

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
2023 OTS Championships
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I. Basic Information

What are OTS Championships?

OTS Championships are Tier 2 tournaments in which Duelists compete to earn invites to the WCQ: EU / OC Championship (henceforth “WCQ”), along with exclusive prizes. Participants in OTS Championships are held to the highest standards of sportsmanship and are expected to be fully prepared for the event.

Where and when are the OTS Championships?

A list of dates and locations for currently scheduled OTS Championship events can be found online at <http://yugioh-card.com> (section “Events”). New dates will be added to the calendar on a regular basis.

You can also use the NEURON app to locate OTS Championships that are close to you via the events section.

What is the format for OTS Championship tournaments?

OTS Championships are always run as Advanced Constructed.

OTS Championships will be run using Swiss Format, which means all Duelists will play a set number of rounds determined by the number of Duelists enrolled in the tournament. Duelists are not eliminated during the event.

Swiss Rounds for the 2023 WCQ: OTS Championships Season

Number of Participants*	Number of Swiss Rounds
4 – 8	3 Rounds of Swiss
9 – 16	4 Rounds of Swiss
17 – 32	5 Rounds of Swiss
33 – 64	6 Rounds of Swiss
65 – 128	7 Rounds of Swiss
129 - 256	8 Rounds of Swiss
257 - 512	9 Rounds of Swiss

The Tournament Organiser can choose to run a single-elimination playoff after those Swiss rounds, but qualifications and OTS Championships-specific prizes will always be given out based on standings after Swiss.

What is the attendance capacity for the OTS Championships?

Due to health, safety and fire regulations, each OTS Championship has a seating capacity listed on the OTS Championship events page. It is advised that you arrive early enough to register for the OTS Championship so that you can ensure a spot in the event.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the Tournament Organiser directly using the email address available on the events section.

Please also ensure that you are aware of the latest Health and Safety regulations of your country due to the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic. We advise Tournament Organisers and Duelists read the Covid-19 Policy Addendum, [here](#).

How much does it cost to enter an OTS Championship?

Tournament Organisers are recommended to sell 2 to 5 Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG Booster Packs for entry at these events.

What are the prizes for OTS Championship tournaments?

In addition to the recommended Booster Packs awarded for participation, the prize distribution is as follows:

- The winner of the OTS Championship receives an OTS Championship Game Mat
- Top 4 Duelists each receive a 2023 WCQ: EU / OC Championship Invite
- At the Tournament Organisers discretion, the above prizes may be supplemented with additional Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG product or accessories – for participation and placement prizes

How many Duelists earn invites at a OTS Championship?

Qualifications to the 2023 WCQ: EU / OC Championship are awarded after the final round of Swiss. Qualifications are fixed to the Top 4 of the Event.

Duelists who earn a qualification will also be able to find their CARD GAME ID in the 2023 WCQ: EU / OC Championship invite list within 2-8 weeks after the completion of the event they qualified in.

A list of qualified Duelists can be found at <http://www.yugioh-card.com/>. Navigate to the “Events” Section of the website and select the OTS Championship page.

Duelists that qualify to the 2023 WCQ: EU / OC Championship and have linked their CARD GAME ID with NEURON will get a direct notification on NEURON informing them of their qualified status. To receive this notification, it is required that Duelists have linked NEURON linked to their CARD GAME ID that they used to play in the OTS Championship.

Who can participate in an OTS Championship tournament?

Anyone can participate in an OTS Championship event, unless they are suspended from official Yu-Gi-Oh! Organised Play or are a tournament official associated with the OTS Championship. This includes, but is not limited to, the Judge Staff, Scorekeeper, Registration Staff, and Tournament Organiser.

- [Suspended](#) persons are displayed on each Tournament Organisers KCGN Portal page. Persons that have been suspended before and are not aware of their suspension status must email eu-penaltysupport@konami.com to confirm if they are in good standing. Reinstatement to good standing does not happen automatically
- OTS Championships are open to players from foreign countries
- OTS Championships are open to players who already hold an invitation to the World Championship Qualifiers
- Tournament Organisers retain the right to refuse entry to players who have engaged in criminal behaviour, such as theft or violent conduct

Can I play in more than one OTS Championships?

Duelists can compete in any number of OTS Championships, regardless if they have already earned an invite.

Where can I find out about how personal data will be used?

Events will be run in accordance with our privacy notice.

You can find more information here:

<https://coverage.yugioh-card.com/konami-digital-entertainment-b-v-tournament-privacy-notice-consumer-shows/>

II. Preparing for the event

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

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

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

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

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

Duelists may link the NEURON phone app with their KONAMI ID. This will allow quick access to the Duelists KCGN ID. This also provides additional benefits, such as notifications of qualification status, and online reservation (where offered by the host OTS).

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

You will also need a Deck List. A Deck List is required to participate in the OTS Championship. You can get a Deck List form at the event when you register, or you can download one to fill out ahead of time by clicking on this link: http://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/rulings/constructed_deck_list.pdf. Write the name of each card in full and write down how many copies you have in your Deck.

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

In some cases, where offered by the host OTS, players may submit their Deck List digitally. This can be done using the NEURON smartphone app.

Please check with the Head Judge for additional instructions on the Deck List collection process.

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

Before heading to the event, all Duelists should read over the KDE Tournament Policy and Penalty Guidelines carefully. These documents tell you what you can and cannot do at an event and give you a good idea of what to expect. You may find these Guidelines, [here](#).

When you compete in a OTS Championship tournament, you'll be held to high standards of play and sportsmanship. You should know how the cards in your Deck work, and should take great care to prepare your Deck, sleeves, and Deck List. Duelists must pay attention to information from judges and/or tournament staff in order to understand what is going on. Duelists are expected to know and understand the information provided in the above policies and guidelines while at a OTS Championship or any Sanctioned event.

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OTS Championships are excellent places to test your skills, learn more about deck building and strategy, and see how well you match up against the other Duelists in your area.

What will I need to bring to an OTS Championship tournament?

You must bring a tournament-legal Deck as described above, along with any tournament supplies you will need, such as paper and pen to track Life Points, dice, Field Center Cards or counters if you are using cards which require them.

Extra sleeves to replace any that become damaged, and so forth might be necessary. If you have a CARD GAME ID number, you should bring your number and barcode. You'll also need the entry fee for the tournament, as well as money for your incidentals (food, drink, Public Events, etc.). If you win a qualification to the 2023 WCQ: EU / OC Championship, the Tournament Organiser will require you to provide a form of legal identification, so bring a passport, school ID, driver's license or similar.

I want to judge at an OTS Championship, how can I volunteer?

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

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

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

If you do not have a CARD GAME ID number, you can get one at the event by requesting it to the Tournament Organiser. You may also download the NEURON app and register for a KONAMI ID. Doing so will award you with a CARD GAME ID. If you already have a CARD GAME ID number but do not remember the 10-digits, a registration staff member on-site may be able to assist in finding your correct ID. Duelists should avoid acquiring new CARD GAME IDs if the previous ID can be found.

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

Duelists must check with the Tournament Organiser if they require to turn in a completed Deck List in order to participate. Please check with the onsite Tournament Organiser for additional information regarding the Deck List collection process. Duelists can download the official KDE Deck List at http://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/rulings/constructed_deck_list.pdf.

In some cases, an OTS may offer Deck List registration using the NEURON app. Please check with the host OTS whether this is an option.

Duelists are encouraged to complete their Deck List before arriving at the tournament.

What cards are legal for play?

Please check the "Products" page online at <http://www.yugioh-card.com> for an updated look at the legality dates of Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME product releases, **prior to preparing your Deck for the event.**

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

Can I use OCG cards in my Deck?

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

Can I use foreign language cards in my Deck?

You can 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, kept outside of your Deck, when asked to do so by an opponent or tournament official.

Duelists may also use NEURON to scan and translate cards and show them to their opponent.

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

Your best resource for answers about a specific OTS Championship event is the contact listed in the list of OTS Championship dates and locations, as posted on www.yugioh-card.com. KONAMI won't be able to answer questions such as "How do I get to the venue?", "Where should I park?", "When does registration start?", and so forth. For questions such as these, you will need to contact the Tournament Organiser directly.

If you have more general questions about OTS Championships, you can send them to eu-opsupport@konami.com. Please be as detailed as possible, so we can try to provide you with the answers you're seeking!

III. At the Tournament

Will there be Public Events?

Some OTS Championships may offer additional Public Events. Check with the Tournament Organiser to find out.

How long will the OTS Championship tournament last?

The number of Swiss rounds is determined by the number of Duelists enrolled in the tournament. Rounds in the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME are 40 minutes long. Since you can play all rounds in a Swiss tournament, you should expect to be at the event for several hours.

What happens if I am not done with my Match during the WCQ OTS Championship after 40 minutes?

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

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

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

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

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

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

Neither Duelist may use 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, coin flip, etc.) to determine who will go first.

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

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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:

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.

Can I buy and sell cards from other participants at the event?

Duelists must check with the Tournament Organiser what is their policy regarding buying or selling cards in their venues.

I would like to provide feedback to KONAMI concerning the OTS Championship I attended, who should I contact?

If you attended one of our OTS Championships and would like to send us feedback, you are welcome to send us an e-mail to eu-opsupport@konami.com. Please use the subject "OTS Championship 2023 WCQ: feedback" when sending in feedback regarding an event.

IV. Qualifications to the EU / OC Championship

How and when will I receive my invite?

A list of Duelists who have earned qualifications to the 2023 WCQ: EU / OC Championship will be posted online. A list of qualified Duelists can be found at <http://www.yugioh-card.com/>. Check the “Events” section for this.

- Duelists that have linked their CARD GAME ID with a KONAMI ID will receive a notification within the NEURON app – Duelists must ensure they’ve played with the same ID they have linked in their NEURON app
- Duelists will not receive an invite or certificate via email
- Duelists will not be required to present any kind of physical invite in order to enter the 2023 WCQ: EU / OC Championship
- KONAMI will be available at the 2023 WCQ: EU / OC Championship to resolve qualification issues (such as; missing invites)
- Duelists First Name, Last Initial, CARD GAME ID and Qualification Tournament will be added to the list of qualified players, and that is proof that they qualified

If you have a question about your qualification status, you can email eu-opsupport@konami.com and enquire. Please provide your **full name**, **CARD GAME ID number**, and the **date** and **location** of the event at which you qualified, along with your question, so we can answer you quickly and efficiently.

Please remember that qualification status information isn’t automatically or instantly updated, so you should allow approximately 2-8 weeks after the conclusion of your event for results to be posted from your tournament.

I earned an invite in the 2020 WCQ Season do I keep it for the 2023 WCQ: WCQ Season?

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Duelists that earned an invite during the 2020 WCQ Season will keep their invite for the 2023 WCQ: EU / OC Championship. Duelists that are Qualified will see their CARD GAME ID on the official [Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG Website](#). Duelists that have linked their CARD GAME ID with a KONAMI ID and have NEURON installed on their devices – with the linked data – will receive a notification informing them of their invite status.

Invites earned during the 2020 Season as well as the 2022 WCQ: Season are valid for the 2023: WCQ EU / OC Championship.

Events leading up to end of June 2022 WCQ: award invites to the 2023: WCQ EU / OC Championship.

Example: Since DIFO OTS Championships are taking place in July, they will only award an invite to the 2023: WCQ EU / OC Championship, not the 2022: EU / OC Championship.

Will the 2023 WCQ: OTS Championships award World Qualifying Points? ***update***

More information to be provided soon.

How do I know how many points I have and if I’ve qualified for the WQP Playoff? ***update***

Duelists will be able to check their WQP point history in the [Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG Website](#). Please note that this list is not yet available and will be available in the coming weeks.

Will WCQ qualifications “pass down” if someone who has already earned an invite earns another one? ***Update***

No pass down’s will be awarded for the 2023 WCQ: Season events. This includes OTS Championships.

Example:

Duelist 1 has an invite to the 2023 WCQ: EU Championship already

Duelist 2, 3 and 4 do not have an invite yet

Duelist 2, 3, and 4 reach the top 4 of the OTS Championship

Duelist 1, 2, 3 and 4 are allocated an invite

Duelist 5 does not get an invite, even if all 4 Duelists already have an invite

How do qualifications to the 2023 WCQ: EU / OC Dragon Duel Championship work? ***Update***

The 2023 WCQ: EU / OC Dragon Duel Championship is open entry to all players born 2009 or later.

If a player born 2009 or later earns a WCQ: EU / OC Championship invite at a OTS Championship, they can choose to participate in **either** the 2023 WCQ: EU / OC Championship **or** the 2023 WCQ: EU / OC Dragon Duel Championship (Duelists do not need an invite to participate in the 2023 WCQ: EU / OC Dragon Duel Championship), which will both take place on the same weekend in the same location. Those players do not need to decide in which to participate when earning the qualification; instead, they will announce their decision when enrolling for either of the two Championships.

Duelists may not participate in the 2023 WCQ: WCQ: EU / OC Championship, drop, and then participate in the 2023 WCQ: Dragon Duel EU / OC Championship

Is travel or hotel included with my qualification?

Travel and/or accommodation are not included with qualifications earned at a OTS Championship – the expenses incurred in attending a WCQ: EU / OC Championship tournament will be the responsibility of the Duelist.

Do I have to qualify in my own country?

You can earn a WCQ invite through OTS Championships in any country. No matter where you qualify, you will always qualify towards the EU / OC Championship of your home country. For example, if a Duelist from Mexico qualifies in Italy, they will still qualify to play in the Central American World Championship Qualifier.

V. Resource Links and Contact Information

A. Contact information

For Questions please e-mail:

Topic	E-mail
KDE-E Organised Play Support	eu-opsupport@konami.com
KDE-E Penalty Support	eu-penaltysupport@konami.com
KDE-E Judge Support	eu-judgesupport@konami.com
KDE-E OTS Support	eu-otssupport@konami.com

B. Resources

Topic	Link
Official Yu-Gi-Oh! Events web page	UK: https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/events/ FR: https://www.yugioh-card.com/fr/events/ DE: https://www.yugioh-card.com/de/events/ IT: https://www.yugioh-card.com/it/events/ ES: https://www.yugioh-card.com/es/events/ OC: https://www.yugioh-card.com/oc/events/
OTS Store Locator	UK: https://www.yugioh-card.com/uk/storelocator/ FR: https://www.yugioh-card.com/fr/storelocator/ DE: https://www.yugioh-card.com/de/storelocator/ IT: https://www.yugioh-card.com/it/storelocator/ ES: https://www.yugioh-card.com/es/storelocator/ OC: https://www.yugioh-card.com/oc/storelocator/

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KDE-E Official Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME Tournament Policy:	https://img.yugioh-card.com/ygo_cms/ygo/all/uploads/KDE-E_TCG_Tournament_Policy_2_1.pdf
Official Yu-Gi-Oh! Rule Book	https://img.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=789
Tournament Infractions and Penalties Policy:	https://img.yugioh-card.com/ygo_cms/ygo/all/uploads/Official KDEE Tournament Infractions Penalties Policy V2.pdf
KONAMI Card Game Network	https://cardgame-network.konami.net/
NEURON Webpage	https://www.konami.com/yugioh/neuron/en/
Forbidden and Limited List	UK: https://img.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=1155 FR: https://img.yugioh-card.com/fr/gameplay/detail.php?id=1170 DE: https://img.yugioh-card.com/de/gameplay/detail.php?id=1166 IT: https://img.yugioh-card.com/it/gameplay/detail.php?id=1172 ES: https://img.yugioh-card.com/es/gameplay/detail.php?id=1168 OC: https://img.yugioh-card.com/oc/gameplay/detail.php?id=1155
Card Legality Page	UK: https://img.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=426 FR: https://img.yugioh-card.com/fr/gameplay/detail.php?id=307 DE: https://img.yugioh-card.com/de/gameplay/detail.php?id=405 IT: https://img.yugioh-card.com/it/gameplay/detail.php?id=368 ES: https://img.yugioh-card.com/es/gameplay/detail.php?id=344 OC: https://img.yugioh-card.com/oc/gameplay/detail.php?id=1386
KDE-E Official Constructed Deck List	https://img.yugioh-card.com/ygo_cms/ygo/all/uploads/YGO_Constructed_Decklist_EN.pdf
KONAMI Judge Program Overview	https://img.yugioh-card.com/uk/gameplay/detail.php?id=783
Covid-19 Policy Addendum	https://img.yugioh-card.com/ygo_cms/ygo/all/uploads/Official-KDE-E-Yu-Gi-Oh-TRADING-CARD-GAME-Tournament-Policy-COVID-19-Addendum.pdf