

MADDEN NFL 21 TOURNAMENT RULES – XBOX ONE

PLAYER CONDUCT

To ensure we are providing the best experience possible, all players are expected to display Good Gamer Behavior as listed below.

Respect your opponents, team, and tournament staff.

Play with integrity in all matches.

Don't be toxic. This means NO:

- Cursing
- Sexism
- Racism
- Homophobic remarks
- Taunting
- Bullying
- Lewd/NSFW remarks or posts

Tournament Staff reserves the right to disqualify any player/team that violates player conduct rules without warning. If a player/team is disqualified, the match is a forfeit and a loss is recorded for disqualified player/team.

Tournament Format

1v1 Single Elimination Bracket

Best of 1 Game

Match Information and Communication

Match information emails are sent out all players with match information for Round Robin Play. Be sure to check your spam folder if you haven't received these emails. All matches, results and standings will be listed in the Player Web App. Links will be included in the email. ***If you don't receive an email, send a request in Discord Chat mod-help channel or tag @moderator.***

1. You will receive an invite to join the Discord group chat with your registration confirmation.
2. **If you can not play your match at the scheduled time, you must communicate with your opponent on the Discord app for an agreed new game time.**
3. **Discord Usernames are on your matchup schedule for your opponents and on the web app schedules page.**

Basic Requirements

- All players must have Madden NFL 21™ Game
- You must have a stable internet connection in order to play
- Access to communicate on the Discord application
- By participating in this tournament, you agree to share your Gamer Username with the rest of the participants in the tournament. Your first name or Gamer ID will also be used on the Discord™ Communication app and NextUp Web App.

Game Day Procedures

Unsure of what to do on game day? We've got you covered.

1. Before playing your game, each player must add each other as a "friend" on their console.
2. To set up your game, load Madden 21™ on your device and follow these steps:
 1. Select Exhibition
 2. Online Head to Head
 3. Play A Friend
 4. Select the opponent you are scheduled to play
 5. Create Game
 6. Edit Game Settings (Settings are listed in Game Settings)
 7. Send Game Invite
 8. Select your team
 9. Ready Up!
3. Players can choose to be any of the 32 NFL Teams.
4. Games must be played with the most up to date Madden 21™ rosters.
5. A player can pick the same team as the opponent.
6. Games ending in a forfeit will have a final score of 28-0
7. Players are strongly discouraged from quitting out of matches during play. If a player intentionally disconnects from the game, the game will be considered a forfeit.
8. If a player unintentionally disconnects from the game and is not able to reconnect to the game, the following will happen:
 - **Disconnected any time before 2 minutes left in the 4th quarter:**
 - a) If a team is winning by 28 or more points and the losing team disconnects, then the game will be considered complete.
 - b) If a team is winning by 28 or more points and the winning team disconnects, then follow option "c".
 - c) If a team is not winning by 28 or more points: players will restart the game and then work together to manually adjust all aspects of the game to match (or closest to) the point of the disconnect. These aspects include, game time, score, timeouts and if a player reached their "X- Factor".
 - **Disconnected under the last 2 minutes of the 4th quarter:** Game will be considered complete. If the game is tied, then the two players will restart the game and it will act as an "Overtime". The player winning after the first quarter will be declared the winner. If the game is still tied, this scenario will

continue until there is a player winning at the end of a quarter.

9. In the event a game ends with the score tied, the game will go into overtime.

Game Settings:

Games will be played with the following game settings:

- Fatigue: ON
- Injuries: OFF
- Even Team: OFF
- Quarter Length: 6 Minutes
- Game Skill: ALL-PRO
- Accelerated Clock: 20 Seconds
- Weather: ON

Players will play a single game with their opponent. Make sure you take a screenshot at the end of the game in case of a dispute!

The winner will report the score via the Web App within 2 hours of the game completion!
We recommend that you take a screen shot of the final score incase of dispute.

Playoff Information

After round robin play concludes, the top 4 players will play in a single-elimination bracket. All players advancing will be contacted concerning when playoff games will be played.

REPORTING SCORES

Scores are entered after a match finished in the Web App. Winning team captain/player enters both scores and losing team/player confirms the score. All scores need to be entered within 4 hours of match completion.

ADDITIONAL RULES

MERCY RULE

24-Point Rule: If a team is up by 24 points or more in the 4th quarter, the game is a mercy victory for the leading team if losing team agrees.

Q. WHAT HAPPENS IF A TEAM OR PLAYER DOESN'T SHOW UP ON TIME

A. There is a 15 minute grace period. If an entire team or player doesn't show up on time then the other team/player is awarded the win and the entire match is forfeited. Notify the @moderator on Discord to report a no-show.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS IF I REQUESTED A RESCHEDULE IN ADVANCE AND OUR OPPONENTS DIDN'T RESPOND?

A: If you requested a reschedule at least 24 hours in advance, you will not be penalized. It will then be on your opponent to find a time and day that works for both teams. If the reschedule was requested within 24 hours of the match, both teams may need a representative available in the chat at match time. If this is not possible, please reach out to @moderator by Discord to help get in contact with your opponent.