



2014 Season  
Official Rules

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## Introduction and Purpose

These Official Rules (“**Rules**”) of the League of Legends Championship Series (“**LCS**”) apply to each of the teams who have qualified to play in the LCS in 2014, as well as their managers, coaches, players, and other employees. The 2014 Season of the LCS will be divided into two halves (“**splits**”). Each split will consist of three phases (a) a regular season, (b) playoffs, which will be at the conclusion of the regular season, and (c) a promotion/relegation tournament after the playoffs are conducted. The top teams from the LCS division in North America, the LCS division in Europe<sup>1</sup>, and from other regions around the world will advance to the 2014 League of Legends World Championship. These Rules apply only to official LCS play and not to other competitions, tournaments or organized play of League of Legends (“**LoL**” or the “**game**”).

League of Legends Championship Series LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, has established these Rules for the competitive play of LoL in order to unify and standardize the rules used in LCS competitive play.

These Rules are designed solely to ensure the integrity of the system established by the LCS for professional play of LoL and a competitive balance among the teams that play at the professional level. Standardized rules benefit all parties who are involved in the professional play of LoL, including the teams, players and general managers.

These Rules do not restrict competition for players. The terms of engagement between players and teams are left to each of the teams and its players. The terms are to be set forth in written agreements between a team and each of its players known as the Player Agreement (“**Player Agreement**”).

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<sup>1</sup> “Europe” is, defined as the 47 member states of the Council of Europe, as set forth on <http://hub.coe.int/>, with the exception of Russia, Turkey, and other countries with dedicated servers. This list may be updated from time to time as servers and new regions are launched.

# 1. Team Member Eligibility

To be eligible to compete in the LCS, each player must satisfy all of the following conditions:

## 1.1 Player Age

No player shall be considered eligible to participate in any LCS-affiliated match before his or her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday, defined as having lived 17 full years. This shall not, however, prevent teams from signing Free Agents who are 16 years old, granted that they may not participate in an LCS match until they turn 17.

## 1.2 Residency and Work Eligibility

Each player must submit proof that, at the time of any LCS-affiliated match the player wishes to participate in, he/she will be (a) a legal resident of a country in their region, and (b) work-eligible in the United States (for NA players) or Germany (for EU players).

## 1.3 No Riot Employees

Owners, managers, coaches, Starters, and Reserve players (“**Team Members**”) may not be employees of Riot Games Inc. (“**RGI**”) or League of Legends eSports Federation LLC or any of their respective affiliates at the start of or at any point during the LCS regular season or playoffs. “**Affiliate**” is defined as any person or other entity which own or controls, is under the ownership or control of, or is under common ownership or control with, an Owner. “**Control**” shall mean the power, through any means, to determine the policies or management of an entity, whether through the power to elect, appoint or approve, directly or indirectly, the directors, officers, managers or trustees of such entity or otherwise.

## **2. Payments to Teams and Players; Prizes**

### **2.1 Team Fees**

Each team that has qualified to compete in the 2014 Season shall receive compensation from the LCS (“**Team Fees**”) for participation in accordance with the individual agreements between LCS and the team (each, a “**Team Agreement**”).

### **2.2 Player Compensation**

Each team must distribute the required Minimum Player Compensation (\$12,500 per starting player per split during the 2014 season) to its starting players, in accordance with the terms of the applicable Team Agreement. If a player’s status as a starter changes during the course of a split, said player shall be entitled to a *pro rata* share of the Minimum Player Compensation on a per-game basis (calculated as a ratio of the number of regular-season LCS games in which the player competed as a starter divided by the total number of regular-season games played by the team during the split). Nothing in these Rules is intended in any way to limit the compensation a team pays to its players.

### **2.3 Event Prizes**

During the playoffs at the end of the Spring split and the Summer split and during the World Championship, teams shall have the opportunity to earn prize money based on their level of performance in those events.

## 3. Team Ownership and Roster Rules

### 3.1 Team Ownership Restriction

No Owner or Affiliate of Owner may own or control more than one “Professional” team, where “Professional” is defined as a team competing in the highest division or tier of the NA LCS, EU LCS, Garena Premier League, OGN Champions, or Tencent League of Legends Pro League. For the purpose of this rule set, a team is considered to be “Professional” upon winning the match to qualify into said highest division or tier. If an Owner or Affiliate of Owner is found to have any financial interest or benefit or any level of influence in another team, he/she will be required to immediately divest said interest in one of the two teams and may be subject to punishment by the LCS.

An LCS team may own up to two teams within their region’s Challenger Series. If that LCS team reaches the promotion tournament, the LCS team may not choose or be forced to play a team which, at any time during CS2 or the CS Playoffs, was owned by the same company, individual, or other legal entity.

No Team Member on a team who played in either LCS region and/or any aspect of the Challenger Series (including play-in) may purchase or otherwise attempt to own/control an LCS team without a complete LCS Split having taken place since their last point of participation in the LCS or Challenger Series.

Changes in Ownership may only occur between Splits, meaning after the most recent Playoffs and Promotion Matches but before the start of the following Split.

### 3.2 Roster Requirements

Each team is required to maintain, at all times during the LCS, one General Manager (“**GM**”), five players in the starting lineup (“**Starters**”), and between two and five substitute players (“**Reserves**”) (collectively, the “**Active Roster**”). No individual may simultaneously hold two or more of the roles listed above. Changes to the Active Roster may occur as described in Section 4 below.

The Active Roster will be displayed on [lolesports.com](http://lolesports.com). The Active Roster on the website will be updated upon proper filing of documentation. Once an acquisition is confirmed, the acquisition will be placed on the website. The Active Roster on that website will be considered the most up to date roster that could be applied within a reasonable time. Roster eligibility is still at the discretion of LCS officials.

All Starters must have a written contract with the team they are playing for. To verify that these players are officially under contract, each team must submit the

Summary Sheet from the Player Services Agreement (“**Summary Sheet**”) for each player they wish to designate as under contract. For the purpose of clarity, teams may contract with their reserves before they become Starters (if ever), but are only required to submit the Summary Sheet for any player who will be starting a game.

No team may have on their roster more than two players at a time from any single starting lineup of a different team that played in either region of the LCS and/or any aspect of the Challenger Series (including play-in) in the last two completed Splits. A Challenger Series team that wins its promotion match must play at least 3 members of the active roster that earned the spot in the LCS in the first game of the split.

### **3.3 Roster Submission**

At a time designated by LCS officials before the start of each split, each team must submit their roster to the LCS, including five starters and at least two reserves. Teams must submit an Eligibility Form and Summary Sheet for each starter at that time. In the event that a team selects to modify the starting lineup, the team’s GM must submit a request to revise the roster to LCS in compliance with Section 4 below. The request must be submitted in advance of any proposed effective date of any such change, at the earliest possible date and time.

If a request is submitted too late for LCS to make reasonable arrangements for a new player to travel to an LCS match, LCS may, at their discretion, hold the team responsible for the incremental costs of such player’s travel, regardless of any other rules to the contrary. LCS reserves the right to approve or deny any such request, based upon the eligibility of the players involved and the compliance with the Rules of such request. Requests to modify a starting lineup for the team’s first match on a given day may not be submitted any later than 11:59pm PST prior to the start of that broadcast and/or webcast.

The Submission must also include all personal information requested about the Team and Team Members by LCS officials. This shall include the Team Members’ In-Game Names (along with desired spelling and capitalization thereof), as well as the formal spelling of the Team name.

### **3.4 Single-Day Substitutions**

If a team wishes to substitute players after the team’s first match on a given day, those substitutions must be declared to the head referee before the start of the next game, as defined as the start of the pick/ban process (see Section 8.6.1).

### **3.5 Team Tags and Player Names**



Teams will be permitted a tag of 2-3 characters to be added to the front of each player's Summoner Name on the tournament realm. These tags must be upper-case letters or numbers 0-9 only.

Summoner Names may include upper-case letters, lower-case letters, numbers 0-9, underscores, or single spaces between words only. Summoner Names must not exceed 12 characters including spaces. No additional special characters will be allowed for team names, Summoner Names, or tags. Summoner Names may not contain: vulgarities or obscenities; LoL champion derivatives or other similar character names; or derivatives of products or services that may create confusion.

All Team tags and Summoner Names must be approved by LCS officials in advance of use in play. Name changes are not allowed except under certain extenuating circumstances such as sponsorship acquisition, but must be approved by LCS officials prior to use in a LCS game. Any cosmetic change to logos, team names, etc. must be made 72 hours in advance of the first regional LCS game of the week

## 4. Discretionary Player Substitutions

LCS teams are authorized to use three methods to make discretionary player substitutions: (1) trading players with other LCS teams; (2) signing (or releasing) free agents; and (3) promoting players from the team's Reserves to the team's Starters (and vice-versa). All substitutions shall be made subject to the requirements of Section 2.2.

### 4.1 General Player Substitution Rules

- 4.1.1 No Effect on Contractual Obligations.** Each team shall be responsible for making any and all payments to its players which are required by its Player Agreements. No discretionary player substitution shall relieve an LCS team of its contractual obligation to pay each starting player the Minimum Player Compensation, as defined in Section 2.2.
- 4.1.2 No Contract Violations.** No discretionary player substitution which violates any provision of a Player Services Agreement shall be effective, and the GM of the team attempting to trade or demote a player shall have the responsibility to ensure that all proper approvals are sought and procured before the substitution would be considered to take effect.
- 4.1.3 Full Roster Requirement.** No discretionary player substitution shall relieve an LCS team of the requirement that to maintain an Active Roster of five Starters and between two and five Reserve players at all times during the Regular Season.
- 4.1.4 Scope of Policy.** This Section is intended only to govern discretionary player substitutions by GMs and does not address mandatory player substitutions which may be required by LCS as a result of the death or disability of an LCS player or the suspension or banning of a player by LCS as a result of the violation of these Rules.
- 4.1.5 Summary Sheet.** Any substitution that would result in a team designating a Player as a Starter who has not held that position previously must be accompanied by the submission of a Summary Sheet and Eligibility Form (if one of each is not already on file for the current competitive season) before said Player is considered eligible to play.

**4.1.6 Player Acquisition Restriction.** Any player who leaves or is removed from an LCS Active Roster (for any reason) may not re-join that Active Roster as a result of a later trade, free agent signing, or any other type of transaction until a minimum of at least three (3) weeks has elapsed following the effective date of the transaction that resulted in their most recent removal from the Active Roster.

## 4.2 Player Trades

An LCS team may trade players with other LCS teams, as follows:

**4.2.1 Quantity.** There is no maximum total number of players who may be traded per split or per season. Per Section 3.2, however, no team may trade for more than 2 players of another LCS team.

**4.2.2 Timing.** Trades may be made effective as early as the Trade Start Date and must become effective no later than the Trade Deadline date, as set forth below:

	Trade Start Date (all times are 12:00:00 am Pacific time)		Trade Deadline (all times are 11:59:59 pm Pacific time)	
	NA	EU	NA	EU
Spring Split	January 14, 2014	January 14, 2014	March 24, 2014	March 24, 2014
Summer Split	April 29, 2014	April 29, 2014	July 29, 2014	July 29, 2014

### 4.2.3 Asymmetrical Trades

**4.2.3.1** Trades are not required to be structured as symmetrical exchanges (e.g., 1-for-1, 2-for-2).

**4.2.3.2** Players may be traded according to any formula or ratio (e.g., 2-for-1, 3-for-2).

**4.2.3.3** A trade may exchange one or more Starters for one or more Reserve players, without limitation.

**4.2.3.4** Trade transactions are not limited to two teams per transaction. A trade deal may include players from two or more LCS teams, without limitation. An example of a three-team trade (a “Triangular Trade”):

**4.2.3.4.1** Team A trades Player X to Team B.

**4.2.3.4.2** Team B trades Player Y to Team C.

**4.2.3.4.3** Team C trades Player Z to Team A.

#### **4.2.4 Trades for Cash**

**4.2.4.1** Players may be traded from one team to another in exchange for a payment of cash or other consideration, so long as such transaction does not violate any other Rule(s). Hybrid transactions, where a player is traded in exchange for a combination of one or more players plus cash and/or other consideration, is also permitted.

#### **4.2.5 Inter-Regional Trades**

**4.2.5.1** North American players may be traded for European players and vice-versa, subject to the eligibility requirements of Section 1.2.

**4.2.5.2** Players who are residents of South Korea, China, Southeast Asia, Latin America (or other regions not included in the territory of the LCS) are not eligible for trades. Such players are, however, eligible to be considered as free agents, as defined in Section 4.3.1, and the acquisition of such players is regulated by Section 4.3, subject to the eligibility requirements of Section 1.2.

**4.2.6 No Protected Players.** As part of the Summary Sheet, teams are required to declare any

**4.2.6.1** Teams and players, however, may negotiate their own “no trading” or “no assignment” deals, which, if effective and enforceable, would render such players ineligible for trades.

**4.2.6.2** There are no LCS-recognized “Franchise Players” (*i.e.*, players who are ineligible for free agency and who can only change their team affiliation by either being traded or retiring).

**4.2.7 Trade Eligibility.** Teams may trade only players on their Active Rosters; no trading of prospective and/or unsigned players will be approved by LCS.

**4.2.8 League Approval.** Trade requests must be submitted to LCS by a team in advance, in writing, and approved by LCS, in writing, before becoming effective. The trade request approval process consists of LCS confirming that the trades are occurring within the approved trading window specified in Section 4.2.2 and that all eligibility and other Rules have been observed.

**4.2.8.1** Trade requests must be made using the Trade Approval Request Form, attached as Exhibit A to these Rules, and must include the following information:

- 4.2.8.1.1 Names of all teams involved.
- 4.2.8.1.2 Names of all GMs involved.
- 4.2.8.1.3 Names and positions of all players involved.
- 4.2.8.1.4 Starter/Reserve status of all players involved.
- 4.2.8.1.5 Description of trades.
- 4.2.8.1.6 The amount of any compensation being paid from one team to another as a part of any trade.
- 4.2.8.1.7 Requested effective date(s) of trades.

**4.2.8.2** The GM of each team involved in a trade or series of trades must sign the Trade Approval Request Form. Unsigned Trade Approval Request Forms will not be processed by LCS.

- 4.2.8.2.1 If a team attempts to trade a player who is subject to a Player Services Agreement which grants the player approval rights over trades, such player must also sign the Trade Approval Request Form.

**4.2.9 Effective Date.** Upon approval by LCS, trades will be considered effective immediately, unless the Trade Approval Request Form explicitly states a later effective date. In no event, however, shall the effective date of any trade in a given split be later than the Trade Deadline date for that split.

### **4.3 Free Agent Signings.**

The provisions on free agency in these Rules are designed to promote team continuity, prevent last-minute roster changes which damage team identity and cohesion, protect LCS tournament integrity, and enhance fan enjoyment of LCS tournament play. To that end, LCS has established limited periods of time or windows during which free agents can be signed. An LCS team may sign free agents as follows:

#### **4.3.1 Definitions**

**4.3.1.1 Free Agent ("FA").** A Free Agent is any player eligible to participate in the LCS and either: (a) has not yet signed a valid written Player Agreement with an LCS team or (b) has been released from an LCS team or has had a contract expire without a renewal. Merely being "in negotiations" with a team does not change a Free Agent's status. Free Agents are free to sign with any LCS team, so long as they continue to meet all LCS eligibility requirements.

### 4.3.2 Timing - Free Agency Period

**4.3.2.1** Teams may sign Free Agents only during the signing periods specified below. Teams may not add free agents to their Active Roster during any split after the Free Agent Signing Deadline in that split, as set forth below.

	Free Agent Signing Opening (all times are 12:00:00 am Pacific time)		Free Agent Signing Deadline (all times are 11:59:59 pm Pacific time)	
	NA	EU	NA	EU
Spring Split	January 14, 2014	January 14, 2014	March 24, 2014	March 24, 2014
Summer Split	April 29, 2014	April 29, 2014	July 29, 2014	July 29, 2014

**4.3.3 Full Roster Requirement.** No free agent signing shall relieve an LCS team of the requirement to maintain an Active Roster of five Starters and between two and five Reserve players during the Regular Season.

**4.3.4 League Approval.** Free agent signing requests must be submitted by a team in advance, in writing, and approved by LCS, in writing, before becoming effective. The free agent signing approval process consists of LCS confirming that the signings are occurring within the approved window specified in Section 4.3.2.2 and that all eligibility and other Rules have been observed.

**4.3.4.1** Free agent signings must be made using the Free Agent Signing Approval Request Form, attached as Exhibit B to these Rules, and include the following information:

- 4.3.4.1.1** Names of all teams involved.
- 4.3.4.1.2** Names of all GMs involved.
- 4.3.4.1.3** Names and positions of all players involved.
- 4.3.4.1.4** Starter/Reserve status of all players involved.
- 4.3.4.1.5** Requested effective date(s) of signings.

**4.3.4.2** The GM of a team involved in a free agent signing must sign the Free Agent Approval Request Form. Unsigned Free Agent Signing Approval Request Forms will not be processed by LCS. The player in question must also sign the Free Agent Approval Request Form.

**4.3.5 Effective Date.** If a team wishes to acquire a new player, that acquisition must be declared to an LCS official more than 72 hours before the game where the player would be utilized. LCS officials reserve the right to approve or deny any such request, based upon the eligibility of the players involved and the request's compliance with the Rules. Upon approval by LCS, a free agent signing will be considered effective immediately as an addition to the Active Roster, unless the Free Agent Approval Request Form explicitly states a later effective date. In no event, however, shall the effective date of any free agent signing in a given split be later than the Free Agent Signing Deadline date for that split.

#### **4.4 Promotion of Reserve Players**

An LCS team may promote or "bring up" a Reserve player to replace a Starter on the team's Active Roster, or, conversely, may demote or "send down" a Starter to reserve status, as follows:

**4.4.1 Symmetry.** When a team promotes a Reserve player to the team's starting lineup, that act must be performed simultaneously with a trade, demotion, or release of a starting player, such that there are never more than five players in a team's starting lineup.

**4.4.1.1 Status of Previous Starting Player.** GMs may offer players who are demoted from the team's starting lineup a spot on the team's reserve squad; if the GM chooses not to make such an offer (i.e., the GM terminates the player), or the player declines the offer, the GM may backfill the spot on the reserve squad with a Free Agent, subject to any restrictions set forth above.

#### **4.4.2 Promotion / Demotion Between Games**

**4.4.2.1** A team may promote or demote players between games of certain categories of matches by declaring such intention to an LCS official before the start of the next game, which is defined as the start of the pick/ban process (See Section 8.6.1), and also by submitting the appropriate paperwork to an LCS official, as described below. Teams may make such same-day substitutions between the following types of matches:

- 4.4.2.1.1** Regular season matches
- 4.4.2.1.2** Spring Playoff matches.
- 4.4.2.1.3** Summer Playoff matches.

**4.4.2.2** A team may not promote or demote players between games of LCS Promotion matches or Playoff matches.

**4.4.3 League Approval.** Player promotion/demotion requests must be submitted to LCS by a team in advance, in writing, and approved by LCS, in writing, before becoming effective. The player promotion/demotion request approval process consists of LCS confirming that the player promotion/demotion is occurring at an appropriate time and that all eligibility and other Rules have been observed.

**4.4.3.1** Promotion/demotion requests must be made using the Player Promotion/Demotion Approval Request Form, attached as Exhibit C to these Rules, and include the following information:

**4.4.3.1.1** Name of team involved.

**4.4.3.1.2** Name of GM involved.

**4.4.3.1.3** Names and positions of all players involved.

**4.4.3.1.4** Starter/Reserve status of all players involved.

**4.4.3.1.5** Requested effective date(s) of promotions/demotions.

**4.4.3.2** The GM of a team involved in a promotion or demotion must sign the Player Promotion/Demotion Approval Request Form. Unsigned Player Promotion/Demotion Approval Request Forms will not be processed by LCS.

**4.4.3.2.1** If a team attempts to promote or demote a player who is subject to a Player Agreement which grants the player approval rights over promotions or demotions, such player must also sign the Player Promotion/Demotion Approval Request Form.

**4.4.3.2.2** If a team attempts to promote or demote a player who is not subject to a Player Agreement which grants the player approval rights over promotions or demotions, then the GM of the team that is promoting or demoting the player must certify that the relevant Player Agreement authorizes the team to make the relevant promotion or demotion without the player's pre-approval.

**4.4.4 Effective Date.** Upon approval by LCS, promotions/demotions will be considered effective immediately, unless the Player Promotion/Demotion Approval Request Form explicitly states a later effective



date. In no event, however, shall the effective date of any promotion/demotion in a given split be later than the Player Promotion/Demotion Deadline date for that split.

## **5. Player Equipment**

### **5.1 LCS-Provided Equipment**

LCS officials will provide, and LCS players will exclusively use, equipment in the following categories to LCS players for all official LCS matches:

- 5.1.1** PC & Monitor
- 5.1.2** Hand Warmers
- 5.1.3** Headsets and/or Earbuds and/or Microphones
- 5.1.4** Table and Chair

At the request of an LCS player, LCS officials will provide the following categories of equipment for use in all official LCS matches:

- 5.1.5** PC Keyboards
- 5.1.6** PC Mice and cord holders
- 5.1.7** Mousepads

All LCS-provided equipment shall be chosen, selected and determined at the sole discretion of LCS.

### **5.2 Player-Owned or Team-Owned Equipment**

Players are allowed to bring equipment in the following categories, which are owned by themselves or their teams, into the match area and use such equipment during official LCS matches:

- 5.2.1** PC Keyboards
- 5.2.2** PC Mice and cord holders
- 5.2.3** PC Mousepads

In the match area, players may not bring, use, or wear any headsets, earbuds and/or microphones, other than those provided by LCS, with the following sole exception: players may wear a second headset, which is owned by themselves or their Teams, around their necks, so long as such second headset is a product of a Team sponsor and remains, at all times, unplugged, unpowered, without a battery of any kind, and is not used for any purpose which is not decorative in nature. If the second headset has a microphone, it must, at all times, remain fully retracted or in the opposite of a “ready” position.

All player-owned or team-owned equipment must be submitted to LCS officials in advance for approval. Unapproved equipment or equipment that is suspected by LCS officials of providing an unfair competitive advantage will not be permitted for use, and players will be required to use LCS-provided equipment instead.

At their discretion, LCS officials may disallow the use of any individual piece of equipment for reasons relating to tournament security, safety or operational efficiency or effectiveness.

No player-owned or team-owned hardware or equipment may be brought into the Match Area if it features or displays any name, likeness or logo of a company or brand which is a competitor of Riot Games or LoL.

### **5.3 Replacement of Equipment**

If equipment or technical problems are suspected by LCS officials at any time, a player or LCS official may request a technical review of the situation. An LCS technician will diagnose and troubleshoot problems, as needed. Technicians may request that LCS officials order replacement of any equipment, at their discretion. Decisions regarding the replacement of any equipment are solely at the discretion of LCS.

### **5.4 Player Uniforms**

Players must wear official team uniforms during all LCS matches and pre-match and post-match interviews by the LCS. If no team requirement exists, players must wear pants and closed-toe shoes, as well as visible team-branded apparel on their upper body, during the entirety of any LCS event or appearance. For the avoidance of doubt, sweatpants, athletic pants, and/or pajama pants will not be considered appropriate attire. Jerseys and all other apparel worn during such times are subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 10 below, and are subject to the review and discretion of LCS officials.

### **5.5 Computer Programs & Usage**

Players are prohibited from installing their own programs and must use only the programs provided by LCS.

**5.5.1 Voice Chat.** Voice chat will be provided only via the native system used in LCS-provided headsets. Use of third-party voice chat software (e.g., Skype) is not permitted. LCS officials may monitor a team's audio at the discretion of LCS.

**5.5.2 Social Media and Communication.** It is prohibited to use LCS computers to view or post on any social media or communication sites. This includes, but is not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, online forums/message boards and email.

**5.5.3 Non-Essential Equipment.** It is prohibited to connect non-essential equipment, such as cell phones, flash drives or MP3 players, to LCS computers, for any reason.

## **5.6 Client Accounts**

Players will have Tournament Realm logins provided for them by LCS. It is the players' responsibility to configure their account to their preferences. The account's Summoner Name must be set only to the player's official tournament handle, as approved by LCS.

## **5.7 Audio Controls**

Players will be required to maintain volume levels above minimum settings, which will be clearly marked on the controls. LCS officials may require players to adjust their volume levels higher if the officials determine, at their sole discretion, that volume levels are too low.

Headphones must be placed directly on a player's ears, and must remain there for the duration of the game. Players are not permitted to obstruct the placement of headphones by any method or place any item, including hats, scarves or other articles of clothing, between the headphones and the player's ears.

## **5.8 Equipment Tampering**

Players may not touch or handle another teammate's owned or provided equipment after a match has started. Players who require assistance with their equipment should ask assistance from an LCS official.

## 6. Venue, Competition Area Layout, and Schedule

### 6.1 General Venue Access

Access for LCS teams to the restricted areas of venues for official LCS matches is restricted to Team Members only, unless otherwise approved, in advance, by LCS. Permission to attend LCS matches is solely at the discretion of LCS.

### 6.2 Match Area

The “match area” is comprised of the area immediately surrounding any competition PCs used during match play. During match play, presence of Team Members in the match area is restricted solely to the Starters of the teams in play.

**6.2.1 Team Managers.** Managers may be in the match area during the match prep process, but must leave prior to the pick/ban phase and may not return until after the end of the match.

**6.2.2 Wireless Devices.** Wireless devices, including mobile phones and tablets, must be powered off while the players are involved in active play, including during pick/ban phase, pauses, remakes, and between games of multi-game matches. LCS officials will collect such devices from players in the match area and return them after the end of the match.

**6.2.3 Food and Drink Restrictions.** No food is allowed in the match areas. Drinks are permitted in the match area only in Riot-provided re-sealable containers. LCS officials will provide such containers to players upon request.

### 6.3 Warm-up Area

The warm-up area (which also may be referred to as a “Green Room”) will contain PCs designated by LCS specifically for players to practice on before their official matches begin. The warm-up area is reserved for Team Members only and access will be provided by LCS officials at their discretion.

### 6.4 Other Team Member Areas

Other Team Member Areas are areas within the venue, as defined by LCS officials from time to time, designed to allow players to relax and socialize in locations separate from the match area. Access to these areas is limited to Team Members, unless specific permission is otherwise granted by LCS officials.

## 7. League Structure

### 7.1 Definition of Terms

- 7.1.1 Game.** An instance of competition on the Summoner's Rift map that is played until a winner is determined by one of the following methods, whichever occurs first: (a) completion of the final objective (destruction of a nexus), (b) Team Surrender, (c) Team Forfeit, or (d) Awarded Game Victory (See Section 9.5).
- 7.1.2 Match.** A set of games that is played until one team wins a majority of the total games (*e.g.*, winning two games out of three ("best of three"); winning three games out of five ("best of five")). The winning team will either receive a win tally in a league format or advance to the next round in a tournament format.
- 7.1.3 Split.** Scheduled league play that will occur over an approximately three-month period of time. The 2014 Season will be divided into two splits (Spring and Summer) for each region (North America and Europe). Each split will consist of three phases: (a) Regular Season, (b) Playoffs, which will occur at the conclusion of the Regular Season, and (c) a Promotion Tournament after the Playoffs have concluded.

### 7.2 Schedule

#### 7.2.1 European Region

- 7.2.1.1 Spring Regular Season (January 14 ~ April 3)
- 7.2.1.2 Spring Playoffs (April 15 ~ 17)
- 7.2.1.3 Summer Promotion (April 24 ~ 25)
- 7.2.1.4 Summer Regular Season (May 20 ~ July 31)
- 7.2.1.5 Summer Playoffs (August 7 ~ 17)
- 7.2.1.6 Spring Promotion for 2015 Season (September 9 ~ 11)

#### 7.2.2 North American Region

- 7.2.2.1 Spring Regular Season (January 17 ~ April 6)
- 7.2.2.2 Spring Playoffs (April 18 ~ 20)
- 7.2.2.3 Summer Promotion (April 26 ~ 27)
- 7.2.2.4 Summer Regular Season (May 23 ~ August 3)
- 7.2.2.5 Summer Playoffs (August 23 ~ September 1)
- 7.2.2.6 Spring Promotion for 2015 Season (September 9 ~ 11)

## 7.3 Phase Details

**7.3.1 Regular Season.** This phase consists of eight teams, each playing 28 games per split, in a league format against opponents within their region. Each team will face each of their opponents a total of four times per split. Sides will be pre-determined and teams will start on the blue and red sides an equal number of times against each opponent (two games per side). Ranking in the league will be determined by percentage of wins. A full schedule of dates and games can be found at [www.lolesports.com](http://www.lolesports.com).

**7.3.2 Regular Season Tiebreaker.** In the event that multiple teams are tied in the standings at the conclusion of either Regular Season split (as defined as having the same winning percentage), then any teams so tied will be seeded by head-to-head record. If said teams have identical head-to-head records (as defined as each team winning 50% of games between the two teams), said teams will play one tiebreaker game to determine the final standings.

Tiebreaker games will be played following the final game of the Regular Season, but prior to the first day of the Playoffs. Tied teams will compete against each other until there is a winner.

If three or more teams are tied, the head-to-head record of all teams against all other teams involved in the tiebreaker will be considered. If a single team owns a winning record (as defined as winning more than 50% of the games) against every other team in the tiebreaker, they are automatically granted the highest seed available in the tiebreaker, and a new tiebreaker is declared amongst the remaining teams.

If no team in a tiebreaker holds a winning record against all other teams, the following structures will be used:

**7.3.2.1 Three-way tie:** A single round-robin will be played among the three teams. If this does not result in a hierarchical ranking of teams (i.e., distinct 2-0, 1-1, and 0-2 team records), then the three teams will be randomly drawn into a single-elimination bracket where one team has a bye into the finals.

**7.3.2.2 Four-way tie:** The teams will be randomly drawn into a “Korean-style” or “dual” bracket, where teams play Bo1 matches throughout the tournament. The four teams will be split into two first-round matches; the winners will then face off in Game 3 while the losers face off in Game 4. The winner of Game 3 will be declared the top

seed; the loser of Game 3 will face the winner of Game 4 in a contest to determine 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> place; and the loser of Game 4 will be declared 4<sup>th</sup> place.

- 7.3.2.3** Five-way tie: The teams will be randomly drawn into a single-elimination bracket, where there is a play-in between two teams for the fourth semi-final spot. The tournament will require a 3<sup>rd</sup>-place match to determine seeding.
- 7.3.2.4** Six-way tie: The teams will be randomly drawn into a single-elimination bracket, where two teams have byes into the semi-finals. The tournament will require a 3<sup>rd</sup>-place match and 5<sup>th</sup>-place match to determine seeding.
- 7.3.2.5** Seven-way tie: The teams will be randomly drawn into a single-elimination bracket, where one team has a bye into the semi-finals. The tournament will require a 3<sup>rd</sup>-place match and loser's bracket to determine seeding.
- 7.3.2.6** Eight-way tie: The teams will be randomly drawn into a single-elimination bracket. The tournament will require a 3<sup>rd</sup>-place match and loser's bracket (including 7<sup>th</sup>-place match) to determine seeding.

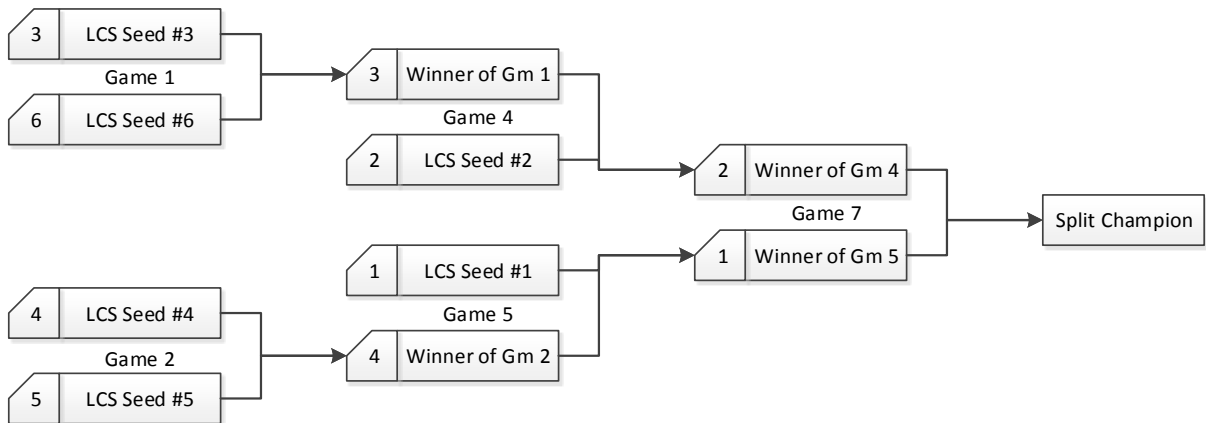
Side selection for all tiebreaker games will be determined by a coin flip.

- 7.3.3 Playoffs.** This phase consists of a three-round single-elimination tournament among the top six (6) teams from the Regular Season split, seeded according to their Regular Season rank. The 1<sup>st</sup>- through 5<sup>th</sup>-place teams as determined by the playoffs will automatically qualify to compete in the next split. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers (amounts TBD). Each round will consist of best-of-five (Bo5) matches.





Summer Split Playoff Bracket – LCS			
1 <sup>st</sup> Round – Bo5	Semifinals – Bo5	Finals – Bo5	Champion



5 <sup>th</sup> Place Match – Bo5	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Match – Bo5	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
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**7.3.4 Promotion Tournament.** This phase consists of a two-round single-elimination tournament among the 6<sup>th</sup>-place finisher in the Playoffs, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-place finishers in the Regular Season standings, plus six (6) additional teams that will qualify through amateur tournaments run by LCS and tournament organizers licensed and authorized by LCS. The LCS teams will be seeded as shown below. The top three (3) finishers of the Promotion Tournament will advance to the next split.

The top-seeded LCS team (the loser of Game 3 from the Split Playoffs) will be allowed to select their opponent from the three eligible amateur teams that advanced from the Challenger Series, and the second-seeded LCS team (the 7<sup>th</sup>-place team from the Regular Season) will be allowed to select their opponent from the two remaining teams. The remaining LCS team will face the remaining amateur team. An LCS team may not select to play against an amateur within the same organization.

## 8. Match Process

### 8.1 Changes to Schedule

LCS may, at its sole discretion, re-order the schedule of matches within a given day and/or change the date of an LCS match to a different date or otherwise modify the schedule of matches. In the event that LCS modifies a match schedule, LCS will notify all teams at the earliest convenience.

### 8.2 Arrival at Studio

Members of a team's Active Roster who are participating in an LCS event must arrive at the studio no later than the time specified by LCS officials.

### 8.3 Role of Referees

**8.3.1 Responsibilities.** Referees are LCS officials who are responsible for making judgments on every match-related issue, question and situation which occurs before, during, and immediately following match play. Their oversight includes, but is not limited to:

**8.3.1.1** Checking the team's lineup before a match.

**8.3.1.2** Checking and monitoring player peripherals and match areas.

**8.3.1.3** Announcing the beginning of the match.

**8.3.1.4** Ordering pause/resume during play.

**8.3.1.5** Issuing penalties in response to Rule violations during the match.

**8.3.1.6** Confirming the end of the match and its results.

**8.3.2 Referee Compartment.** At all times, referees shall conduct themselves in a professional manner, and shall issue rulings in an impartial manner. No passion or prejudice will be shown towards any player, team, team manager, owner, or other individual.

**8.3.3 Finality of Judgment.** If a referee makes an incorrect judgment, the judgment can be subject to reversal. LCS officials at their discretion may evaluate the decision during or after the match to determine if the proper procedure was implemented to allow for a fair decision. If the proper procedure was not followed, LCS officials reserve the right to potentially invalidate the referee's decision. LCS officials will always maintain final say in all decisions set forth throughout the LCS.

**8.3.4 Gambling Prohibition.** All rules prohibiting gambling on LoL, as found below in Section 10, shall apply to referees without limitation.

## 8.4 Competitive Patch & Tournament Realm

The 2014 Season will be played on the current patch available on the Live Service, once a sufficient testing period has occurred. Changes to the competitive patch will be at the discretion of the LCS.

As a guideline, the competitive patch will be updated a full calendar week after its release onto the live server. A patch will not be implemented if a week of games or a playoff round has started.

**8.4.1** Example: Patch X.X was released on 11:59pm, February 1, 2014. It will be eligible to be used as an LCS competitive patch for all matches on or after 11:59pm, February 8, 2014 unless a week of games or a playoff round has started.

Champions who have not been available on the live service for more than 4 weeks will be automatically restricted. Champions that have undergone reworks will be subject to LCS discretion.

**8.4.2** Example: Champion A was released January 23, 2014, so Champion A becomes eligible to be used in all LCS matches on February 20, 2014.

## 8.5 Pre-Match Setup

**8.5.1 Setup Time.** Players will have designated blocks of time prior to their match time to ensure they are fully prepared. LCS officials will inform players and teams of their scheduled setup time and duration as part of their match schedule. LCS officials may change the schedule at any time. Setup time is considered to have begun once players enter the Match Area, at which point they are not allowed to leave without permission of the on-site LCS official or referee and accompaniment by another LCS official. Setup is comprised of the following:

**8.5.1.1** Ensuring the quality of all LCS-provided equipment.

**8.5.1.2** Connecting and calibrating peripherals.

**8.5.1.3** Ensuring proper function of voice chat system.

**8.5.1.4** Setting up rune and mastery pages.

**8.5.1.5** Adjusting in-game settings.

**8.5.1.6** Limited in-game warm-up.

- 8.5.2 Seating Order.** Players must sit in the order in which they will join the lobby: Top, Jungle, Mid, ADC, Support. This order should be considered from the vantage point of a viewer standing in front of the players, and read from left-to-right.
- 8.5.3 Technical Failure of Equipment.** If a player encounters any equipment problems during any phase of the setup process, player must alert and notify an LCS official immediately.
- 8.5.4 Technical Support.** LCS officials will be available to assist with the setup process and troubleshoot any problems encountered during the pre-match setup period.
- 8.5.5 Timeliness of Match Start.** It is expected that players will resolve any issues with the setup process within the allotted time and that match will begin at the scheduled time. Delays due to setup problems may be permitted, at the sole discretion of LCS officials. Penalties for tardiness may be assessed at the discretion of the LCS.
- 8.5.6 Acknowledgement of Pre-Match Testing.** No fewer than ten minutes before the match is scheduled to begin, an LCS official will confirm with each player that their setup is complete.
- 8.5.7 Player Ready State.** Once all ten players in a match have confirmed completion of setup, players may not alter their rune pages or enter a warm-up game.
- 8.5.8 Game Lobby Creation.** LCS officials will decide how the official game lobby will be created. Players will be directed by LCS officials to join a game lobby as soon as testing has been completed, in the following order of positions: Top, Jungle, Mid, ADC, Support.

## 8.6 Game Setup

- 8.6.1 Start of Pick / Ban Process.** Once all ten players have reported to the official game lobby, an LCS official will request confirmation that both teams are ready for the pick/ban phase (as defined and described below). Once both teams confirm readiness, an LCS official will instruct the room owner to start the game.
- 8.6.2 Recording of Pick / Ban Process.** Picks/bans will proceed through the client's Tournament Draft feature. If picks/bans are completed substantially in advance of game setup, at the instruction and

discretion of LCS officials, the LCS officials will record the official picks/bans and manually abort the game start.

### **8.6.3 General / Game Settings**

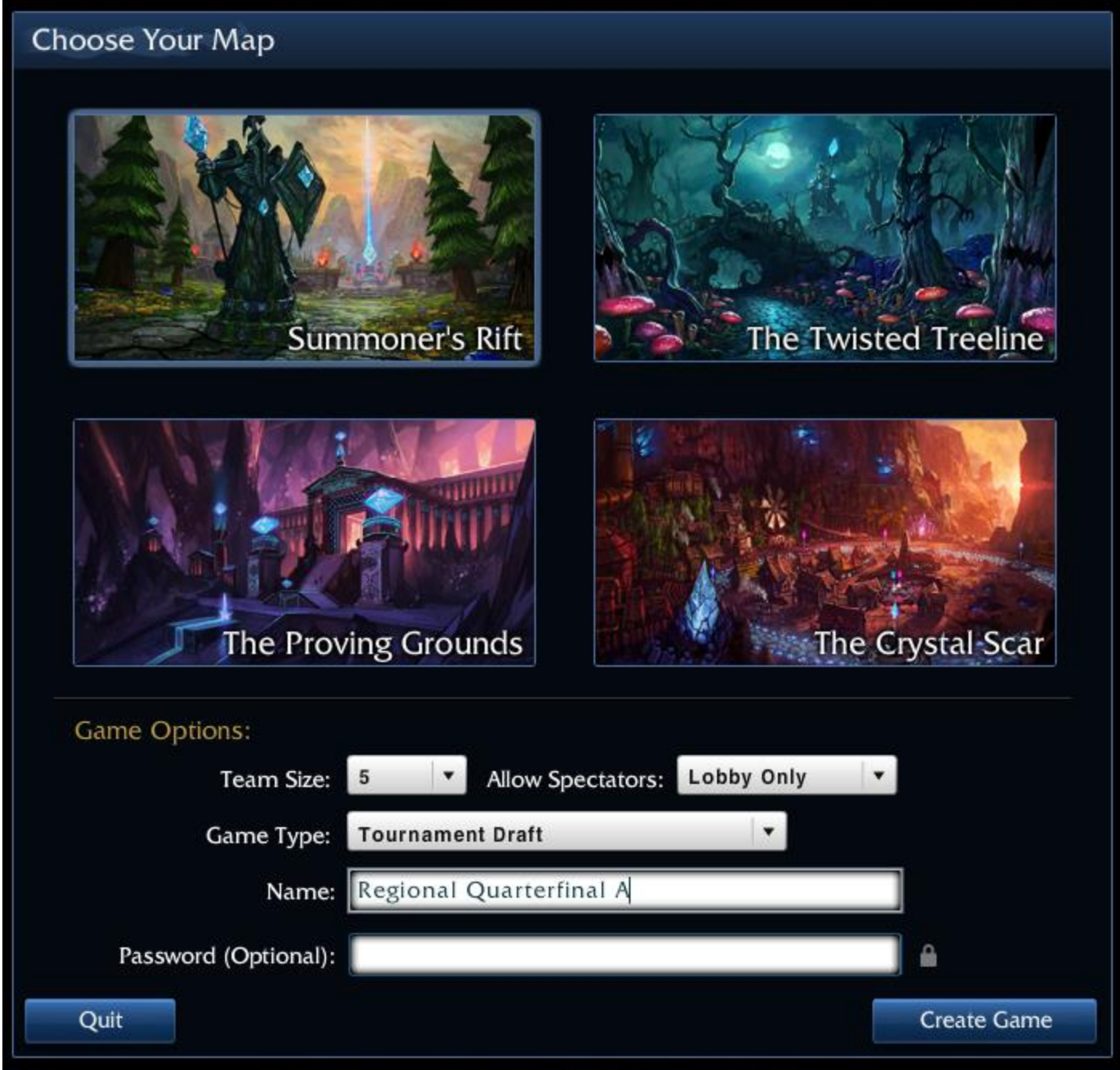
**8.6.3.1 Map:** Summoner's Rift

**8.6.3.2 Team Size:** 5

**8.6.3.3 Allow Spectators:** Lobby Only

**8.6.3.4 Game Type:** Tournament Draft

(See Setup screen below)



## 8.7 Pick / Ban Phase & Side Selection

**8.7.1 Tournament Draft.** LCS officials may choose to employ either the Tournament Draft mode feature or a manual draft (e.g., draft that is conducted in chat without the use of an in-game feature). Starters for each team cannot be substituted after the start of the draft. Players may play any Champion which their team has drafted, but must confirm their selection with an LCS official.

- 8.7.2 Restrictions on Gameplay Elements.** Restrictions may be added at any time before or during a match, if there are known bugs with any items, Champions, skins, 5, masteries, or Summoner spells, or for any other reason as determined at the discretion of the LCS.
- 8.7.3 Side Selection.** Teams' sides will be pre-selected during the regular season by LCS as set forth in Section 7.3.1. In the event of a multi-game series, the higher-ranked seed will have side selection for odd-numbered games (e.g. Games 1, 3, and 5), while the lower seed will have side selection for even-numbered games (Games 2 and 4). For example, the higher seed may choose to play game 1 on blue side, but game 3 and 5 on red side and the lower seed may choose to play game 2 on red side and game 4 on blue side. Both teams will be required to submit their final decision by 11:59pm of the night before the start of the broadcast (in the time zone where the game will be played). If no decision is submitted, selection will default to blue side.
- 8.7.4 Draft Mode.** Draft mode proceeds in a snake draft format as follows:  
*Blue Team= A; Red Team = B*  
Bans: ABABAB  
Picks: ABBAABBAAB
- 8.7.5 Selection Error.** In the event of an erroneously-selected Champion pick or ban, the team in error must notify an LCS official before the other team has locked in their next selection. If so, the process will be restarted and brought back to the point at which the error occurred so that the team in error may correct its mistake. If the next selection is locked before the team in error gives notice to an LCS official, the erroneous selection shall be deemed irrevocable.
- 8.7.6 Trading Champions.** Teams must complete all champion trades before the 20-second mark during the Trading Phase, or will be subject to a penalty in future games.




**8.7.7 Game Start After Pick/Ban.** A game will start immediately after the pick/ban process is complete, unless otherwise stated by an LCS official. At this point, LCS officials will remove any printed materials from the Match Area, including any notes written by Team Members. Players are not allowed to quit a game during the time between the completion of picks/bans and game launch, also known as “Free Time.”


**8.7.8 Controlled Game Start.** In the event of an error in game start or a decision by LCS to separate the pick/ban process from game start, an LCS official may start the game in a controlled manner using Blind Pick. All players will select Champions in accordance with the previous valid completed pick/ban process.

(See Setup screen on next page)


Choose Your Map




Summoner's Rift



The Twisted Treeline



The Proving Grounds




The Crystal Scar

Game Options:

Team Size:  Allow Spectators:

Game Type:

Name:

Password (Optional):  

**8.7.9 Slow Client Load.** If a Bugsplat, disconnect, or any other failure occurs which interrupts the loading process and prevents a player from joining a game upon game start, the game must be immediately paused until all ten players are connected to the game.

## 9. Game Rules

### 9.1 Definition of Terms

- 9.1.1 Unintentional Disconnection.** A player losing connection to the game due to problems or issues with the game client, platform, network, or PC.
- 9.1.2 Intentional Disconnection.** A player losing connection to the game due to player's actions (*i.e.* quitting the game). Any actions of a player which lead to a disconnection shall be deemed intentional, regardless of the actual intent of the player.
- 9.1.3 Server Crash.** All players losing connection to a game due to an issue with a game server, Tournament Realm platform, or venue internet instability.

### 9.2 Game of Record

A game of record (“**GOR**”) refers to a game where all ten players have loaded and which has progressed to a point of meaningful interaction between opposing teams. Once a game attains GOR status, the period ends in which incidental restarts may be permitted and a game will be considered as “official” from that point onward. After the establishment of GOR, game restarts will be allowed only under limited conditions (see Section 9.4). Examples of conditions which establish GOR:

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

### 9.3 Stoppage of Play

If a player intentionally disconnects without notifying an LCS official or pausing, an LCS official is not required to enforce a stoppage. During any pause or stoppage, players may not leave the match area unless authorized by an LCS official.

- 9.3.1 Directed Pause.** LCS officials may order the pause of a match or execute a pause command on any player station at the sole discretion of the LCS officials, at any time.

**9.3.2 Player Pause.** Players may only pause a match immediately following any of the events described below, but must signal an LCS official immediately after the pause and identify the reason. Acceptable reasons include:

**9.3.2.1** An Unintentional Disconnection

**9.3.2.2** A hardware or software malfunction (e.g. monitor power or peripheral disability or game glitch)

**9.3.2.3** Physical interference with a player (e.g., fan gank or broken chair)

Player illness, injury, or disability is not an acceptable reason for a player pause. In such a situation, the team must alert an LCS official, who may in his/her sole discretion, grant a pause in order to evaluate the identified player to determine whether player is ready, willing, and able to continue playing within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the LCS official, but not to exceed a few minutes. If the LCS official determines that the identified player is not able to continue playing within such reasonable period of time, then the identified player's team shall forfeit the game unless an LCS official, in his/her discretion, determines that the game is subject to an Awarded Game Victory (see Section 9.5).

**9.3.3 Resuming the Game.** Players are not permitted to restart the game after a pause. After clearance from an LCS official is issued and all players are notified and ready at their stations, which will be contingent on the team captain confirming through in-game chat that both teams are ready to resume play, the in-client spectators will unpause the game.

**9.3.4 Unauthorized Pause.** If a player pauses or unpauses a game without permission from an LCS official, it will be considered unfair play and penalties will be applied at the discretion of LCS officials.

**9.3.5 Player Communication During Stoppage of Play.** For the fairness of all competing teams, players are not allowed to communicate, in any fashion, with each other during a game pause. For the avoidance of doubt, players may communicate to the referee, but only when directed in order to identify and remedy the cause for the stoppage. If a pause extends long enough, referees may, at their sole discretion, allow teams to talk before the game is unpaused, in order to discuss the game conditions.

## 9.4 Game Restart

The decision of which condition(s) shall justify a game restart is solely at the discretion of LCS officials. Examples are listed below for purposes of illustration only:

**9.4.1 Restarts Before GOR.** The following are examples of situations in which a game may be restarted if GOR has not been established.

**9.6.1.1** If a player notices that player's rune, mastery, or GUI settings have not applied correctly between the game lobby and match, player can pause the game to adjust these settings. If the settings cannot be correctly adjusted, then the game may be restarted.

**9.6.1.2** If an LCS official determines that technical difficulties will not allow for the game to resume as normal (including a team's ability to be in proper position for certain game events, such as minion spawn).

**9.4.2 Restarts After GOR.** The following are examples of situations in which a game may be restarted after GOR has been established.

**9.6.2.1** If a game experiences a critical bug at any point during the match which significantly alters game stats or gameplay mechanics.

**9.6.2.2** If an LCS official determines that there are environmental conditions which are unfair (e.g. excessive noise, hostile weather, unacceptable safety risks).

**9.4.3 Restart Protocol.** If a game experiences a critical bug at any point during the match that significantly alters game stats or gameplay mechanics, or the external environmental conditions become untenable then a restart may occur.

Certain circumstances must be met before a restart may occur. LCS officials must determine that the bug is critical and verifiable. For the bug to be considered critical, the bug must significantly damage a player's ability to compete in the game situation. The determination of whether the bug has damaged a player's ability to compete is up to the sole discretion of the LCS officials. In order for a bug to be considered verifiable, the bug must be conclusively present and not possibly attributable to player error. The spectator must then be able to replay the instance in question and verify the bug.

If a player believes s/he has experienced a critical bug, s/he must pause the game and alert a referee in a timely fashion. If it is believed that a player is attempting to delay reporting of a bug to wait for a

possible restart at a more advantageous time, then a restart will no longer be granted.

If LCS officials determine that the bug is critical and verifiable and that the player followed the pause protocol, then the disadvantaged team will be presented with the option for a restart. If the team accepts, the game will immediately be restarted as per the rules established in Section 9.4. An exception to Rule 9.4 is if the restart occurred due to a champion bug, then settings no longer will be retained (including picks and bans) regardless of Game of Record status and the champion will be made ineligible for at least the remainder of the day's matches unless the bug can be conclusively tied to a specific game element that can be fully removed (i.e. a skin that can be disabled).

This section is applicable if the pause is directed as per Section 9.3.1 and does not limit the ability of an LCS official to institute a restart.

**9.4.4 Controlled Environment.** Certain conditions may be preserved in the event of a restart of a game that has not reached GOR, including, without limitation, picks/bans or Summoner spells. If, however, a match has reached GOR then LCS officials shall not retain any settings.

**9.4.5 Player Confirmation of Settings.** Each team captain shall verify that every player on his/her team has finalized their intended game settings (including runes, masteries, controls, and GUI settings) before GOR is established. Any error in verification is not grounds for a game restart after GOR is established.

## **9.5 Awarded Game Victory**

In the event of a technical difficulty which leads LCS officials to declare a restart, the LCS may instead award a game victory to a team. If a game has been played for more than 20 minutes on the game clock (00:20:00), LCS officials, in their sole discretion, may determine that a team cannot avoid defeat to a degree of reasonable certainty. The following criteria may be used in the determination of reasonable certainty.

**9.5.1 Gold Differential.** The difference in gold between the teams is more than 33%.

**9.5.2 Remaining Turret Differential.** The difference in the number of remaining turrets between the teams is more than seven (7).

**9.5.3 Remaining Inhibitor Differential.** The difference in the number of standing inhibitors between the teams is more than two (2).

## **9.6 Post-Game Process**

**9.6.1 Results.** LCS officials will confirm and record game result.

**9.6.2 Tech Notes.** Players will identify any tech issues with LCS officials.

**9.6.3 Break Time.** LCS officials will inform players of the remaining amount of time before the next game's pick/ban phase begins. Pick/ban phase will commence as scheduled, regardless of whether a team is fully present in the match area at that time. LCS officials may, at their discretion, log in to a player's account and join the game lobby. If only a single player from a team is present in the match area when the pick/ban phase begins, that player may determine all picks/bans for his/her team; however, if no player from a team is present in the match area when the pick/ban phase begins, that team shall be deemed to have forfeited the game.

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

## **9.7 Post-Match Process**

**9.7.1 Results.** LCS officials will confirm and record the match result.

**9.7.2 Next Match.** Players will be informed of their current standing in the competition, including their next scheduled match.

**9.7.3 Post-Match Obligations.** Players will be informed of any post-match obligations, including, but not limited to, media appearances, interviews, or further discussion of any match matters.

## 10. Player Conduct

### 10.1 Competition Conduct

**10.1.1 Unfair Play.** The following actions will be considered unfair play and will be subject to penalties at the discretion of LCS officials.

**10.1.1.1 Collusion.** Collusion is defined as any agreement among two (2) or more players and/or confederates to disadvantage opposing players. Collusion includes, but is not limited to, acts such as:

**10.1.1.1.1** Soft play, which is defined as any agreement among two (2) or more players to not damage, impede or otherwise play to a reasonable standard of competition in a game.

**10.1.1.1.2** Pre-arranging to split prize money and/or any other form of compensation.

**10.1.1.1.3** Sending or receiving signals, electronic or otherwise, from a confederate to/from a player.

**10.1.1.1.4** Deliberately losing a game for compensation, or for any other reason, or attempting to induce another player to do so.

**10.1.1.2 Competitive Integrity.** Teams are expected to play at their best at all times within any LCS game, and to avoid any behavior inconsistent with the principles of good sportsmanship, honesty, or fair play. For the purpose of clarification, team composition and the pick/ban phase will not be considered when determining whether this rule has been violated.

**10.1.1.3 Hacking.** Hacking is defined as any modification of the League of Legends game client by any player, team or person acting on behalf of a player or a team.

**10.1.1.4 Exploiting.** Exploiting is defined as intentionally using any in-game bug to seek an advantage. Exploiting includes, but is not limited to, acts such as: glitches in buying items, glitches in neutral minion interactions, glitches in Champion ability performance, or any other game function that, in the sole determination of LCS officials, is not functioning as intended.

**10.1.1.5 Spectator Monitors.** Looking at or attempting to look at spectator monitors.

**10.1.1.6 Ringing.** Playing under another player's account or soliciting, inducing, encouraging or directing someone else to play under another player's account.



**10.1.1.7 Cheating Device.** The use of any kind of cheating device and/or cheat program.

**10.1.1.8 Intentional Disconnection.** An intentional disconnection without a proper and explicitly-stated reason.

**10.1.1.9 LCS Discretion.** Any other further act, failure to act, or behavior which, in the sole judgment of LCS officials, violates these Rules and/or the standards of integrity established by LCS for competitive game play.

**10.1.2 Profanity and Hate Speech.** A Team Member may not use language that is obscene, foul, vulgar, insulting, threatening, abusive, libelous, slanderous, defamatory or otherwise offensive or objectionable; or promote or incite hatred or discriminatory conduct, in or near the match area, at any time. A Team Member may not use any facilities, services or equipment provided or made available by LCS or its contractors to post, transmit, disseminate or otherwise make available any such prohibited communications.

**10.1.3 Disruptive Behavior / Insults.** A Team Member may not take any action or perform any gesture directed at an opposing Team Member, or incite any other individual(s) to do the same, which is insulting, mocking, disruptive or antagonistic.

**10.1.4 Abusive Behavior.** Abuse of LCS officials, opposing Team Members, or audience members will not be tolerated. Repeated etiquette violations, including but not limited to touching another player's computer, body or property will result in penalties. Team Members and their guests (if any) must treat all individuals attending a match with respect.

**10.1.5 Studio Interference.** No Team Member may touch or otherwise interfere with lights, cameras or other studio equipment. Team Members may not stand on chairs, tables or other studio equipment. Team Members must follow all instructions of LCS studio personnel.

**10.1.6 Unauthorized Communications.** All mobile phones, tablets and other voice-enabled and/or "ringing" electronic devices must be fully powered off during play. Players may not text/email while in the match area. During the match, communication by a Starter shall be limited to the five players on Starter's team.

**10.1.7 Apparel.** Team Members may wear apparel with multiple logos, patches or promotional language. LCS reserves the right at all times to impose a ban on objectionable or offensive apparel:

- 10.1.7.1** Containing any false, unsubstantiated, or unwarranted claims for any product or service, or testimonials, that LCS, in its sole and absolute discretion, considers unethical.
- 10.1.7.2** Advertising any non-"over the counter" drug, tobacco product, firearm, handgun or ammunition.
- 10.1.7.3** Containing any material constituting or relating to any activities which are illegal in any LCS region, including but not limited to, a lottery or an enterprise, service or product that abets, assists or promotes gambling.
- 10.1.7.4** Containing any material that is defamatory, obscene, profane, vulgar, repulsive or offensive, or that describes or depicts any internal bodily functions or symptomatic results of internal conditions, or refers to matters which are not considered socially acceptable topics.
- 10.1.7.5** Advertising any pornographic website or pornographic products.
- 10.1.7.6** Containing any trademark, copyrighted material or other element of intellectual property that is used without the owner's consent or that may give rise to, or subject LCS or its affiliates to, any claim of infringement, misappropriation, or other form of unfair competition.
- 10.1.7.7** Disparaging or libeling any opposing team or player or any other person, entity or product.
- 10.1.7.8** The LCS reserves the right to refuse entry or continued participation in the match to any Team Member who does not comply with the aforementioned apparel rules.

**10.1.8 Identity.** A player may not cover his or her face or attempt to conceal his or her identity from LCS officials. LCS officials must be able to distinguish the identity of each player at all times and may instruct players to remove any material that inhibits the identification of players or is a distraction to other players or LCS officials. For this reason, any hat with a brim must be worn backwards such that the brim does not interfere with the line of the sight of any camera.

## **10.2 Unprofessional Behavior**

**10.2.1 Responsibility Under Code.** Unless expressly stated otherwise, offenses and infringements of these Rules are punishable, whether or not they were committed intentionally. Attempts to commit such offenses or infringements are also punishable.

**10.2.2 Harassment.** Harassment is forbidden. Harassment is defined as systematic, hostile and repeated acts taking place over a considerable

period of time, which are intended to isolate or ostracize a person and/or affect the dignity of the person.

**10.2.3 Sexual Harassment.** Sexual harassment is forbidden. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual advances. The assessment is based on whether a reasonable person would regard the conduct as undesirable or offensive. There is zero tolerance for any sexual threats/coercion or the promise of advantages in exchange for sexual favors.

**10.2.4 Discrimination and Denigration.** Team Members may not offend the dignity or integrity of a country, private person or group of people through contemptuous, discriminatory or denigrating words or actions on account of race, skin color, ethnic, national or social origin, gender, language, religion, political opinion or any other opinion, financial status, birth or any other status, sexual orientation or any other reason.

**10.2.5 Statements Regarding LCS, Riot Games, and League of Legends.** Team Members may not give, make, issue, authorize or endorse any statement or action having, or designed to have, an effect prejudicial or detrimental to the best interest of LCS, Riot Games or its affiliates, or League of Legends, as determined in the sole and absolute discretion of LCS.

**10.2.6 Tribunal Punishment.** If a Team Member is found guilty and punished by the Riot Tribunal, LCS officials may assign an additional competition penalty at their sole discretion.

**10.2.7 Player Behavior Investigation.** If LCS or Riot determines that a Team Member has violated the Summoner's Code, the LoL Terms of Service, or other rules of LoL, LCS officials may assign penalties at their sole discretion.

**10.2.8 Criminal Activity.** A Team Member may not engage in any activity which is prohibited by common law, statute, or treaty and which leads to or may be reasonably deemed likely to lead to conviction in any court of competent jurisdiction.

**10.2.9 Moral Turpitude.** A Team Member may not engage in any activity which is deemed by the LCS to be immoral, disgraceful, or contrary to conventional standards of proper ethical behavior.

- 10.2.10 Confidentiality.** A Team Member may not disclose any confidential information provided by LCS or any affiliate of Riot Games, by any method of communication, including all social media channels.
- 10.2.11 Bribery.** No Team Member may offer any gift or reward to a player, coach, manager, LCS official, Riot Games employee, or person connected with or employed by another LCS team for services promised, rendered, or to be rendered in defeating or attempting to defeat a competing team.
- 10.2.12 No Poaching or Tampering.** No Team Member or Affiliate of a team may solicit, lure, or make an offer of employment to any Team Member who is signed to any LCS team, nor encourage any such Team Member to breach or otherwise terminate a contract with said LCS team. Violations of this rule shall be subject to penalties, at the discretion of LCS officials.
- 10.2.13 Gifts.** No Team Member may accept any gift, reward or compensation for services promised, rendered, or to be rendered in connection with competitive play of the game, including services related to defeating or attempting to defeat a competing team or services designed to throw or fix a match or game. The sole exception to this rule shall be in the case of performance-based compensation paid to a Team Member by a team's official sponsor or owner.
- 10.2.14 Non-Compliance.** No Team Member may refuse or fail to apply the instructions or decisions of LCS officials.
- 10.2.15 Match-Fixing.** No Team Member may offer, agree, conspire, or attempt to influence the outcome of a game or match by any means that are prohibited by law or these Rules.
- 10.2.16 Document or Miscellaneous Requests.** Documentation or other reasonable items may be required at various times throughout the LCS as requested by LCS officials. If the documentation is not completed to the standards set by the LCS then a team may be subject to penalties. Penalties may be imposed if the items requested are not received and completed at the required time.

### **10.3 Association with Gambling**

No Team Member or LCS official may take part, either directly or indirectly, in betting or gambling on any results of any LCS game, match or tournament.

### **10.4 Subjection to Penalty**

Any person found to have engaged in or attempted to engage in any act that LCS believes, in its sole and absolute discretion, constitutes unfair play, will be subject to penalty. The nature and extent of the penalties imposed due to such acts shall be in the sole and absolute discretion of the LCS.

### **10.5 Penalties**

Upon discovery of any Team Member committing any violations of the rules listed above, the LCS may, without limitation of its authority under Section 10.4, issue the following penalties:

#### **10.5.1 Verbal Warning(s)**

#### **10.5.2 Loss of Side Selection for Current or Future Game(s)**

#### **10.5.3 Loss of Ban for Current or Future Game(s)**

#### **10.5.4 Fine(s) and/or Prize Forfeiture(s)**

#### **10.5.5 Game Forfeiture(s)**

#### **10.5.6 Match Forfeiture(s)**

#### **10.5.7 Suspension(s)**

#### **10.5.8 Disqualification(s)**

Repeated infractions are subject to escalating penalties, up to, and including, disqualification from future participation in LCS. It should be noted that penalties may not always be imposed in a successive manner. LCS, in its sole discretion, for example, can disqualify a player for a first offense if the action of said player is deemed egregious enough to be worthy of disqualification by LCS.

## **10.6 Right to Publish**

LCS shall have the right to publish a declaration stating that a Team Member has been penalized. Any Team Members and/or team which may be referenced in such declaration hereby waive any right of legal action against the League of Legends Championship Series, LLC, Riot Games, Inc., and/or any of their parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees, agents, or contractors.

## **11. Spirit of the Rules**

### **11.1 Finality of Decisions**

All decisions regarding the interpretation of these rules, player eligibility, scheduling and staging of the LCS, and penalties for misconduct, lie solely with LCS, the decisions of which are final. LCS decisions with respect to these Rules cannot be appealed and shall not give rise to any claim for monetary damages or any other legal or equitable remedy.

### **11.2 Rule Changes**

These Rules may be amended, modified or supplemented by LCS, from time to time, in order to ensure fair play and the integrity of LCS.

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# LCS 2014 Season Official Rules

## Exhibit A

<b>TRADE APPROVAL REQUEST FORM</b>					
LCS Reference Number	Requested By (Last Name, First Name)	Date Requested			
<b>General Managers</b>					
Player Name and Position	Current Team (Pre-Trade)	Current Status Starter/Reserve	Future Team (Post-Trade)	Starter/Reserve	Requested Effective Date
Player 1:		<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R		<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	
Player 2:		<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R		<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	
Player 3:		<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R		<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	
Player 4:		<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R		<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	
Player 5:		<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R		<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	
<b>General Managers</b>					
General Manager Name	Team Name	Mobile Phone	Email Address		
GM 1:					
GM 2:					
GM 3:					
GM 4:					
GM 5:					
<b>Signoffs</b>					
Player	Does Player Have Approval Rights Over Trade?	Has Player Approved the Trade?			
Player 1:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
Player 2:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
Player 3:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
Player 4:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
Player 5:					
<b>Trade Request Resolution</b>					
Trade Request Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	Decision Date	Effective Date			
Decision Made By (name)	Reason for Decision (if denied)				
<b>Other Terms and Conditions</b>					
<p>League of Legends Championship Series (“LCS”) has established rules for the competitive play for League of Legends (“LoL”). Standardized rules benefit all parties who are involved in commercial activities relating to LoL, including the teams, players and general managers referenced above. The General Manager signing below recognizes and agrees that the benefits that accrue from standardized rules only arise if all entities involved in commercial activities relating to competitive play of LoL agree to abide by these rules. Each General Manager further recognizes and agrees that LCS and its affiliates do not establish the terms of player employment and do not restrict competition for players. This Trade Approval Request Form is designed solely to ensure the integrity of the system established by LCS for competitive play of LoL and competitive balance among the teams.</p>					
<b>Authorized Signatures of General Managers</b>					
<p><i>General Manager, by signing below, confirms that the proposed trades specified in this Trade Approval Request Form comply with the terms and conditions of the League of Legends Championship Series Official Rules, any agreements between the teams and players identified above, and applicable law.</i></p>					
<p><b>GM</b></p> <p>Authorized Signature: _____</p> <p>Name (printed): _____</p> <p>Team Name (printed): _____</p>	<p><b>GM</b></p> <p>Authorized Signature: _____</p> <p>Name (printed): _____</p> <p>Team Name (printed): _____</p>				
<p><b>GM</b></p> <p>Authorized Signature: _____</p> <p>Name (printed): _____</p> <p>Team Name (printed): _____</p>	<p><b>GM</b></p> <p>Authorized Signature: _____</p> <p>Name (printed): _____</p> <p>Team Name (printed): _____</p>				





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## Exhibit B

<b>FREE AGENT SIGNING APPROVAL REQUEST FORM</b>			
LCS Reference Number	Requested By (Last Name, First Name)	Date Requested	
Free Agent Description			
Player Name and Position	Current Status	Future Status Starter/Reserve	Requested Effective Date
Player 1:	Free Agent	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	
Player 2:	Free Agent	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	
Player 3:	Free Agent	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	
Player 4:	Free Agent	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	
Player 5:	Free Agent	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	
General Manager			
General Manager Name	Team Name	Mobile Phone	Email Address
GM:			
Signoffs			
Player Name	Does Player's Previous Team Have Approval Rights Over the Signing of this Free Agent? (Player is an RFA)	Has Player's Previous Team Approved the Signing?	
Player 1:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Player 2:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Player 3:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Player 4:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Player 5:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Request Resolution (to be completed by LCS)			
Substitution Request Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	Decision Date	Effective Date	
Decision Made By (name)	Reason for Decision (if denied)		
Other Terms and Conditions			
<p>League of Legends Championship Series ("LCS") has established rules for the competitive play for League of Legends ("LoL"). Standardized rules benefit all parties who are involved in commercial activities relating to LoL, including the teams, players and general managers referenced above. The General Manager signing below recognizes and agrees that the benefits that accrue from standardized rules only arise if all entities involved in commercial activities relating to competitive play of LoL agree to abide by these rules. Each General Manager further recognizes and agrees that LCS and its affiliates do not establish the terms of player employment and do not restrict competition for players. This Free Agent Signing Approval Request Form is designed solely to ensure the integrity of the system established by LCS for competitive play of LoL and competitive balance among the teams.</p>			
Authorized Signature of General Managers			
<p><i>General Manager, by signing below, confirms that the proposed Free Agent signing transaction specified in this Free Agent Signing Approval Request Form complies with the terms and conditions of the League of Legends Championship Series Official Rules, any agreements between the teams and players identified above, and applicable law.</i></p>			
<b>GM</b> Authorized Signature: _____ Name (printed): _____ Team Name (printed): _____	Player 1 Authorized Signature: _____ Name (printed): _____		
Player 2 Authorized Signature: _____ Name (printed): _____	Player 3 Authorized Signature: _____ Name (printed): _____		
Player 4 Authorized Signature: _____ Name (printed): _____	Player 5 Authorized Signature: _____ Name (printed): _____		



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## Exhibit C

PLAYER PROMOTION/DEMOTION APPROVAL REQUEST FORM			
LCS Reference Number	Requested By (Last Name, First Name)		Date Requested
Player Promotion/Demotion Description			
Player Name and Position	Current Status Starter/Reserve	Future Status Starter/Reserve	Requested Effective Date
Player 1:	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	
Player 2:	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	
Player 3:	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	
Player 4:	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	
Player 5:	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	
Player 6:	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	<input type="checkbox"/> S <input type="checkbox"/> R	
General Manager			
General Manager Name	Team Name		Mobile Phone
GM:			Email Address
Signoffs			
Player Name	Does Player Have Approval Rights Over Substitution?		Has Player Approved the Substitution?
Player 1:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Player 2:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Player 3:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Player 4:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Player 5:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Player 6:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Substitution Request Resolution (to be completed by LCS)			
Substitution Request Decision <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	Decision Date		Substitution Effective Date
Decision Made By (name)	Reason for Decision (if denied)		
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Authorized Signatures of General Managers			
<p><i>General Manager, by signing below, confirms that the proposed promotions/demotions specified in this Approval Request Form comply with the terms and conditions of the League of Legends Championship Series Official Rules, any agreements between the teams and players identified above, and applicable law.</i></p>			
Authorized Signature: _____ Name (printed): _____ Team Name (printed): _____			