

League of Legends 2018 NA LCS Spring Finals to be held in Miami

Riot Games' flagship e-sport game to hold North American Championship Finals at The Fillmore Miami Beach

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LOS ANGELES, CA, April 20, 2018 -- League of Legends, the globally acclaimed multiplayer online game by Riot Games, will hold its Spring Finals for the 2018 season at The Fillmore Miami Beach where four teams will compete for a \$200,000 prize pool. The weekend-long event will feature teams Clutch Gaming and Echo Fox playing for 3rd on Saturday, April 28th, with the 1st place match on Sunday, April 29th, between two organizations that have yet to be crowned with the title. 100 Thieves, a brand new organization, have made it all the way to the finals where they face the veteran organization of Team Liquid. One way or another, a new champion will be crowned; as of yet, neither of the finalist organizations have hoisted their first NA LCS trophy.

The big game will be on Sunday, between Team Liquid and 100 Thieves. Team Liquid, a long-standing member of the League Championship Series, has recently rebuilt their team in both players and infrastructure. With a recent investment from Disney, TL have acquired star players in their new roster, such as Yiliang "Doublelift" Peng and Jung "Impact" Eon-yeong, and has invested into new training facilities as well. Despite a mediocre performance during the regular season, finishing at 4th place (out of 10 teams), TL have crushed opposing playoffs teams Cloud 9 (3-0) and Echo Fox (3-1) and are looking to continue their dominance in the finals. On the other hand, 100 Thieves finished the regular season at 1st place, despite being a brand new organization. However, they struggled in their semifinals games against Clutch Gaming, narrowly winning the set with a 3-2 score. The head-to-head between 100T and TL during regular season is 1-1, and with mixed results on both sides, viewers can hope for an exciting series for the finals.

Regarding the Miami venue, typical considerations for picking venues include visiting new cities, player density, accessibility, and security. Furthermore, Riot-specific events need to hold up to their standard for technological specs, including acoustics, visibility, and high internet

speeds. “While the Fillmore may be smaller than some of our previous Spring Finals venues, we believe that might actually be of benefit as we plan for future events... the fans will be closer to the action and feel more a part of the show.” said Chris Hopper, the Head of Esports in North America. “It’s definitely going to be a more intimate show at Spring Finals.” The games will also be broadcasted through livestream over YouTube and Twitch.tv, with links provided below.

About Riot Games

Riot Games was founded in 2006 by Brandon Beck and Marc Merrill with the intent to change the way video games are made and supported for players. In 2009, Riot released its debut title League of Legends to worldwide acclaim. The game has since gone on to become the most played PC game in the world and a key driver of the explosive growth of esports. To Riot, players are the foundation of the community- they drive the continued evolution and improvement of the League of Legends experience. Riot Games is headquartered in Los Angeles, CA and has 23 offices worldwide.

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