



# GANKSTARS

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This document is the Rules and Regulations of the GankStars League, and can be referred to by any member to contest or uphold decisions made by other players, community, or leadership.

## Section 1: We are GankStars

GankStars was formed at the dawn of 2015 as a casual guild to help friends play games together. Friends invited friends, and within two months the guild had some of the best players in Vainglory. This helped us get a number of trophies and turned us into what we are today - a grassroots eSports organization with ambitious long-term goals:

- Continue winning at national and world levels
- Help build a sustainable eSports community of players and teams
- Help with eSports' mass appeal and acceptance
- Create an international, multiplatform organization capable of providing the opportunity to compete and enjoy for any player of any skill to help grow the gaming and Esport community worldwide

Vainglory as an eSport had only just begun. Our vision is not just to continue at trying to win top titles, but to also help other teams grow and, thus, help all of Vainglory competitive scene grow. This is a genuine goal, hence why the Blog posts, GS Academy, other initiatives we're doing. Come join us if you can contribute and want to own a piece - these are exciting times and there's a lot of work to be done!

For any help regarding the GSL, please contact one of the admins to help resolve the issue. Our promise to you as the admins of the GSL, is to run this league to the best of our abilities and give each member the best opportunity to succeed.

## Section 2: Rules and Regulations

All rules are subject to change as needed.

Anyone found to be in violation of these rules and regulations will receive a warning, and after 3 warnings you will be permanently banned from the GSL. Anyone that has an issue with another member being toxic must bring it to the admins in private messages with screenshots as proof. Any toxic behavior is grounds for immediate removal depending on the severity. Posting toxic screenshots in public chatrooms is considered player shaming and also falls under the category of toxicity. In the GSL, we do not disrespect or harass anyone, member or not, we show inspiring sportsmanship, take constructive criticism well; we all have something to learn. Do not bring prolonged or repetitive negativity to public chats, nor encourage it.

All public posts, comments, and chats are required to be PG friendly. Therefore, such behaviors as follow but not limited to are not allowed:

1. Profanity
2. Slurs
3. Player shaming
4. Nudity
5. Inappropriate behavior

## Section 3: GankStars League Explanation

The GSL is a league intended for any competitive player from any skill level. Most other leagues and tournaments are made by allowing the teams to be filled with the best of the best players leaving everyone else unable to participate as the teams will just gather all the teams into one team making it unfair. In the GSL, the draft will be done near the end of every season

to prepare the teams for the next season.

### **Scouting Period:**

A few weeks before the Draft, will be known as the scouting period. During this period Captains have been granted access to all the applications sent in. They will then go through each one and decide contact each member and scouting each one by asking further questions, playing with members, or any form of scouting they wish to conduct. Some Captains look for skill, while others look for personality, willingness to learn and improve, ability to take criticizing, scheduling conflicts.

### **Draft Day:**

On Draft Day, all Captains will be online on discord and on stream to make sure the entire process is held fairly. The order of the draft will be decided a few days in advance and will be completely random. The draft will occur in a serpentine fashion in order to keep it fair.

### **Preseason:**

Once teams have been made, each team is given 1-2 weeks of preseason to prepare for the season and to get to know their teammates and build some sort of synergy.

### **Regular Season:**

Each team will be playing against 2 other teams every week. Each team will be required to play 3 games against each team. Game 1 and Game 2 will Draft with teams switching sides of draft between each. Game 3 will always be Blind Pick. Each game will count towards the Standings, which will be used to decide the seeding of the Playoffs. The better the team does during the regular season the easier the road to Championships for them during the Playoffs.



## **Playoffs:**

Each team will be seeded into a bracket determined by the standings of the regular season. The playoffs will be played in a Best of 3 Single Elimination format. Once you lose, you are out. Winning gets you into the next round, and closer to the championship.

## **Players**

The league consists of two types of members known as Captains and Members.

Responsibilities: All responsibilities are subject to change as needed.

## **Captains:**

- 1.) Practicing with team as arranged by the team themselves.
- 2.) Keeping up to date with all changes, announcements, and important matters and making their team aware of all such things.
- 3.) Alerting the admins when a team member is inactive, with proof in order to try to find a replacement from the substitute pool.
- 4.) Taking screenshots of the post game scoreboards, whether winning or losing.
- 5.) Scheduling match times with other captains and reporting each match time.
  - a. Keeping team mates aware of all match times.

## **Applying For Captain**

When applying for the Captain position, you are agreeing to uphold the responsibilities of the Captain position.

- Make sure you have submitted a GSL application Form as well
- After being vetted, if you are approved you will become an official Captain, and your name will appear in this document.

### **Members:**

- A member is a player who will be drafted by the captains.
- Each member is expected follow all the rules and regulations.

### Trades

Trading is allowed after the draft until the middle of the Regular Season. Any team Captain may trade a player to another team; however, these trades must be an equal amount of players. A trade must be either 1 for 1 or 2 for 2 etc.. A trade can not be done if an uneven number players are being traded. Furthermore, the last requirement for the trade is to have approval from admins, in order to make sure that all trades are kept fair.

### List of Captains

IGN	Team Name	IGN	Team Name

### Links

[GSL Application Form](#)

[Captain Application Form](#)

GSL Discord Link

GSL Band Link