

Gamers' Challenge 2008 "Best Of Madden"

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

TOURNAMENT FORMAT: The Tournament is being played on the PS2 console. Our tournament default view is **MADDEN or CLASSIC** View. Each player can agree to one particular view before the game but that view must remain the same all the way throughout the game. This is a **SINGLE ELIMINATION** tournament, so bring you're A+ game! For those that do not understand single elimination, once you loose you are out of the tournament and done playing for the day. Game play is **ALL-MADDEN**. There will be 4 initial heats consisting of 8 players in each heat. There will then be 2 more heats consisting of 8 players each. Then there's the quarterfinal heat, semi-final heat and Championship. A flip of a coin will decide which player gets to play at home. During the Championship Game, the person who has the most points from all previous games controls home field. Players will be allowed to use any of the 32 NFL teams (Latest UP TO **DATE ROSTERS Pre-existing Injuries Off**). You do not have to use the same team throughout the tournament. Players will be allowed to use the same teams within a game. **NO** personal Memory cards are allowed during tournament play, except for the Tournament refs that download the updated rosters. All equipment will be provided by Gamers' Tournament Officials. There's no need to bring any controllers, consoles, games, memory cards etc. Just bring you're a Game and win the ever prestigious Dahttie Lombardi Trophy.

REGISTRATION: The registration period begins Weds. 10-01-08 and ends on Weds 10-08-08. There is a \$50 registration fee to hold your spot; monies are to be paid at the Nitty Gritty Soul Food Café 3003 S. Main Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. The first 32 players to pay their registration fee will be in the tournament. **THERE ARE NO REFUNDS**. All names added after the first 32 do not have to pay a registration fee but are allowed to come to the event as an alternate. In the event an originally registered participant can not make the tournament, or is late, tournament officials will begin to choose alternatives on a first come first add basis.

ARRIVAL TIME: Please arrive in a timely fashion. Doors will open up at 10am and warm-ups on the systems start at 10:30am. All Players must arrive by 11:30am to receive t-shirts and be seated for match-ups. Any player (in heat one) not checked in by 11:45am will forfeit there spot in the tournament to first available alternate.

21 PT MERCY RULE: **There is a (21) point mercy rule up to Championship Game!!** Once down 21 the losing Player will be given one more chance to score on the next position. If the Player does not score the game is then called. This is to speed up the tournament and not sit there and witness 50- 0 Embarrassing Blow outs. This rule does not apply in the Championship Game. **ALL 4 QUARTERS WILL BE PLAYED UNLESS LOSING PLAYER FORFEITS!!!**

AUDIBLES: Audible privacy will be granted to both players before the game starts. Players are allowed to make audible adjustments at half-time and during your OWN timeout only (Two-minute warning audible changes are forbidden). Audible privacy will be allowed for these changes. Please allow your opponents to enter his or her audible's with a little privacy. Audible privacy will be given to each Player for the time of 2 minutes.

CHEATING OR INFRACTION: If during the tournament you feel your opponent is cheating or a Serious Infraction has been committed against you then put the game on pause and stand up and

call over a tournament official. The tournament official will assist you in addressing the issue. **SCREEN TOGGLING:** No excessive screen toggling will be allowed during snap of ball or before a FG or punt. Abuse of this rule will result in use of time out or in case of FG situation re-kick. If you feel this rule is being abused put the game on pause and call over a tournament official. If you allow the snap of the ball you live with the outcome. No player is permitted to pause the game if there is a field goal or punt in progress. Anyone who does so must use a time-out to allow the kick to proceed properly.

SUBSTITUTIONS: Only position-for-position substitutions are allowed, offensively and defensively. Special Teams substitutions are up to the Player's discretion. QB for QB, HB/FB for FB/HB, WR for WR, KICKER FOR KICKER AND PUNTER FOR PUNTER, TE for TE (no FBs at TE), LB for LB, secondary for secondary, offensive lineman for offensive lineman, defensive lineman for defensive lineman.. No OG or OT at Tight End. If your package allows you to put LB at DE then of course you are allowed to do so. No subbing defensive personnel on offense, and vice-versa. Only in a case were your D-chart allows and all those designated positions are gone will this be allowed. What ever you can within your package sub is allowed but you cannot deliberately sub a person out of position. Again the above ruling is only for substitution settings and **DOES NOT APPLY TO THE PACKAGE OR BIG OPTION**

COACHING: No one will be allowed to assist any player with decisions during a game. Anyone who does so will be pointed toward the front door. Headphones for music will be allowed, but all cell-phones and cell phone earpieces will not be allowed during game play. No game stoppage for cell-phone calls. No Player will be allowed to pass their team or spot in the tournament to another Player for what ever reason. If that Player can not finish, then their games will be forfeited and the competitor in that game gets awarded a win and moves on.

BASHING: Smack talk seems to come with the Madden because of the intensity of the game. Some players like to scream, stomp, or shout their way to victory. Loud Cursing will not be permitted at the tournament and CAN CAUSE DISQUALIFICATION. Understanding this emotional outburst, we ask players not to physically touch another player, attack anyone's character, or be an **IDIOT** in anyway and especially invade your opponents ZONE. **ONE OUTBURST WILL CAUSE THAT PLAYER** to be disqualified if the Gamers' Challenge Official decides that you have ignored the rules and regulations of the tournament. **REPEAT YOU ARE TO NOT TOUCH THE PLAYER NEXT TO YOU IN ANY WAY SHAPE OR FORM** for this will cause you to be kicked out of the tournament. In this case the other player automatically advances to the next round. No loud cursing in a Player's face will be tolerated and will cause that Player to be kicked out the tournament. There will be **NO** getting in a Players face and that also can cause you to be kicked out of the tournament. Keep in mind there are kids, woman and young people at our event as well and we need to act accordingly and set an example. The key is to have a good time and enjoy the atmosphere not let your emotions get out of hand. We want **Gamers' Challenge Events** to remain a safe and competitive venue that is enjoyable to participate in. If physical contact is attempted the Sherriff's and Security officials headed by Whole 9 will escort that particular Player out of the tournament and also possibly to Second Street. (JAIL!) Any fights or criminal act will result in immediate **DISMISAL** and escorted off of the premises.

PRIZES: The Winner will receive a CASH PRIZE, a \$100 Nitty Gritty Soul Food Café gift card, and the coveted, crystal, DAHTTIE LOMBARDI TROPHY Sponsored by Crown Trophy.

