



TEAMFIGHT TACTICS OFFICIAL RULES

NSE Spring Singles 2026

In order for the tournaments to run fairly and smoothly we have issued the following rule book.

Most problems you encounter on the night can be solved by talking to the tournament admin as soon as the problem has arisen. It's always better to contact an admin if you are unsure than to leave it and the problem getting bigger. The earlier an admin can give you a ruling the less likely it is to majorly impact your team.

All students are expected to follow the letter and spirit of the rules while competing. Deliberately breaking or avoiding the rules will result in harsher penalties. That said, mistakes can be made. If you become aware you have unintentionally broken a rule, contact an admin as soon as possible.

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1. Individual Eligibility

1.1. Institution Eligibility

In order for an institution to be eligible to compete in Teamfight Tactics NSE Spring, they must be a recognised provider of Higher Education (HE). Eligible institutions may compete as one institution or may compete as separate 'Playing Entities'. Each playing entity is required to fit into one of the following player models:

- 1.1.1. Main Campus playing as 1 entity.
- 1.1.2. Satellite Campus: Plays as a separate entity from the 'Main Campus' or other campuses of the same institution.
- 1.1.3. All eligible students are playing as 1 entity regardless of geographical spread/campuses, etc. (Similar to 1. Main Campus)
- 1.1.4. Further Education (FE) College offering Higher Education (HE) qualifications provided by another external awarding body.
- 1.1.5. Umbrella Campus/Organisation which is comprised of students from multiple HE awarding bodies.

Full list of playing entities can be found in Appendix A

1.2. Player Eligibility

- 1.2.1. In order for a student to be eligible to compete in Teamfight Tactics NSE Spring they must:
 - 1.2.1.1. Be a registered student at an institution of higher education that is currently entitled to participate in Teamfight Tactics NSE Spring
 - 1.2.1.2. Be registered on a credit rated course (e.g MSc ,Degree or HND) that is registered under CATS (Credit accumulation under CATS)
 - 1.2.1.3. Be undertaking a study programme equivalent to at least 50% of a full time student (60 credits per year)
 - 1.2.1.3.1. A year will be taken as 12 months from the start date of their course.
 - 1.2.1.4. Be aged 18 years or older
 - 1.2.1.4.1. Students studying at HE institutions in Scotland will be eligible to compete from the age of 17.
 - 1.2.1.5. All participants are required to have a registered account on www.nse.gg which has not been suspended. NSE accounts may be suspended at any time by National Student Esports for breaches of the NSE Code of Conduct.
<https://nse.gg/resources/nse-resources/our-code-of-conduct/>
 - 1.2.1.6. Must have a riot account linked to their www.nse.gg account.

- 1.2.1.7. Offensive Riot IDs are not allowed. Whether an account name is considered offensive is at the sole discretion of the NSE Admin Team.
- 1.2.1.8. Riot IDs may not contain sponsor or organisation names that are considered inappropriate by NSE staff or promote any of the following; gambling website, pornography, alcohol, tobacco or cigarettes or firearms. If unsure please contact a member of the NSE Admin Team.

1.2.2. Ineligible Participants

The following students are ineligible to participate

- 1.2.2.1. Current members of the NSE Admin Team for Teamfight Tactics. Students who work with NSE in some other capacity e.g. casters or Admin team for non-Teamfight Tactics games may still compete.
- 1.2.2.2. Externally registered students, as determined by the University's Registrar, unless otherwise allowed in accordance with the playing entities being used by the institutions concerned.

1.2.3. Special Cases

- 1.2.3.1. A student satisfactorily finishing his/her course of study after the start of December will be eligible until the end of the academic year provided their institution still classifies them as a registered student.
- 1.2.3.2. A student embarking on a Sandwich Course and/or Year Abroad course is eligible provided the duration of the course is less than one year.
- 1.2.3.3. A student undertaking PhD study on a full time basis will be eligible to compete provided that their institution classifies them as a registered student.
- 1.2.4. Students may not compete for more than one academic institution in any one academic year

1.3. Check in

- 1.3.1. Throughout the tournament there will be check-in phases which require teams to check in. When check in is required the deadline will be at 6:30pm on match day.
- 1.3.2. Players who do not check in by the deadline will not be entered into that stage's fixtures and will not earn any points for that stage.

2. Match Rules

2.1. Bugs and Remakes

- 2.1.1. If a player fails to connect the game may be remade

- 2.1.2. In the event of a bug in the game, the NSE admin team should be contacted. If the NSE admin team decides the bug will affect the competitive integrity of the game, they may decide to remake the game.

2.2. No Shows

- 2.2.1. Players are expected to arrive promptly to all games
- 2.2.2. All players should be ready to start within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time or within 15 minutes of the previous round ending, whichever is later.

2.3. Submitting Results

- 2.3.1. The top 2 players in the lobby are required to submit results after game ends

3. Spectator Rules

- 3.1. NSE may choose to feature a game. Featured games are subject to the following restrictions:
 - 3.1.1. NSE Staff must be given access to pregame lobbies.
 - 3.1.2. Players must wait until casters indicate they are ready before starting a game.
 - 3.1.3. The following additional restrictions may be put on a featured game. If this is the case, players will be informed by the casters before the game begins.
 - 3.1.3.1. It cannot be streamed by any third parties.
 - 3.1.4. For non-featured games
 - 3.1.4.1. For non-featured matches students may stream their own games from their own player's perspective without delay.

4. Sportsmanship

- 4.1. Students are expected to uphold the principles of sportsmanship and fair play at all times during the NSE Season. Students who do not conform to these principles will be penalised. Additionally, it is a captain's responsibility to ensure their team behaves in a sporting manner.
- 4.2. The following are to be considered unfair play and not allowed in any form
 - 4.2.1. Hacking, any modification to game client.
 - 4.2.2. Exploiting, intentional use of ingame bugs to gain an advantage.
 - 4.2.3. 'Ringing', i.e. playing using another player's account or using a player not eligible to compete.
 - 4.2.4. Use of any cheat program.
 - 4.2.5. Collusion as defined by cooperation or conspiracy to cheat others. This includes but is not limited to:
 - 4.2.5.1. Soft play, an agreement among players to not play to a reasonable standard of competition in a game.
 - 4.2.5.2. Prearranging to split prizes with other teams.
 - 4.2.5.3. Intentionally losing a game

- 4.2.6. Illegal pause, use of pause for any reason not specified in Section 2 of this document titled "Match rules".
- 4.3. Players must uphold the NSE Code of Conduct whilst competing in, and around, NSE Spring.
- 4.4. Harassment of other students is not allowed this includes but is not limited to:
 - 4.4.1. Verbal abuse, this covers any offensive communication in game lobbies or in game .
 - 4.4.2. Any use of racist, sexist, homophobic or other discriminatory language.
 - 4.4.3. Any implied or direct threats to other students.
 - 4.4.4. In game trolling, use of in game features to intentionally reduce the quality of game experience of other students in the game.
- 4.5. Any student or team found to have engaged in or attempted to engage in any act that NSE believes constitutes unfair play or poor sportsmanship, will be subject to penalty. Penalties issued by the NSE Admin team may include but are not limited to:
 - 4.5.1. Formal warning
 - 4.5.2. Forfeit of a single game
 - 4.5.3. Forfeit of full match/series
 - 4.5.4. Temporary suspension of a student
 - 4.5.5. Lifetime ban of a student
 - 4.5.6. Forfeiture of points earnt or qualification spots
 - 4.5.7. Forfeiture of prizes
 - 4.5.8. Disqualification of a team from a tournament
 - 4.5.9. Disqualification of a team from NSE Spring
 - 4.5.10. Suspension of the team from future tournaments

5. Live Event Rules

- 5.1. For practical reasons the rules laid out in this rulebook may not apply to live events. For this reason live events may be subject to additional and/or different rules which will be provided to students attending live events. These may include but not limited to:
 - adjusted late and no show penalties
 - additional rules regarding usage of peripherals
 - adjusted rules regarding setting up of game lobbies
 - adjusted rules regarding streaming rights
- 5.2. If a team is unable to attend the Live final their spot will be forfeited and the next place team will instead take their place. This rule may be amended by NSE Staff to allow for

6. Enforcement of Rules

- 6.1. In the event a dispute cannot be resolved between teams, contact the NSE Admin Team and provide relevant match media e.g. chat logs/screenshots, where possible.
- 6.2. All decisions regarding the interpretation and enforcement of these rules are at the sole discretion of the NSE Admin Team, whose decisions are final.
- 6.3. These rules may be amended, changed or supplemented when required by the NSE Admin Team to ensure fair play and competitive integrity.

Appendix A Playing Entities

Below is a list of currently recognised Playing Entities. If you are a member of an institution that should be recognised please contact NSE staff.

Aberystwyth University	College of Esports
AECC University College	Coventry University
Anglia Ruskin University	Cranfield University
Arts University Bournemouth	De Montfort University
Aston University	Doncaster College and University Centre
Bangor University	Dundee & Angus College
Bath Spa University	Durham University
Belfast Metropolitan College	Easton & Otley College
Birkbeck, University of London	Edge Hill University
Birmingham City University	Edinburgh College
Bishop Burton College	Edinburgh Napier University
Bishop Grosseteste University	FXU (Falmouth & Exeter Student's Union)
Blackpool and The Fylde College	Glasgow Caledonian University
Bournemouth University	Glasgow Clyde College
BPP University Ltd	Glasgow Kelvin College
Bridgwater & Taunton College	Goldsmiths, University of London
Brooksby Melton College	Harper Adams University
Brunel University	Hartpury University Centre
Buckinghamshire New University	Heriot-Watt University
Canterbury Christ Church University	Imperial College London
Cardiff Metropolitan University	Keele University
Cardiff University	King's College London
Carmarthen	Kingston University
Chesterfield College	Lancaster University
City of Glasgow College	Leeds Arts University
City of Liverpool College	Leeds Beckett University
City, University of London	Leeds City College

Leeds Conservatoire
Leeds Trinity University
Liverpool Hope University
Liverpool John Moores University
London Metropolitan University
London School of Economics
London South Bank University
Loughborough University
Manchester Metropolitan University
Middlesex University
New College Lanarkshire
Newcastle University
Newman University
North East Scotland College
Northampton College
Northumbria University
Norwich University of the Arts
Nottingham Trent University
Oxford Brookes University
Oxford University
Plymouth Marjon University
Queen Margaret University
Queen Mary University of London
Queen's University Belfast
Ravensbourne
Reading University
Richmond The American International
University in London
Robert Gordon University
Roehampton University
Royal Agricultural University
Royal Holloway, University of London
Royal Veterinary College
Riverside College
School of Oriental and African Studies
Sheffield Hallam University
Solent University
South Gloucestershire and Stroud College
St George's, University of London
St Mary's University
Staffordshire University
Swansea University
Teesside University
The London College
The Royal Northern College of Music
Tottenham Hotspur Foundation
UCEN Manchester
UCFB
Ulster University
Universities at Medway
University Campus Barnsley
University Campus Doncaster
University Centre Leeds
University College Birmingham
University College London
University for the Creative Arts, Surrey
University of Aberdeen
University of Abertay Dundee
University of Bath
University of Bedfordshire
University of Birmingham
University of Bolton
University of Bradford
University of Brighton
University of Bristol
University of Buckingham
University of Cambridge
University of Central Lancashire
University of Chester
University of Chichester
University of Cumbria
University of Derby
University of Dundee
University of East Anglia
University of East London
University of Edinburgh
University of Essex
University of Exeter
University of Glasgow
University of Gloucestershire
University of Greenwich
University of Hertfordshire
University of Huddersfield
University of Hull
University of Kent
University of Leeds

University of Leicester
University of Lincoln
University of Liverpool
University of London
University of Manchester
University of Northampton
University of Nottingham
University of Plymouth
University of Portsmouth
University of Salford
University of Sheffield
University of South Wales
University of Southampton
University of St Andrews
University of Stirling
University of Strathclyde
University of Suffolk
University of Sunderland
University of Surrey
University of Sussex
University of the Arts London

University of the Highlands and Islands
University of the West of England (UWE)
University of the West of Scotland
University of Wales Trinity St David
University of Wales Trinity St David Lampeter
University of Wales Trinity St David Swansea
University of Warwick
University of West London
University of Westminster
University of Winchester
University of Wolverhampton
University of Worcester
University of York
Wakefield College
Walsall College
West College Scotland
West Lothian College
Wrexham Glyndwr University
Writtle University College
York St John University