

New Zealand Esports Federation Incorporated

Regulations as at 1 August 2016

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New Zealand eSports Federation Incorporated (NZeSF) is the governing body for eSports and all its disciplines, which is established by, and consists of, its members, and is an incorporated society under the laws of New Zealand.

These Regulations have been enacted and adopted by the NZeSF under its rules as an incorporated society (Rules). The Rules may be viewed on the New Zealand Incorporated Society website (www.societies.govt.nz). If there is any conflict between these Regulations and the Rules, the Rules will prevail.

The NZeSF is a member of the International eSports Federation based in Seoul, Korea (IeSF) and will, subject to the NZeSF's Rules, comply with the rules and regulations of the IeSF.

Each player entrant in a NZeSF sanctioned tournament agrees as a condition of such entry to abide by and be subject to these Regulations which hereinafter include the Code of Conduct as amended from time to time by the NZeSF Committee.

NZeSF reserves the right to refuse approval of or cancel any previously sanctioned tournament or series of tournaments for reasons of health, safety, security or any other potential threat to any persons attending the tournament(s) or to the successful running of the tournament(s), with no liability to the tournament organiser or any participant.

Chapter I. General Provisions

Article 1 - Background

1. The NZeSF is the governing body for eSports in New Zealand
2. The administration and governance of the NZeSF is located in Auckland, New Zealand.
3. The NZeSF is a Member of the IeSF and is the recognised authority in New Zealand for eSports.

Article 2 - Objectives

According to the Rules, the objects of the NZeSF are to:

- promote participation in eSports in New Zealand.
- advocate for the recognition of eSports as an indoor sport in New Zealand and inclusion in the Olympics.
- promote the social, health and educational benefits of eSports and video games for youth and the wider community.

- promote a healthy and balanced lifestyle for eSports participants.
- act as a regulatory body for eSport events and competitions in New Zealand.
- carry out any activity or support any person or organisation that may contribute to the above objects.
- make regulations or bylaws to advance the attainment of any of the above objects.
- do any act or thing incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the above objects.

In addition, and to the extent there is no conflict with the Rules, as a member of the IeSF, the NZeSF will aim to:

- (a) encourage and support individuals and other entities in New Zealand affiliated with the NZeSF in the development and coordination of both amateur and professional eSports competitions;
- (b) sanction the holding of amateur and professional eSports competitions in New Zealand and require that such competitions are operated in accordance with best practice and the Regulations and Rules;
- (c) constantly improve eSports and promote it in the light of its values - humanitarian, educational, cultural, unity of purpose and ability to promote peace;
- (d) encourage and support the promotion of ethics in eSports as well as education of youth through eSports and to dedicate its efforts to ensuring that, in eSports, the spirit of fair play prevails and violence is banned;
- (e) develop and to preserve the independence of eSports, and to not tolerate government interference in any of its members;
- (f) support and harmonize the culture and education with eSports;
- (g) organize its own competitions and draw up regulations and provisions and ensure their enforcement; and
- (h) To promote integrity, ethics, and fair play with a view to prevent all methods or practices, such as corruption, doping or match manipulation, which might jeopardize the integrity of matches, competitions, players, officials and members or the NZeSF.

Article 3 - Non-discrimination and Promoting Female Participation

1. The practice of eSports is a fundamental right for all.
2. All parties related to the NZeSF's events or any person operating an event sanctioned by the NZeSF,
3. including its Members and partners, shall take all appropriate measures to eliminate discrimination against women, and to promote and elevate the participation of female players in order to ensure, on a basis of equality of women and men, the same rights, in particular, to participate in recreation, leisure and sports activities and all aspects of cultural life.
4. Discrimination of any kind against lineage, gender, religion, politics, individual, organisation or any reason is strictly prohibited and punishable by suspension or expulsion from NZeSF and/or the withdrawal of any sanctioning of events.

Article 4 - Promoting friendly relations

1. The NZeSF shall promote friendly relations: (a) between Members, Officials and Players. Every person and organization involved in e-Sports is obliged to observe the

- Rules and Regulations and the principles of fair play; and
(b) in society for humanitarian objectives.
2. The NZeSF shall provide the necessary institutional means to resolve any dispute that may arise between Members, Clubs, Officials and Players.

Article 5 - Doping and Drug Use

1. The NZeSF, including its Members and players, are bound by the relevant rules and guidelines prescribed by IOC, Sport Accord, WADA, and other relevant agencies or bodies set up for monitoring drug use and doping by players affiliated with NZeSF Members.
2. The NZeSF will abide by all decisions of the IeSF's Medical Advice Commission in relation to the list of prohibited substances and methods of doping control that are applicable to eSports in NZeSF competition, in accordance with IeSF's Anti-Doping Rules based upon WADA model rules.

Article 6 - Indemnity

The Committee and all other office-bearers of the NZeSF are hereby through, and by means of, the funds and property of the NZeSF, indemnified from and against all losses, claims, costs, compensations and other costs and obligations which they may incur or meet with regard to or in relation to the execution of their various obligations as office-bearers of the NZeSF, and none of them shall be held responsible for any action of neglect on the side of any one of them or for a shortage or inadequacy of any proprietary right or security, and they are also not held responsible for any loss that may be caused, accident that may occur or damage that may be done or that may arise in the execution or their various official duties or as a consequence thereof: provided, however, that any such loss, accident or damage was not caused by action in bad faith or by deliberate negligence of such office-bearer.

Article 7 – Intellectual Property Rights

The NZeSF owns any and all commercial rights related to its operations and competitions of whatsoever nature now and in the future, including but not limited to, intellectual property, sponsorship, broadcasting and re-broadcasting, photographs, video, social media posts and contributions, logos, trade marks, value in kind and media in any format in use now or developed in the future.

Article 8 - Sanctioning of Members

1. Where the Committee has asked for information from a Member, and has given such Member at least 21 days' notice requiring the supply of that information, that Member shall be automatically suspended until such information has been delivered to the Committee should the date for the submission of such information be exceeded.
2. Violation or negligence of the Member's obligations and duties may lead the relevant Member to sanctions, fines, suspension or termination of Membership under decision of the Committee and in accordance with the Rules.
3. When a Member's membership has been terminated by the Committee, such Member shall not have its Membership reinstated until one calendar year has elapsed unless the Committee otherwise determines. Membership subscriptions and any levies already paid shall not be refunded to such Member.

4. The Committee is may take disciplinary action, such as suspension or termination of a Member's membership, against a Member who has:(a) Violated the Rules or Regulations, and is negligent in abiding by the decisions of the General Meeting and/or the Committee.(b) Unpaid membership subscriptions or levies without good cause over 12 months after the commencement of the financial year.(c) Not complying with the NZeSF's objectives and bringing the NZeSF into disrepute.
5. **Chapter II. Sanctioning and Player Status**

Article 1 Sanctioning

THE SANCTIONING OF ANY ESPORTS EVENT WILL BE AT THE SOLE AND ABSOLUTE DISCRETION OF THE NZESF NOTWITHSTANDING THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS STATED BELOW.

1. Criteria for sanctioning: For official sanctioning of an eSports event by the NZeSF, the following must be complied with:

(a) A written request for sanctioning must be delivered to the NZeSF no less than 30 days prior to the date of the event. Included with the request shall be:

1. (i) Details of the Operator;
2. (ii) The Title or Titles that Players will compete in;
3. (iii) Confirmation from the Operator that all competitors at the event will be Players (i.e. members of the NZeSF in good standing) as at the date of the event;
4. (iv) An undertaking from the Operator to abide by these Regulations and any other applicable rules of the NZeSF;
5. (v) Details of the date and venue of the event; and
6. (vi) A copy of the rules of the event.

(b) If applicable, the prescribed Sanctioning Fee must be paid.

2. **Revoking sanctioning:** NZeSF reserves the right to refuse approval of or cancel any previously sanctioned tournament or series of tournaments for reasons of health, safety, security or any other potential threat to any persons attending the tournament(s) or to the successful running of the tournament(s), with no liability to the tournament organiser or any participant.
3. **Approving new Titles:** Any game may be approved as a Title by the Committee.
4. **Sanctioning Fees:** An Operator will pay the following sanctioning fees in order for its Event to be sanctioned by the NZeSF (amounts are not in aggregate):