> <p>Both Duelists should agree on the Field Center prior to the start of the Match.</p>   |
| <b>Game Mat</b>                 | <p>Game Mats are not required for tournament play.</p> <p>Game mats must fit within the space allotted to you. Game mats that are overly large, could damage cards or other tournament property, or contain offensive text or images cannot be used.</p>   |

You are responsible to ensure that all tournament materials you bring to the event meet tournament-legal standards.

You are responsible for ensuring you do not damage cards or tournament property when using any of your tournament materials.

**The Head Judge will serve as the final arbiter of legality for all tournament materials.**

## I. Field Layout

While a Game Mat is not required in order to play, you are responsible for placing all of your cards and Deck elements according to the layout established by the current official field layout.

Specified locations include the Main Monster Zones, the Spell and Trap Zones, the Pendulum Zones, the Field Zone, the Extra Monster Zone, the Deck, the Extra Deck, and the Graveyard.

You may not create your own layouts. You may, however, modify layouts if it is necessary to meet physical needs such as an injury, left-handedness, etc., with the exception of Tier 4 tournaments.

If you need to modify the field layout, you are responsible for clearly notifying your opponent of the changes to the field.

You are required to maintain the positions of all cards as they are originally placed on the field, except when directed otherwise by a card effect.

Banished cards should be kept next to the Graveyard, in clear view of both Duelists.

Both Duelists are responsible for agreeing upon a Field Center prior to the start of the Match.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>Avoid collapsing your field in order to save space.</i>   |
|                 | <i>Do not shift cards from one zone to the next unless a card effect directs you to do so.</i>                                       |
|                 | <i>Do not put anything in a zone reserved for something else, such as putting tokens or your Side Deck into the Extra Deck Zone.</i> |
|                 | <i>Never place Banished cards underneath the Spell and Trap Zone.</i>  |
|                 | <i>It is careless to set your hand down on the field.</i>  |

## J. Note-Taking

Note-taking is not allowed in Sanctioned or Official Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG tournaments, with the following exceptions:

- You should keep a written record of both Duelists' Life Points for each Duel.
- Tracking of mandatory effect reminders.
- Tracking of turns and turn counters.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>A Duelist takes 1,000 points of damage to his Life Points. Both Duelists should write down the damage taken. Duelists may record the source of the damage, if done in a timely manner.</i> |
|                 | <i>A mandatory effect states that the Duelist may not draw a card during her next turn. The Duelist may make a written note reminding her of this.</i>  |
|                 | <i>A Duelist activates a card with a mandatory effect which lasts for 3 turns. Both Duelists should track on paper how many turns have passed after the card's activation.</i>                |

These notes should be taken quickly, so as not to disrupt the flow of the Duel. Notes are considered to be public knowledge and must be provided to opponent or tournament official upon request.

You may not use outside notes during a Match, which includes in between Games of a Match. You may consult a copy of your Deck List between Matches (not in between Games of a Match), to ensure you have restored your Main Deck, Side Deck, and Extra Deck to the proper condition.

#### **K. Game State**

“Game State” refers to all elements of the game – cards, field, hand, Graveyard, phase, turns, etc.

Both Duelists are responsible for maintaining the Game State, by clearly communicating with their opponent.

You are required to divulge any and all information that may be required to maintain a legal Game State.

#### **L. Public Knowledge**

The following information is considered to be public knowledge, unless a card effect states otherwise:

- Duelists may not refuse to answer questions about information that is Public Knowledge.
- **Lying about or refusing to answer questions about information that is Public Knowledge may result in a Disqualification penalty.**

Duelists must answer questions involving the following topics truthfully:

- The number of cards in a Duelist’s hand
- The number of cards in a Duelist’s Deck (this includes the Main Deck, Side Deck, and Extra Deck)
- The number and names of the cards in a Duelist’s Graveyard and face-up Banished cards
- Both Duelist’s current Life Point totals
- Any notes taken by either Duelist during a Duel
- Information printed on a specific card mentioned by name or otherwise clearly described
- Which cards were played during the current turn

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>The DEF of <b>Honest</b></i>                   |
|                 | <i>The printed effect of <b>Soul Exchange</b></i> |

## M. Private Knowledge

The following information is considered to be Private Knowledge, unless a card effect states otherwise:

- Information that is Private Knowledge may not be revealed by a Duelist except by a card effect
- Duelists may not answer questions about any game state information that is considered Private Knowledge
- The card contents still in the Deck (this includes the Main Deck, Side Deck, and Extra Deck)
- All cards that are face-down
- The cards in the opponent's hand
- Which card(s) the opponent Set/Summoned during a previous turn

**Giving false information about information that is considered Private Knowledge, or intentionally revealing information that is considered Private Knowledge, may result in a Disqualification penalty.**

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>A Duelist may not reveal that he has <b>Honest</b> in his hand unless he is legally activating the card at that time.</i>         |
|                 | <i>A Duelist may not reveal his Set <b>Mirror Force</b> unless he is legally activating the card at that time.</i>                   |
|                 | <i>A Duelist may not reveal a card in her Deck to her opponent, unless an effect requires her to do so.</i>                          |
|                 | <i>A Duelist cannot ask his opponent to reveal any of the opponent's face-down cards, unless directed to do so by a card effect.</i> |
|                 | <i>A Duelist cannot ask to look at one of her opponent's face-down cards, even if that card was face-up on a previous turn.</i>      |

## N. Card/Hand/Deck Verification

With the exception of cards selected by a search effect, you may not search or verify any of your opponent's Private Knowledge locations, such as hand, Deck contents, or face-down cards; unless you are otherwise directed to do so by a card effect.

You may not ask a Judge to search or verify your opponent's hand, Deck contents, or face-down cards unless there is supportable evidence that your opponent may be cheating or that there may be a valid Deck-related issue.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>Both Duelists are playing with the same color and type of sleeves. Duelist A notices that his total Deck count is short one card, while Duelist B's total Deck count is over by one card. A Judge should be contacted to help resolve the situation – Duelists should not look through each other's Deck.</i> |
|                 | <i>A Duelist activates the effect of <b>Mystic Tomato</b>. Upon searching his Deck, he realizes that he does not have a legal card to Special Summon. His opponent does not get to search the Main Deck to verify.</i>   |
|                 | <i>Duelist A activates the search effect of <b>Salamangreat Balelynx</b>, searches her Deck for <b>Salamangreat Sanctuary</b>, then shows it to her opponent before adding it to her hand.</i>   |

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|  | <p><i>During Game 1, Duelist A plays a Super Rare version of a Limited Spell Card. During Game 2, Duelist A plays a common version of the same Limited Spell card. His opponent notices that there appears to be two copies of a Limited card in Duelist A's Deck. It is appropriate to call a Judge to examine the Deck.</i></p>  |
|  | <p><i>Duelist A activates <b>The Forceful Checkpoint</b>, and sees only <b>Gemini Elf</b>, <b>Goblin Attack Force</b>, <b>Big Shield Gardna</b>, and <b>Skill Drain</b> in Duelist B's hand. Duelist A chooses <b>Goblin Attack Force</b>; Duelist B discards it and ends his Battle Phase. During Main Phase 2, Duelist B sets 2 cards in his Spell/Trap zone then ends his turn.</i></p> <p><i>Since Duelist A has seen that there was only one Trap card in Duelist B's hand, it is appropriate to call a Judge to investigate.</i></p> |
|  | <p><i>Duelist A activates <b>Mind Crush</b>, and declares <b>Effect Veiler</b>. Duelist B says she does not have <b>Effect Veiler</b> in her hand. Duelist A does not get to see Duelist B's hand to verify. Duelist A cannot call a Judge to verify Duelist B's hand unless there is supportable evidence that your opponent may be cheating or that there may be a valid Deck-related issue.</i></p>   |
|  | <p><i>Duelist A activates <b>Pot of Duality</b> and adds a revealed <b>Effect Veiler</b> to her hand. The game continues for several turns, and Duelist A does not use <b>Effect Veiler</b>. Duelist B activates <b>Mind Crush</b> and declares <b>Effect Veiler</b>. Duelist A states there is no <b>Effect Veiler</b> in her hand. Duelist B knows that <b>Effect Veiler</b> was added to Duelist A's hand and knows it has not been played. It is acceptable to call a Judge to investigate.</i></p>                                    |

## O. Appeals

If you disagree with a floor judge's ruling, whether it is a Rulings or Policy issue; you have the right to appeal that ruling to the Head Judge of the tournament.

- The Head Judge's ruling is final, and cannot be appealed.

You may not appeal a floor Judge's ruling until after the floor Judge has finished issuing the ruling.

You should wait until the floor Judge has issued the ruling, then respectfully inform the floor Judge that you wish to appeal the ruling.

- If you accept the floor Judge's ruling, you cannot ask to appeal that ruling later on during the game.

## P. Conceding a Game or Match

You may concede a Game or Match at any time **up until** the point that the Game or Match has concluded, during either Duelist's turn; but only by meeting these requirements:

- You may not offer or accept any sort of compensation in exchange for conceding a Game or Match.
- You may not concede a Game or Match after the Game or Match has already concluded.
  - **This means that once a Game or Match result is reached (a win, a loss, or a draw), that result cannot be changed.**

Duelists who concede in exchange for money, prizes, or other incentives are guilty of Bribery and/or Collusion, a violation of the Official KDE-E Tournament Penalty Guidelines.

Duelists who change the result of a Game or a Match are guilty of Altering the Result of a Game or Match, a violation of the Official KDE-E Tournament Penalty Guidelines.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>During Game 3 of a Match, Duelist A has a monster with 1,000 ATK in face-up Attack Position on the field. Duelist B is at 1,000 Life Points and does not have any cards on the field or hand, and no effects to activate to stop a direct attack. During the Battle Phase, before declaring an Attack, Duelist A may still concede the Match.</i> |
|                 | <i>If Duelist A declares an attack and the damage is dealt to bring Duelist B's Life Points to 0, a result has been reached and the Match may no longer be conceded.</i>   |
|                 | <i>Duelist A wins Game 3, therefore winning the Match. Duelist A realizes that he must drop from the event and head home. Even though Duelist A is dropping from the event and the Match Result Slip has not been completed yet, he may not concede the Match to his opponent, because the result of the Match has already been determined.</i>      |
|                 | <i>It is Duelist A's Main Phase 1 and she activates a card effect. Duelist B realizes that Duelist A has all of the cards needed to be able to bring his Life Points down to 0. Duelist B may concede the Game and proceed to the next Game. Duelist B does not need Duelist A's permission in order to concede.</i>                                 |

#### **Q. Bribery and/or Collusion**

The outcome of a Match may not be influenced by any outside incentives or additional prizes/compensation.

Offering or accepting a bribe is **against KDE-E Tournament Policy** and will result in a **Disqualification** from the event.

#### **R. Random Outcome**

Duelists or tournament officials may not randomly determine an outcome of a match, such as rolling a die.

**Failure to follow this rule will result in a Disqualification from the event.**

#### **S. Altering the Result of a Game or Match**

**Once the Game or Match has concluded, you may not concede or “give the win” to the opponent. This means that once a Game or Match result is reached (a win, a loss, or a draw), that result cannot be changed.**

Duelists who change the result of a Game or a Match are guilty of Altering the Result of a Game or Match, a violation of the Official KDE-E Tournament Penalty Guidelines.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>During Game 3 of a Match, a Duelist deals enough damage to bring his opponent's Life Points to 0. The Match has officially ended, with the Duelist as the winner. Even though the Match Result Slip has not been signed yet, the Duelist is no longer able to concede to his opponent because the Match now has an official result. Marking the losing Duelist as the winner may result in penalties, including Disqualification from the event.</i> |
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## **T. Intentional Draws**

Intentional Match Draws (both Duelists agreeing to end the Match as a Draw, rather than playing it out) are not allowed.

Matches cannot end in a Draw, outside of End of Round procedures.

## V. Reporting the Match Results

### A. Reporting the Match Result

The winning Duelist is responsible to accurately report the result of a Match. Most tournaments will provide printed Match Result Slips for you to use to report Match results, however some tournaments may require you to verbally confirm the Match result with a Judge or scorekeeper.

You should consult a Tournament Official if you are unsure of the proper procedure for reporting your Match result.

- **Match Results cannot be altered once they have been submitted.**

Verify the Match result carefully before submitting it.

### B. End of Match Procedures

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 his or her Side Deck. If time was called in between Games of a Match and at least one Duelist has already accessed his or her Side Deck, then both Duelists may use their Side Deck.
- Duelists must use a random method (die roll, rock paper scissors 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.



- 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:

- 1. 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.**

### C. Tie-Breakers

Sanctioned and Official events use a Tie-Breaker system to determine which Duelist ranks higher when both have the same number of Match Wins.

Duelists earn Points based on how well they perform during a Match.

| Outcome | Points |
|---------|--------|
| Win     | 3      |
| Draw    | 1      |
| Loss    | 0      |

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>A Duelist has completed 3 rounds of a tournament, and currently has 2 Wins and 1 Draw. The Duelist has 7 Points (3 Points for each Win, and 1 Point for each Draw). The Duelist's XX equals 7.</i> |
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Duelists are first ranked based on how many points they have accumulated during the course of a tournament. In addition to points, the Konami Tournament Software (KTS) uses a method to track how strong or weak your tournament schedule has been. It tracks the record of each of your opponents, and the record of your opponent's opponents to determine the final Tie-Breakers. This number can be portrayed as follows:

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| XX  | Total amount of Points the Duelist has earned during the course of the tournament |
| YYY | Your opponents' Match-win percentage (to the one tenth decimal)                   |
| ZZZ | Your opponent's opponents' Match-win percentage (to the one tenth decimal)        |

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| <b>Examples</b> | <p><i>A Duelist at a Yu-Gi-Oh! Championship Series event has a tie-breaker number of 33726677. The number breaks down as follows:</i></p> <p><b><u>33 (XX)</u></b>: <i>Total amount of points the Duelist earned during the tournament (33).</i></p> <p><b><u>726 (YYY)</u></b>: <i>His opponents' match-win percentage (72.6%).</i></p> <p><b><u>677 (ZZZ)</u></b>: <i>His opponent's opponents' match-win percentage (67.7%).</i></p> |
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On extremely rare occasions, two Duelists may finish a tournament with identical Tie-Breakers, leaving them tied for the same final standing.

If time permits, the Duelists should play another Match (or single Duel if time does not permit a full Match) to determine a winner.

In cases where there is no time for an additional Match or Duel, the Head Judge should do the following:

1. If the tied Duelists have already played against each other in the tournament, the winner of that Match will take the higher final standing.
2. If the tied Duelists have not already played against each other in the tournament, the Head Judge should use a random method such as a die roll to decide the final standing.
  - Please note this is different than randomly determining the outcome of a Match.

## VI. Tournament Infractions

Tournament Infractions occur when a participant in an event violates tournament policy.

Policy documents are intended to educate Duelists, Judges, and other tournament officials on correct and expected behavior at events.

The Official KDE-E Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME Tournament Policy document and the Official KDE-E Tournament Infractions and Penalties Policy document outline the appropriate code of behavior for all participants in an event.

Duelists, Judges, and other tournament officials share the responsibility for maintaining a fair and consistent event, by understanding and adhering to their roles in the event.

- All are expected to abide by the policies listed in both of the above documents.
- The Official KDE-E Tournament Infractions and Penalty Policy contains additional information to be used during all Sanctioned and Official tournaments.

### A. Procedural Errors

This category covers infractions involving the general errors in game play you might commit during the course of a Duel.

### B. Tardiness

This category covers infractions that prevent a you from beginning your match within the specified timeframe allowed by the tournament.

### C. Deck Errors

This category covers infractions associated with registering incorrect contents on a Deck List, or playing with an illegal Deck. If an error is caught prior to the start of the first round, it is acceptable (at the Head Judge's discretion) to correct the Deck List without applying a penalty.

### D. Drawing Extra Cards

This category covers infractions associated with drawing cards from the Deck outside of when you are allowed to do so.

### E. Marked Cards

This category covers infractions involving Marked Cards and/or sleeves. A card or sleeve is considered to be "marked" if it can be distinguished, while face-down, from the other cards contained in a Deck. It is your responsibility to maintain un-marked cards and sleeves throughout the duration of an event.

## **F. Slow Play**

This category covers infractions associated with the pace of your game. You are expected to play at a reasonable speed, regardless of the complexity of the game situation, and should not waste time during a Duel.

## **G. Unsporting Conduct**

This category covers infractions associated with inappropriate behavior from a person during an event. Unsporting Conduct infractions are considered to be intentional.

Persons who engage in unsporting conduct or behavior that endangers or detracts from the event, will be removed from the venue and be subject to additional penalties.

## **H. Cheating**

KDE-E shows no tolerance towards cheating and takes this infraction very seriously. Cheating includes, but is not limited to, intentionally misrepresenting the game state, rules, or tournament polices. It also includes reporting inaccurate information or lying to tournament officials.

The Head Judge will investigate persons suspected of cheating. If the Head Judge believes the person has cheated, the Head Judge will issue a Disqualification and send their report to the Konami Penalty Committee.

The Konami Penalty Committee will then review the incident and determine if any additional penalties are required.

## **I. Illegal Game/Match Outcomes**

Games and/or Matches cannot be determined by random methods (such as a die roll), or by bribery. The result of any Game and/or Match cannot be changed after the Game and/or Match has concluded.

## **J. Wagering**

Wagering of any kind is not permitted at a Sanctioned or Official Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG tournament. This includes, but is not limited to, both official and unofficial Matches or Games being played at a Sanctioned event.

## **K. Buying and Selling Cards and Other Items**

You should familiarise yourself with the rules on buying, selling, and trading at each venue, including the KDE-E event FAQs.

Most venues do not allow persons to buy and sell from one another. If you violate this policy, you risk incurring penalties, including being disqualified and removed from the venue.

## **L. Predatory Trading**

Predatory trading practices (targeting inexperienced or young Duelists for extremely unbalanced trades) are not tolerated. If you engage in such practices, you risk being removed from the venue and may be subject to additional penalties.

## **M. Prohibited Items**

Persons may not bring any items into the tournament venue that are prohibited by law in their area (local, state, or federal). In addition, unlawful items/transactions, weapons of any kind, and substance drugs which may be illegal on a local, state, and/or federal level, are not allowed at Sanctioned/Official events. Attendees who bring any such items to a tournament venue will incur penalties, including Disqualification and removal from the event, and risk suspension from KDE-E Organised Play.

The use of electronic and/or vapor cigarettes is not permitted on the tournament floor, or in areas designated for tournament attendees.

## **N. Privileged Information**

Persons who publicise privileged information, such as set contents, card spoilers, etc., for KDE-E brands before such information is officially released to the public, may incur penalties including suspension from participation in Organised Play and/or removal as an OTS.

## **O. Impersonation of Konami Employees or Representatives**

Persons who falsely present themselves as employees or representatives of Konami will incur penalties including suspension from Konami Organised Play, and/or removal as an OTS, etc.

## **P. Suspension from KDE Organised Play**

Persons who have been disqualified from an event are subject to review by the Konami Penalty Committee, to determine if further penalties will be assigned.

Disqualified persons are responsible for filling out a Disqualification form at the event, which provides them with the opportunity to tell their side of the story.

Disqualification reports will also be collected from the Head Judge, and any opponents, spectators, or other tournament officials who were involved or witness to the incident. Authors of disqualification reports may be contacted by KDE-E for further detail or clarification about the incident.

Disqualification reports will be reviewed by the Konami Penalty Committee, and the person(s) will be contacted with the committee's findings. In some instances, no further action will be considered necessary. In others, the person(s) may receive a suspension from Konami's Organised Play program.

Suspended persons who have provided a correct e-mail address will be notified of their suspension and the date on which they may apply for reinstatement into the Organised Play program. Persons who fail to provide a valid e-mail address or who decline to complete the proper paperwork are still subject to the

terms and length of any subsequent suspension, but risk not being contacted about the suspension and may risk extensions to their suspension if they attend an event while suspended.

- **A suspended person will not be automatically reinstated into Organised Play.**

On or after the date they are eligible for reinstatement, they must contact the KDE Penalty Committee at [eu-opsupport@konami.com](mailto:eu-opsupport@konami.com) to request reinstatement. Suspended persons who have requested reinstatement should then wait to be notified by the KDE Penalty Committee whether or not they have been reinstated.

**Even after the eligibility date has passed, persons are still considered to be suspended until they have both applied for reinstatement and received a notification from KDE-E that they have been reinstated to KDE Organised Play.**

Infractions do not need to have occurred inside the venue as long as it impacts or connects to a Sanctioned or Official event.

KDE-E reserves the right to suspend persons from the KDE Organised Play program for misbehavior not connected to a specific event.

Persons do not need to have been disqualified in order to warrant additional penalties from the KDE Penalty Committee.

If a person is charged with a criminal offense, whether or not that offense took place at a tournament, that person may be automatically entered into the Suspended Persons list and may no longer participate in KDE Organised Play.

A suspended person may not participate in or attend any Sanctioned or Official KDE Organised Play event, until such a time as they have been reinstated as a person in good standing. This includes all tiers of events, such as locals, Sneak Peeks, Regional Qualifiers, etc.

Persons with questions about their status may e-mail [eu-opsupport@konami.com](mailto:eu-opsupport@konami.com) for more information.

## VII. Constructed Deck Information

### A. General

Constructed Decks for Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG tournaments must meet specific guidelines for use in the event. You must ensure that your Decks meet these requirements before entering an event.

- Your Deck includes the Main Deck, and may include a Side Deck and/or an Extra Deck.
- You may not have more than three (3) copies of any card included in your Main Deck, Side Deck, and Extra Deck combined.

Yu-Gi-Oh! cards that are not registered on your Deck List as part of the Main Deck, Side Deck, or Extra Deck may not be kept with your Deck (in the Deck box, calculator case, in or around your play area, etc.) with the exception of cards used and clearly marked as Tokens.

The following are some examples of cards that may not be kept with your Deck:

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>“Lucky” or mascot cards</i>            |
|                 | <i>Cards used as Translations</i>         |
|                 | <i>Cards recently received in a trade</i> |

### B. Main Deck

Constructed Main Decks for Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG events must have a minimum of 40 cards, and a maximum of 60 cards.

Only the cards in the Main Deck count towards this total; cards in the Side or Extra Decks do not count towards this total.

### C. Side Deck

In a Constructed Tournament, you may use a Side Deck consisting of 0 to 15 cards in addition to your Main Deck.

When the Match begins, you and your opponent must both confirm the exact number of cards in each other’s Side Deck.

Side Deck cards may be exchanged for cards in the Main Deck or the Extra Deck between Duels in a Match, on a 1-for-1 basis.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>A Duelist may remove five cards from their Main Deck and two cards from their Extra Deck before the start of the next Duel in a Match, and replace them with the exact same number of cards from the Side Deck.</i> |
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If the Side Deck is used between Duels, the Side Deck should be counted out in full view of the opponent, to show that the Side Deck remains the same size as was confirmed before the Match began.

Cards cannot be exchanged between the Main Deck and Extra Deck, even if you are keeping those cards in your Side Deck.

After each round of a tournament, both Duelists must remove all Side Deck cards and restore their Main and Extra Decks to their original state before the next Match begins.

You may not add cards to your Main Deck from your Side Deck before the first Duel in a Match.

If the first Duel in a match is decided by a Game Loss penalty before the Duel has begun, neither Duelist may use their Side Decks before the second Duel of the match.

#### **D. Extra Deck**

You may have an Extra Deck of up to 15 Fusion, Synchro, Xyz, or Link Monsters.

Fusion, Synchro, Xyz, or Link Monsters are never kept in the Main Deck.

#### **E. Advanced Format**

Advanced Format tournaments use a specific list of playable cards, called the Forbidden and Limited List. Some cards are forbidden from use, or limited to a set number in the Deck, in order to better balance tournament play. The Forbidden and Limited List changes periodically.

- Please see the Card Legality section of this Tournament Policy document for more information on the Forbidden and Limited List.

You can view the most current Forbidden and Limited List (Advanced Format) card list by visiting the appropriate link:

| Region             | Link  |
|--------------------|---|
| European & Oceanic | <a href="https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=1155">https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=1155</a> |

#### **F. Traditional Format**

Traditional Format events use a wider card pool, and allow all cards that are legal for play. Some cards are still limited to a set number in the Deck.

You can see the most current Forbidden and Limited List (Traditional Format) card list by visiting this link:

| Language      | Link  |
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| North America | <a href="https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=1155">https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=1155</a> |

#### **G. Special Formats**

KDE-E will periodically create new and unique tournament formats that can be run as Sanctioned or Official events. 3 vs. 3, Tag Duels, Generation Duels, Speed Duel, etc., fall under this category



## VIII. Sealed Deck Information

### A. General

Sealed Deck events feature Decks that are constructed entirely of cards provided at that tournament. You may not add in cards from any other source, unless instructed that you may do so by a Judge (e.g. Sneak Peek promos).

Unlike Constructed Decks, Sealed Deck tournaments have no restrictions on the number of any specific card in the Deck. You may include as many copies of any card you like, even more than three, provided all copies of those cards were obtained from the product given to you for that tournament.

The minimum Main Deck size in any Sealed Deck event should never be less than 20 cards. The minimum Main Deck size may be raised to a higher number if announced ahead of time before the scheduled event.

There is no maximum Main Deck size.

### B. Sealed Pack

You will receive a standardized amount of a specific card product, and will use only the product given for that event to construct a Deck. You may not trade the cards you received in their product with other Duelists until the tournament is over, and you may not add cards you already own.

### C. Sealed Pack Swap

In certain Sealed Pack events, the Tournament Organiser or Head Judge may require you to perform a Deck Swap before constructing your Decks.

You will be required to register the contents of the card pool that you open on a Deck List. Once this has been completed, Judges will randomly distribute the registered product to all Duelists.

If you choose to drop from the tournament before completing the Deck Swap, you will be enrolled in the first round, receive a Match Loss for the first round, and then be dropped from the tournament.

### D. Booster Draft

Card product will be shared amongst a specific group of Duelists, and you will select cards and build your Decks from that product according to the format dictated by the Judge.

Cards may not be traded or exchanged with other Duelists once they have been selected.

### E. Side Deck & Extra Deck for Sealed Deck Events

| Deck       | Description   |
|------------|---|
| Side Deck  | Any cards not included in the Sealed Main Deck or Extra Deck may be treated as the Side Deck.                   |
| Extra Deck | Any Fusion, Synchro, Xyz, or Link Monster Cards that are not in the Side Deck may be treated as the Extra Deck. |

## IX. Card Legality

### A. Forbidden & Limited List

The Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG utilises an evolving Forbidden and Limited list which you must follow when creating your Advanced or Traditional format Decks. This list is updated periodically throughout the year, and the most current list can be found here: <https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=1155>

There is no set schedule for these updates, be sure to check the list prior to attending a Sanctioned or Official Constructed event.

| Restriction               | Description  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Forbidden Cards</b>    | These are cards that you cannot include in your Main Deck, Side Deck, and Extra Deck.                              |
| <b>Limited Cards</b>      | These are cards that you can only include one (1) copy of in your Main Deck, Side Deck, and Extra Deck combined.   |
| <b>Semi-Limited Cards</b> | These are cards that you can only include two (2) copies of in your Main Deck, Side Deck, and Extra Deck combined. |

### B. Sets

Cards released in sets are legal upon the official release date of the booster packs, or in the case of OTS Tournament Packs, on the start date for the prizing product.

Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG expansions become tournament legal at different times, depending upon where they are released. A set only becomes legal once it has been released in a specific country. Legality dates will differ for North America, Latin America, Europe, and Oceania – you should always verify that cards are legal for play in your specific territory, and not rely on legality dates for other areas.

- For legality dates of a product release in your territory, please visit your “Products” section of <http://www.yugioh-card.com>.

**Even though OTS have the ability to sell product one day earlier than the official street release date, that product is not tournament legal until the official release date.**

### C. Promotional Cards (excluding SHONEN JUMP and Yu-Gi-Oh! Graphic Novel)

Video Game promo cards are legal starting with the official “on sale” date for that video game within that Region.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Championship Series (YCS) prize cards become legal on a Continent once a YCS or WCQ awarding that card has been held on that continent. A Continent is defined by the World Championship Qualifier (WCQ) that a Duelist’s Regional Qualifier feeds into.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>South Africa will participate in the European WCQ, even though South Africa is geographically considered part of the African continent.</i> |
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#### D. SHONEN JUMP and Yu-Gi-Oh! Graphic Novel Promotional Cards

Promo cards from Weekly SHONEN JUMP digital magazine, and the Yu-Gi-Oh! Graphic Novels are legal only on Continent(s) where they have been officially released. If a promo card is reprinted (such as in a booster set, Structure Deck, Tin, etc.) then it becomes legal for use, no matter how it was originally released.

- Cards obtained inside SHONEN JUMP Magazine & Graphic Novels are considered released on the official newsstand date or on sale date of the Magazine/Graphic Novel.
- Cards obtained as subscription promos\* for Weekly SHONEN JUMP Magazine are legal one week after the **Expected Delivery Date** for the promo, which can be found on VIZ's website here: <https://www.viz.com/wsj-promo>.  
(Please note there are two dates for each card on this website, make sure you are looking at the **Expected Delivery Date**).

Subscription promo cards cannot be used in Sanctioned events prior to the legality date as described above, even if they are received early.

\*These subscription promos are only available if you are a resident of US or Canada, and tournament legal dates apply only to sanctioned North American events.

- SHONEN JUMP Magazine & SHONEN JUMP Alpha cards are NOT legal for play in Europe, Oceania, Central, or South America, as SHONEN JUMP Magazine & SHONEN JUMP Alpha is not officially distributed there. If a SHONEN JUMP and/or Graphic Novel card has been released in another product, then that card is legal for play.
- Yu-Gi-Oh! Graphic Novel cards are ONLY legal for play in Europe, Oceania, Central, or South America if that Graphic Novel was officially distributed there. (This is rare.)

#### E. Preview Cards

Cards from an upcoming set that are distributed before the set is released become legal on the official release date of the prerelease product.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>Collectible Tins</i>       |
|                 | <i>Special Edition Promos</i> |

#### F. Duel Terminal Cards

Cards obtained from the United States Duel Terminal sets are only legal if they have been released in another product. Cards exclusive to the Duel Terminals are not legal for play in Sanctioned or Official events.

#### G. Reprints

Individual cards that are reprints of cards that are already legal (whether or not the artwork or rarity is different) are legal for play as soon as they are available.

## H. Cards with Updated Text or Errata

Cards will occasionally undergo an errata or updated text.

You are not required to play versions of cards with the most recent text, however you are required to play all copies of your cards according to the most recent text.

You should provide a printed copy of the most recent text of any updated card, if you are playing with versions having older text.

The most recently updated text for all cards can be found in the official Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME Card Database at: <https://www.db.yugioh-card.com/yugiohdb/>

- It is your responsibility to ensure you know the most recent text for all cards in your Deck.

## I. Foreign Language Cards

TCG cards printed in English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, or Spanish are legal for play in Sanctioned and Official tournaments within all TCG territories. If you want to use a foreign language card, you must verify that the card was printed for the TCG (and not the OCG).

When using a card that is not in a local language, a local-language version of the card or a printed version of an accurate card translation (of the latest text) must be available **outside of the Deck** to show to an opponent or tournament official as needed. Alternatively, an official translation written down or printed is acceptable. For English language cards, you are not required to have an official translation.

You are responsible for providing an accurate reference, and may incur a penalty if you provide an incomplete or inaccurate translation.

- **Cards used for translations may not be kept inside the Deck box.**
- **Electronic images such as cell phone pictures, websites, etc., may not be used for translation purposes.**

If you are using foreign language cards in your Deck, you must use the printed name of the card instead of the translated name when you are writing out your Deck list (if applicable). This ensures that the Judge staff is able to know which card you are playing in your Deck.

## J. OCG Cards

Cards printed for the Asian version of Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG (which is called the “Yu-Gi-Oh! Official Card Game” or “OCG”) are usually printed in Japanese or Korean, and are legal for play only in Sanctioned events in Japan and parts of Asia. While OCG cards are sometimes available in other languages, including English, they are not legal for Sanctioned play in TCG territories (such as North America, Central America, South America, Europe, New Zealand, and Australia).

You can tell the difference between a TCG card and an OCG card by checking the set number of the card: Asian English cards will include AE in their set name.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>CRMS-AE035</i> |
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## K. Altered Cards

Cards that have been altered from their original appearance with surface decoration may only be used for tournament play **ONLY** if they do not violate any of the following rules.

**These rules apply to all cards in the Deck, including Main, Side, and Extra.**

- Cards that have been modified (by adding or subtracting foil, layers of paper, etc.) from the originally manufactured version of the card are not legal for tournament play.
- Cards with surface decoration that makes the card or card image unrecognisable are not legal for tournament play.
- Cards with surface decoration that alters the thickness or texture of the card are not legal for tournament play.
- Cards with surface decoration that obscures any portion of the card text are not legal for tournament play.
- Cards with surface decorations expanding the illustration beyond the illustration box are not legal for tournament play.
- Cards with surface decoration that may be considered offensive are not legal for tournament play.
- Cards with surface decoration that makes the card distinguishable from other cards in the Deck while face-down are considered marked, and not legal for tournament play.
- Cards with alterations of any kind, front or back, are not legal for Tier 4 tournaments (the Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG World Championship).

The Head Judge of the event has final arbitration on whether or not an altered card(s) violates any of the above rules.

You are responsible for determining whether or not your altered cards are legal for use before the start of the tournament.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>A Duelist has a copy of <b>Judgment Dragon</b> in which the art has been extended beyond the illustration box. The Duelist may not play with this card.</i>   |
|                 | <i>A Duelist has a copy of a <b>Blade Armor Ninja</b> that has been customized into a Secret Rare copy of the card. The Duelist may not play with this card.</i>   |
|                 | <i>A Duelist has a copy of <b>Spore</b> that has had slight alterations done to the card image with a marker. The Duelist must ask the Head Judge if the alterations on the card fall within the policy, and abide by the Head Judge's decision.</i> |
|                 | <i>A Duelist has a copy of <b>Tyrant Dragon</b> that has had a layer of holographic film added to the surface of the card, to make it look like a Duel Terminal card. The Duelist may not play with this card.</i>                                   |
|                 | <i>A Duelist has a copy of <b>Honest</b> with a large autograph covering the text. The Duelist may not play with this card.</i>  |

## L. Marked Cards

A card is considered to be “marked” if it can be distinguished from other cards in the Deck without seeing the front of the card.

This includes (but is not limited to) warping, creases, discoloration, card thickness or texture, and water-marks.

If the cards are sleeved, “marked” includes (but is not limited to) sleeves with identifying marks or other unique characteristics that distinguish it from other cards in the Deck.

If you are using sleeves to protect your cards, you should take extra precautions to ensure that your sleeves do not become marked during the course of a tournament.

If the Head Judge determines that your sleeves are marked, they may require you to re-sleeve your Deck.

If the Head Judge determines that your cards are marked, they may require you to replace the marked card(s) during the course of a tournament.

If you cannot replace the card(s) before your next Match begins, appropriate tardiness penalties at three (3) minutes and ten (10) minutes will begin to apply, since you no longer have a Deck that matches your registered Deck list and you are not ready to begin the Match.

These tardiness penalties are **in addition to** the penalties that were applied for Marked Cards.

If you cannot replace the card(s), or choose not to replace the card by the 10-minute mark in the Match, you will need to be dropped from the tournament.

If you do not wish to be dropped from the tournament, you must notify the Scorekeeper.

You will need to concede the following Match to your opponent, until you are able to replace the cards.

On extremely rare occasions, you may pull a damaged, miscut or warped card, which can be distinguished from the rest of the Deck while face-down, directly from a product. Even though the cards came in this condition, these cards are considered to be marked and cannot be used in a Deck.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>An older card that is noticeably flimsy</i>  |
|                 | <i>A ‘warped’ card</i>  |
|                 | <i>A card that may have been accidentally bent during the tournament</i>  |
|                 | <i>Sleeves with manufacturer’s holograph trademark in different positions</i>   |
|                 | <i>Cards in sleeves that are too big, causing the cards to shift around in the sleeves</i>                              |
|                 | <i>Cards with yellowed edges</i>  |
|                 | <i>Cards sleeved with sleeves from different packs</i>  |
|                 | <i>Sleeves that have acquired dirt, bends, frays, etc.</i>  |
|                 | <i>Re-sleeved cards that look newer than the previously sleeved cards</i>   |
|                 | <i>Cards that become warped during the event due to humidity, etc.</i>  |
|                 | <i>Cards pulled from a pack that are creased or bent</i>  |
|                 | <i>Sleeves with an irregular manufacturing defect on any of the sides</i>   |
|                 | <i>Cards that are positioned at the top of the sleeve while other cards in the deck are at the bottom of the sleeve</i> |

## M. Misprint Cards

On extremely rare occasions, you may pull a miscut or misprinted card from a product.

These cards are not considered to be tournament legal if they are distinguishable from other cards in the Deck while face-down (marked). If the miscut or misprinted card is not distinguishable from other cards in the Deck while face-down, it is tournament legal assuming all of the information that the card should provide is readily available.

- You must play misprinted cards as if they have the correct information printed on them.

You must provide an accurate, local-language copy of the latest version of the correct card text, or a correct local-language copy of the card to show to opponents or tournament officials.

Cards used to supply the proper card text must be kept outside your Deck or Deck box.

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| <b>Examples</b> | <i>A Duelist is playing with a card without a card name printed on it. This card is only tournament legal if the Duelist provides a local-language version of the card text available outside of the Deck to show to an opponent or tournament official.</i>   |
|                 | <i>A Duelist is playing with a card that has the wrong card name or statistic printed on it. The Duelist must play the card as if it had the correct card name and statistics, and must provide a correct local-language copy of the card or an accurate local-language copy of the correct card text to opponents and tournament officials.</i> |
|                 | <i>A Duelist is playing with a card that has been miscut, making it smaller than the other cards in her Deck. This card is considered marked, and she cannot use it in her Deck.</i>   |
|                 | <i>A Duelist is playing with a card that has been too heavily stamped with foil, which has raised the name of the card on the back of the card. This card is considered marked, and he cannot play with this card.</i>   |

## N. Counterfeit Cards

Counterfeit cards (fake cards that are created by third-party companies that can resemble officially released cards) cannot be used in your Deck in a Sanctioned or Official tournament.

Even if you own an official copy of the card, you cannot include counterfeit cards in your Deck.

If you have information regarding the sale and distribution of counterfeit cards, you should e-mail all relevant information to [yugioh@konami-europe.net](mailto:yugioh@konami-europe.net) (Europe and Oceania).

## O. Proxy Cards

Proxies (cards used to represent a different card) are not allowed in Sanctioned or Official events. Photocopies, cards that have been relabeled, etc., are considered “proxies” and cannot be used in your Deck in a Sanctioned or Official tournament. **This includes Tier 1 events.**

Even if you own an official copy of the card, you cannot include proxy cards in your Deck.

## I. Contact Information

### A. Contact Information

For questions please e-mail:

| Topic                                     | E-Mail   |
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| Organised Play                            | <a href="mailto:eu-opsupport@konami.com">eu-opsupport@konami.com</a>   |
| Customer Support (all other inquiries)    | <a href="mailto:yugioh@konami-europe.net">yugioh@konami-europe.net</a> |
| Konami Judge Program (Europe and Oceania) | <a href="mailto:eu-opsupport@konami.com">eu-opsupport@konami.com</a>   |
| KDE Penalty Committee                     | <a href="mailto:eu-opsupport@konami.com">eu-opsupport@konami.com</a>   |

### B. Resources

| Resource                                   | Links   |
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| Konami Card Game Network (KCGN)            | <a href="https://cardgame-network.konami.net/">https://cardgame-network.konami.net/</a>   |
| Suspended Persons List                     | <a href="https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=785">https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=785</a>   |
| Official Web Site                          | <a href="https://www.yugioh-card.com/">https://www.yugioh-card.com/</a>   |
| Rule Book (EN, SP, PT, FR, IT, DE)         | <a href="https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=789">https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=789</a>   |
| Registration Form (EN)                     | <a href="https://img.yugioh-card.com/en/events/forms/KDE_RegistrationSheet.pdf">https://img.yugioh-card.com/en/events/forms/KDE_RegistrationSheet.pdf</a>                       |
| Deck List (EN)                             | <a href="https://img.yugioh-card.com/ygo_cms/ygo/all/uploads/constructed_deck_list_uk.pdf">https://img.yugioh-card.com/ygo_cms/ygo/all/uploads/constructed_deck_list_uk.pdf</a> |
| Deck List (SP)                             | <a href="https://img.yugioh-card.com/lat-am/events/forms/KDE_DeckList.pdf">https://img.yugioh-card.com/lat-am/events/forms/KDE_DeckList.pdf</a>                                 |
| Deck List (PT)                             | <a href="https://img.yugioh-card.com/lat-am/pt/events/forms/KDE_DeckList-PT.pdf">https://img.yugioh-card.com/lat-am/pt/events/forms/KDE_DeckList-PT.pdf</a>                     |
| Forbidden & Limited List                   | <a href="https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=1155">https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=1155</a>   |
| SHONEN JUMP Subscription Promo Information | <a href="https://www.viz.com/wsj-promo">https://www.viz.com/wsj-promo</a>   |
| Yu-Gi-Oh! Card Database                    | <a href="https://www.db.yugioh-card.com/yugiohdb/">https://www.db.yugioh-card.com/yugiohdb/</a>   |