LOTTERY REGISTRATION



Lottery Sign Ups

SEPTEMBER 20 - OCTOBER 25

Sign ups are open to the public. Each person can sign up for up to two divisions in the lottery.



Lottery Process

OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 10

- Division capacity and lottery offerings per division are established
- Participants are sorted by division, then USAR rank
- Reclassification of players based on USAR rank if needed
- Top 4 ranked participants offered lottery spot
- Remaining division participants selected through randomization



Tournament Registration

NOVEMBER 11 - 15

Lottery winners will be notified by email and have 5 days to register.



Repeat Lottery Process for Remaining Spots

NOVEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 1

After the original 5 day registration period closes, we will evaluate remaining tournament capacity and may offer additional lottery spots. This will continue until capacity is reached.



Registration is Closed

DECEMBER 2

Capacity is reached at 600 matches, which translates roughly to 425-450 participants. We anticipate closing registration by December 2.

LOTTERY FAQ

How do I register if I win a lottery spot?

You'll have access to log in to our registration site and register for the divisions you won in the lottery. You'll have five days to register, at which point we'll lock your access, review additional capacity, and lottery off the remaining spots.

If I can't be available to play at 9 AM Friday, should I still enter the lottery?

Probably not. Many divisions will have greater than 32 participants which makes accommodating later start times challenging. We can only guarantee later start times for juniors as those divisions rarely have more than 8 participants. If you lottery for a large division, win a spot and try to register with time conflicts, you'll be removed from that division, and you won't be able to switch to a different division. Carefully consider your availability and your desired divisions before you enter the lottery.

Why does the tournament have registered participants before the lottery occurs?

IRT Pros, sponsors, sponsor doubles participants, and volunteers will be entered in the event prior to the lottery. If you want a guaranteed spot in the tournament, register for sponsored doubles, or apply to be a volunteer.

Can I sign up for the IRT Pro division in the lottery?

No. The IRT Pro division is limited to 40 participants, and this division will be filled at the IRT's discretion. If you want to be considered for an IRT spot, please *fill out this form*.

Why do the top four ranked in each division get automatic lottery spots?

It's our goal to showcase great talent at every level. While we like the way our lottery offers everyone a fair chance, we want to balance that with ensuring each draw will have the top players.

What if someone signs up for a lottery spot in a division they're overqualified to play?

They'll be reclassified to the upper skill division before the lottery process starts. We encourage you to match your USAR rank to the *USAR skill guideline* to ensure you sign up for the appropriate division in the lottery.

Can I switch divisions once I'm registered for the tournament?

No, not for any circumstance. You should sign up for the divisions you intend to play.

What happens if I win a lottery spot for one division but wanted two?

You may get an email with an opportunity to register for a smaller division that we need to fill. Otherwise, you'll be limited to the one division you were awarded in the lottery, and you'll be added to the waitlist for the second.

What happens if I don't get a spot through the lottery?

You'll be added to a waitlist. The waitlist will be used to fill cancellations by division.

What happens if I missed the October 25 deadline to enter the lottery?

You won't be in the lottery, but you can sign up for the waitlist to fill a cancellation.