## General Information

* **When did you start playing video games?**
* **Presently, how many hours per week do you play video games for?**
* **What is your favourite game at the moment?**
* **What is your favourite video game genre?**
* **What characteristics do you associate with the typical FPS gamer?**
* **Do you tend to play video games by yourself or with friends?**

## Player Statistics

* **What year did you start playing CS-GO (which version)?**
* **Any reasoning for your preference for CS-GO over other FPS games?**
* **What are your total hours of playtime on CS-GO?**
* **Presently, how many hours per week do you play CS-GO for?**
* **How has your interest in playing CS-GO changed since you first started playing?**
* **What rank are you currently?**
* **What is the highest rank you have achieved?**
* **What rank do you aspire to achieve?**

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| Silver I | Silver II | Silver III | Silver IV | Silver Elite | Silver Elite Master |
| Gold Nova I | Gold Nova II | Gold Nova III | Gold Nova Master |  |  |
| Master Guardian I | Master Guardian II | Master Guardian Elite | Distinguished Master Guardian |  |  |
| Legendary Eagle | Legendary Eagle Master | Supreme Master First Class | The Global Elite |  |  |

## Playstyle

* **What player roles exist in CS-GO? Primarily, what role do you play as?**
* **What kind of skills are involved in these different roles?**
* **Did you start playing the role due to an existing skill set, or mould your skills towards a specific role?**
* **Primarily, do you play with the same team or in a solo randomized team?**
* **What kind of cheating occurs in CS-GO? What are the most common ones used?**
* **What kind of players tend to use cheats?**
* **Has opponents cheating affected any of your games? What was the outcome?**
* **Have you ever received a ban? What for and how long was it?**

## Expertise

* **How do you define/discern between Casual, Expert and Professional players?**
* **Would you define yourself as a Casual, Expert or Professional player? When did you start referring to yourself as playing at this level?**
* **Do you hope to achieve a higher level of expertise in CS-GO?**
* **Is there any statistic within CS-GO that can reliably distinguish between Casual, Expert and Professional players?**
* **Are there any behaviours in-game which you would associate or best distinguish between Casual, Expert or Professional players e.g. flaming?**
* **Are there any behaviours within the general CS-GO community which you would associate with or best distinguish between Casual, Expert or Professional players e.g. community discussion, creating maps, training programmes?**

## Leagues, Tournaments and Culture

* **What is the CS-GO gaming community like? How is it different to other communities e.g. League of Legends or World of Warcraft communities?**
* **Have you previously or do you currently play in any Leagues or Teams?**
* **How is playing in these groups different to normal causal/ranked play?**
* **What rank have you achieved in these Leagues/Teams?**
* **Have you paid for or been paid to participate in these Leagues/Ranks?**
* **Have you applied for and successfully qualified for any tournaments?**
* **If you participated in any, what was the outcome?**
* **What is your highest achievement in tournaments?**
* **What are the differences when competing in Local, UK or International tournaments?**
* **Do you have a preference for which leagues or tournaments you would rather compete in?**
* **Is cheating an issue in Leagues and Tournaments? How do organisers rectify/punish cheating?**

## Performance Aids and Training

* **Do you have regular team practice, how often and how long for?**
* **Do you practice against other Teams in friendly matches?**
* **Do you regularly watch replays to evaluate and learn from your performance?**
* **Do you use Training Maps to improve your gameplay?**
* **Do you watch Twitch streams of professionals playing to improve yourself?**
* **Is there any special hardware you use when playing CS-GO e.g. FPS mouse?**
* **What kind of training and training aids do you think Expert and Professional players participate in and use?**

## Skills and Improvements

* **Are there any skills you consider crucial for succeeding in CS-GO?**
* **Have these skills improved since playing CS-GO?**
* **Have you noticed the improvements from CS-GO transfer to other walks of life?**
* **What skills do you think are important when communicating with your team?**
* **How does your team or team leader establish strategies for gameplay?**
* **How do you follow through and support your leader on those strategies and gameplay?**

In the following section, questions **not in bold** are specifically directed at the Professional Counter-Strike Player.

Professional Player

* **What differences in skill, motivation and personality do you see between the Expert and the Professional player?**
* When did you start playing for Endpoint? Did you play for any other teams before?
* What is your aspiration for Endpoint and for yourself in the future?
* How do you think being paid a salary and sponsorship has influenced you?
* Have you observed problems with players once they have received a salary or sponsorship?
* **In your opinion, why are UK teams behind the International teams in tournaments? How can this be rectified?**
* **What differences do you see between the UK and International E-Sports culture? Does this influence the differences between UK and International players?**
* **In your opinion, why are professional CS-GO teams dominated by men? How can we rectify this?**

Thank you for your time!