

Valorant Tournament FAQ

What software/hardware requirements are needed to participate?

- Windows PC (**recommended specs**)
- Necessary peripherals (e.g., controller, mouse, keyboard)
- *We recommend using an ethernet network connection for higher quality gameplay.*

Do I need to be on the Discord server to participate?

Yes! The Discord server allows the Tournament Organizer to communicate with players and provides a way for the players to communicate with each other. If you do not already have a discord account you can make one at discord.gg. The tournament Discord channel will be hosted here: <https://discord.gg/9QqBeVa>.

What is the tournament format?

Players will compete in teams of 5. Brackets will generally be Swiss format, where teams are matched up against other teams with the same record and there is no elimination.

How is the bracket organized?

Players/teams will register for the tournament via smash.gg using the following link:

<https://smash.gg/texasvalorant>

There, they will be able to choose teammates. Organizers will assist via Discord if players need help finding teammates. A smash.gg account will be required to register and participate.

How does matchmaking work?

- From the "Play" menu in Valorant, select "Custom Game"
- From the "Custom Game" menu select "Close"
- Invite the opposing team to the lobby.

What are the rules?

- Mode: Standard
- Allow Cheats: Off
- Tournament Mode: On
- Overtime Win by Two: On
- Coin flip will decide which is the home team.
- Away team will decide to start on attack or defense.
- Teams will ban maps under the following procedure:
 - Home team bans a map
 - Away team bans a map
 - Home team picks from the remaining 2 maps
- First team to 13 rounds wins the game.
- Matches are best of 1.