

ROLAND-GARROS ESERIES BY BNP PARIBAS RULEBOOK



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1. Introduction

The Roland-Garros eSeries by BNP Paribas (hereafter called the “competition”) is an esports competition organised by the Fédération Française de Tennis (hereafter called “FFT”) and BNP Paribas.

During the competition, esports gamers will compete on the game Tennis World Tour, on the PS4 platform. At the end of the competition, the winner will be champion of the 2019 edition of the Roland-Garros eSeries by BNP Paribas.

Organised from February to June in 10 countries the Roland-Garros eSeries by BNP Paribas will be conducted in 3 phases: a “national online qualification”, a “national offline final” and an “international Grand Final” held physically in Roland-Garros (Paris).

The 10 countries involved are the following: Belgium, Brazil, China, France, India, Italy, Germany, Spain, UK and USA.

2 online side tournaments (hereafter called “Wild cards”), qualifying for the international Grand Final will be exclusively dedicated to the members of the FFT and to the We Are Tennis by BNP Paribas community (hereafter called “WAT”).

This rulebook aims at defining the rules related to the participation of gamers to the competition. This regulation could be amended or completed by the FFT if necessary.

This regulation will be available to all participants on the website of the competition (<https://rgeseries.bnpparibas/>). In case of any claim, participants will be able to contact the organisation using the form available on the competition website (<https://rgeseries.bnpparibas/eng/contact>).

2. Organizer

FEDERATION FRANCAISE DE TENNIS [FFT],

is an association governed by the Law of July 1, 1901, recognized as being in the public interest by the Decree of July 13, 1923, having its registered office at Roland-Garros Stadium – 2, avenue Gordon Bennett – 75016 Paris,

The statutory purpose of the FFT is to implement and develop the sport of Tennis in France. It has sole discretion and control regarding these purposes. Therefore, the FFT sanctions, provides financial support and/or implementation to official tennis tournaments taking place in France.

The FFT is moreover the sole and exclusive owner and organizer of the French Open tournament (hereinafter, "Roland-Garros Tournament"), the world famous Grand Slam annual tournament taking place over 15 days in the Roland-Garros Stadium in Paris (hereinafter, the "Stadium") on which FFT holds all related exploitation rights pursuant to articles L.333-1, L. 333-1-1 and L. 333-1-2 of the Code du Sport. . FFT is notably the sole owner of the Roland-Garros Trademark, as depicted in Schedule 1 ("Roland-Garros Trademarks Guidelines & Graphic Design Scheme") as well as every specific aspect of the Roland-Garros Tournament.

3. Acceptance of the Regulations

The official rules are intended to supervise the players during the competition. By accepting to participate in the Roland-Garros eSeries by BNP Paribas, the participant accepts, without reserve, the whole regulation.

4. Amendment of the Regulations

The rules are subject to change by the organizer at any time. In the event of a modification of the Regulations by the Organizer, the information will be available via the website <https://rgeseries.bnpparibas/>. An email will be sent to the participants.

5. Conditions of eligibility for tournaments

5.1. Registration and access to tournaments

The competition "Roland-Garros eSeries by BNP Paribas" will take place from Saturday, March 2, 2019 to June 09, 2019 and is open to any individual aged of at least 16 years old at the date in which they will enter the tournament.

To be eligible to compete in the Roland-Garros eSeries by BNP Paribas, participants will need to have their own Sony Playstation 4, the Tennis World Tour game, a valid Tennis World Tour ID, a valid address mail, an internet connection and a Playstation Network subscription.

The number of registration is limited at one per player and per Tennis Wold Tour account.

The organization reserves the right on specific request, to accept the participation of a foreign player to the specific tournament of a country, provided that it is in way to be able to reach the national final of this country

5.1. Participants between 16 & 18 years old

To validate their participation in the competition, the underage participants, (under 18 years old) will have to give the organizer a parental authorization intended for the French Tennis Federation, duly completed and signed by a legal guardian and accompanied by a copy of the official document justifying the identity of the legal representative and of the minor (this document must include the surname, first names, date and place of birth, photography and signature of the holder, as well as dates of issue and validity of the document, issuing authority).

Parental authorization is to be sent to the following email address contact@RGeSeriesbyBNPParibas.com before the entry of the participants into its first tournament.

The organizer reserves the right to carry out checkings, as well as to disqualify any participating who is aged between 16 and 18 who does not return it within the given time, resulting in the cancellation of his performances and rewards.

In case of qualification during the "online national qualification" phase and therefore participation in the second "national offline final" phase, the player aged between 16 & 18 must be accompanied and supervised under the sole responsibility of a legal representative taking charge of his own expenses travel and accommodation.

5.2. Access to the competition and image reproduction right

At the entry of the offline qualifications, the participant will have to bring his qualification confirmation as well as a proof of identity.

All tournaments are subject to photo and video capture, an image reproduction right form will be completed upon arrival.

5.3. General conduct

Participants shall conduct themselves in a reasonable manner, and maintain polite and correct conduct towards spectators, members of the press, Competition organisers, officials and other players. Participants must avoid any insult or offensive language if it can be seen or heard in any way by spectators, other players or any other person.

Any abusive behaviour, including harassment and threats, is strictly prohibited. Any action that distracts the opposing player, as well as any action deemed disrespectful by the referee, is prohibited.

Any physical abuse, fighting, threatening action or threatening language directed against another player, spectator, official or any other person is strictly prohibited. No misconduct regarding game consoles, gamepads or other equipment will be tolerated.

Any action interfering with the conduct of a game, including but not limited to willful breakage of a play station, interruption of electrical power, and abuse of the "pause" button during a game is prohibited.

All bets, including those on match results, are strictly prohibited. Any participant who violates these rules may be exposed to a sanction ranging from a simple forfeit to the exclusion from the Competition, the sanction being at the discretion of the organiser.

Alcohol and drugs are prohibited on the Competition site for anyone. Players must not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol during the Competition. Smoking is prohibited outside the designated areas.

6. Description of the competition

6.1. Dates and locations

The competition will be held from March 2, 2019 to June 9, 2019 in the following countries:

- Belgium
- Brazil
- China
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- India
- Spain
- UK
- USA

The offline national final phase requires the physical presence of gamers.

6.2. Format of the competition

The competition will be conducted in 3 phases:

- An "online national qualification" phase from March 2, 2019 to May 4, 2019
- An "offline national final" phase from March 15, 2019 to May 19, 2019
- An "International Grand Final" held in Roland-Garros (Paris) on June 9, 2019

6.2.1. Online national qualifying phase

The "online national qualification" tournaments of the competition will be organised in the following countries:

- Belgium
- France
- Germany
- Italy
- Spain
- UK

6.2.2. Offline national final phase

The 8 quart finalists including the eventual winner of each “online national qualification” phase will compete during the offline national final tournament organised in each country.

6.2.3. Brazil, China, India and USA tournaments

There will be no “online national qualification” phase in Brazil, China, India and USA. Participants in those countries will compete directly in an “offline national final” tournament. The champion of those tournaments will be qualified for the international Grand Final held in Roland-Garros (Paris).

The tournaments in Brazil, China & India will be played on a computer version of the game Tennis World Tour (and not on a PS4 version).

The USA tournament is limited to 16 participants

6.2.4. Wild Cards qualifications

A specific tournament will be dedicated to the FFT members (“Les licenciés de la Fédération Française de Tennis”). This tournament will be organised online, and the winner will be qualified for the “international Grand Final” held in Roland-Garros (Paris).

A specific tournament will be dedicated to the WeAreTennis by BNP Paribas community. This tournament will be organised online, and the winner will be qualified for the “international Grand Final” held in Roland-Garros (Paris).

6.2.5. International Grand Final in Roland-Garros (Paris)

During the “international Grand Final”, the following participants will compete:

- Winners of the “offline national final” tournaments
- The winner of the online FFT “wild card qualification”
- The winner of the online WAT “wild card qualification”

The Grand Final will be held on June 9, 2019.

7. Terms of participation to the different tournaments

7.1. Terms of participation to the “online national qualification”

Registration to the “online national qualification” tournaments will be open on the competition website (<http://www.rgeseries.bnpparibas/>) starting on February 12, 2019. It will be free of charge.

7.1.1. The “online national qualification – Belgium”

The “online national qualification – Belgium” is only open to Belgian gamers. The tournament will be held online on April 6, 2019.

7.1.2. The “online national qualification – France”

The “online national qualification – France” is only open to French gamers. The tournament will be held online on May 4, 2019.

7.1.3. The “online national qualification – Germany”

The “online national qualification – Germany” is only open to German gamers. The tournament will be held online on March 23, 2019.

7.1.4. The “online national qualification – Italy”

The “online national qualification – Italy” is only open to Italian gamers. The tournament will be held online on April 27, 2019.

7.1.5. The “online national qualification – Spain”

The “online national qualification – Spain” is only open to Spanish gamers. The tournament will be held online on March 2, 2019.

7.1.6. The “online national qualification – UK”

The “online national qualification – UK” is only open to UK gamers. The tournament will be held online on March 16, 2019.

7.2. Terms of participation to the “offline national final” tournaments

The “offline national final” tournaments are open only to the 8 best gamers qualified during the “online national qualification” tournaments. Those 8 gamers will compete to qualify the national champion who will represent his/her country during the “international Grand Final” in Roland-Garros.

Should, for any reason, one of the 8 players qualified for the offline national final, be disqualified of or withdraws from it, the organization reserves itself to choose his/her replacement in the pool of players who have participated in the online qualifications by random draws.

7.2.1. “Offline national final – Belgium”

The “offline national final – Belgium” will be held on April 26, 2019 at the following address Boulevard Auguste Reyers 52, 1030 Bruxelles, Belgique.

7.2.2. “Offline national final – France”

The “offline national final – France” will be held on May 19, 2019 at the following address: Parc de la Tête d'Or, Vélodrom Georges Prével, 69006, Lyon.

7.2.3. “Offline national final – UK”

The “offline national final – UK” will be held on 29 March 2019 at the following address: 10 Harewood Ave – London.

7.2.4. “Offline national final – Italy”

The “offline national final – Italy” will be held on May 18, 2019 at the following address: Foro Italico, 135, Roma.

7.2.5. “Offline national final – Spain”

The “offline national final – Spain” will be held on March 15,, 2019 at the following address: Oficinas de BNP Paribas Calle Emilio Vargas ,4, 28043, Madrid.

7.2.6. “Offline national final – Germany”

The “offline national final – Germany” will be held on April 12, 2019 at the following address: BNP Paribas S.A., Niederlassung Deutschland, Europa-Allee 12, 60327, Frankfurt am Main).

The 8 best gamers of each country will have to organise their travel. An envelope of 100€ will be provided to all gamers traveling to their offline national final tournament.

7.3. Terms of participation to the “offline national final” tournaments in Brazil, China, India and USA

Registration to the offline national final tournaments in Brazil, China and India will be open on the competition website (<http://www.rgeseries.bnpparibas/>) starting on February 12, 2019. It will be free of charge.

7.3.1. Brazil

The “offline national final – Brazil” is only open to Brazilian gamers residing in Brazil. It will be held on March 21, 2019 in Sao Paulo.

7.3.2. China

The “offline national final – China” is only open to Chinese gamers residing in China. It will be held on April 13, 2019 in Shanghai.

7.3.3. India

The “offline national final – India” is only open to Indian gamers residing in India. It will be held on April 16, 2019 in Mumbai.

7.3.4. USA

The “offline national final – US” will be held on May 11, 2019 at the following address: 8555 Beverly Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90048, USA

At the end of those national tournaments, the winner in each country will be qualified for the “international Grand Final” in Roland-Garros.

7.4. Terms of participation to the Wild Cards tournaments

Registration to the Wild Cards tournaments will be open on the competition website (<http://www.rgeseries.bnpparibas/>) starting on February 12, 2019. It will be free of charge.

7.4.1. “Wild card – WAT”

The “Wild Card – WAT” is only open to the WAT members residing in metropolitan France. It will be held online on **XX xx, 2019**.

7.4.2. “Wild card – FFT”

The “Wild Card – FFT” is only open to the FFT licensees residing in metropolitan France. It will be held online on March 16, 2019.

The winners of the Wild Cards tournaments will be qualified for the “international Grand Final” in Roland-Garros.

7.5. Terms of participation to the “international Grand Final”

The “international Grand Final” is the final step of the competition. It is only open to the 12 gamers qualified during the qualifying phases.

The Grand Final will be held on June 9, 2019 in Roland-Garros (Paris).

At the end of the tournament, a player will be declared the winner of the Roland-Garros eSeries by BNP Paribas, 2019 edition.

8. Rules of the competition

8.1. Game parameters

Platform: PS4, provided by the organization

Controller: the joysticks provided are Nacon Révolution Pro Controller 2, players are free to bring their own controller.

Format of the match: 2 winning sets or if the game exceeds 30 minutes, the player leading the score wins.

Choice of court: Phillipe Chatrier

Format of the set: 3 winning games, in case of equality at 2-2, 2 additional games will be played. In case of equality at 3-3, in case of a 3rd set, a super tie break in 10 points will be played.

8.2. Rules of the “online national qualification” tournaments

The “online national qualification” is organised through a tree with simple elimination.

Participants will be distributed randomly in the tournament tree by the organisers.

Matches will be played in 1 vs. 1 using the “best of one” format, meaning the winner will be the best of one game.

8.3. Rules of the “offline national final” tournaments

The “offline national final” is organised through a tree with simple elimination.

Participants will be distributed randomly in the tournament tree by the organisers.

Matches will be played in 1 vs. 1 using the “best of one” format, meaning the winner will be the best of one game.

8.4. Rules of Brazil, China, India and USA tournaments

For those 4 countries, the tournament is organised through a tree with simple elimination. Participants will be distributed randomly in the tournament tree by the organisers. Matches will be played in 1 vs. 1 using the “best of one” format, meaning the winner will be the best of one game.

8.5. Rules of « Wild card – FFT » and « Wild card – WAT » tournaments

The online tournaments for FFT and WAT are organised through a tree with simple elimination. Participants will be distributed randomly in the tournament tree by the organisers. Matches will be played in 1 vs. 1 using the “best of one” format, meaning the winner will be the best of one game.

8.6. Rules of « International Grand Final ».

The “international Grand Final” is organised through a “round-robin” format, which means that each player will fight to another player of his group. Matches will be played in 1 vs. 1 using the “best of one” format, meaning the winner will be the best of one game. The match will end as soon as one gamer wins a set. A victory gives the player 3 points, a defeat gives 0 point.

At the end of this phase, top gamers of each group (1st in Group A, 1st in Group B, 1st in Group C and 1st in Group D) will be qualified for the final tree. This final phase is organised through a tree with simple elimination.

Participants will be distributed randomly in the tournament tree by the organisers. Matches will be played in 1 vs. 1 using the “best of three” format, meaning the winner will be the best of three games. The match will end as soon as one gamer wins 2 sets.

8.7. Rules during the matches

Administrators, selected by the FFT, will ensure the smooth running of the tournaments. Except if specified by the FFT, the referee will be the only one with authority on sportive choices related to the tournament during matches. A match cannot be started without the agreement of the referee.

Matches will be played on the Philippe Chatrier court in Roland-Garros.

Characters will have to be selected before the beginning of the competition.

Gamers will have to check the perfect operation and proper configuration of their buttons before they start an official match.

Any pause provoked by a gamer or his / her material will lead to the end of the game except in case of problems caused by the console.

9. Prize & compensation

For information, the amounts collected for a video game competition activity exercised in the usual

way must be declared by the players in their annual tax return, in the category of non-commercial profits.

The usual practice is characterized when the player has received sums for participating in more than one video game competition.

Under Article 240 of the French General Tax Code, when a natural or legal person pays various remuneration in the practice of his profession, he is subject to an annual reporting obligation of such amounts to the tax authorities in form called "DAS 2" which must be filed together with the declaration of result. This is the declaration form for commissions, brokerage, commercial rebates, fees and other remunerations paid. This means that the cash prizes paid to the winners will be declared to the tax authorities by the organizer. The player alone is responsible for declaring this income to the administration.

9.1. For the "online national qualification" tournaments

The winner of each online national qualifying tournament will receive:

- A prize of 150€

The 8 quart finalists (including the eventual winner) will receive :

- a qualification for the "offline national final" tournament in his/her country
- A financial support (up to 100€) to participate to the transport & hotel (upon presentation of the receipts) to the "offline national final"

9.2. For the offline national final tournaments

The winner of each offline national final tournament will receive:

- A prize of 300€
- Fully paid trip to Paris (Air ticket + accommodation + meals) to participate to the "international Grand Final" in Roland-Garros (Plane ticket, hotel and food)

9.3. For the Wild Cards tournaments

Winners of the Wild Cards tournaments will receive:

- Fully paid trip to Paris (Air ticket + accommodation + meals) to participate to the "international Grand Final" in Roland-Garros (Plane ticket, hotel and food)

9.4. For the Grand Final in Roland-Garros

The winner of the internal Grand Final will receive a prize of 5 000€.

9.5. Terms of payment

The payment of the prize & of the financial support will be operated by banking transfer.

The concerned participants will have to provide to the FFT the following information:

- IBAN of his / her bank
- Proof of identity
- Proof of payments (transports and/or hotels)

The FFT commits to transfer their prizes, and the financial support, to winners before September 31, 2019 at the latest, at the condition that all necessary information have been provided, in accordance

with legal and regulatory provisions in place, deduction made of all applicable taxes and impositions, including the potential deductions at source in case the participant lives in France.

10. Rules of conduct

The FFT encourages all participants to behave and compete with fair play and honesty towards other participants.

The following rules of conduct aim at defining a non-exhaustive list of prohibited behaviours as well as dishonest practices, which could lead to an undue, unnatural and unpredictable advantage.

The FFT reserves the right to adapt this list and take the proper disciplinary action in case of non-conformity to those rules of conduct, whether it concerns a behaviour listed below or not.

The following behaviours are likely to result in penalty:

- Refusing to follow the instructions of the administrator of the tournament
- Arriving late at the tournament
- Selecting a pseudonym or providing content related to a false association to the FFT
- Harassing, following, threatening, intimidating or adopting a harmful behaviour towards other participants or other people from the tournament staff
- Communicating any content which could be considered as offensive (illegal, insulting, abusive, threatening, abusive, vulgar, obscene, sexual, racist, slanderous content whether they are based on race, political or religious opinions, sexual orientation or more generally any unethical content)
- Publishing advertising or promotional commercial content, or content breaching the reputation or the image of the FFT
- Registration to the tournament with the pseudonym of the third person to play one or several matches instead of the initial participant
- Creating a false identity or using the identity of a third
- Publishing personal information of other participants (such as family name, first name, address, phone number...) on a public space whether it is using social networks, a website or any other way
- Using a bug of the video game to gain an undue advantage whether it is defined or not in the rules of the tournament
- Using a third software to modify the functionalities of the game
- Distorting or preventing the proper operating of an automatized data system, whether it concerns the video game or services
- Not raising to the FFT a bug or a breach allowing to gain an undue advantage during a match
- Not providing the best efforts to win a match
- Betting or putting in place an illicit system of bet on the tournaments
- Manipulating the ranking of a tournament

11. Applicable penalties

In case of violation of the rules of conduct or the rules of the tournaments, the FFT reserve the right to apply penalties based on the gravity of the found actions or behaviours and the good faith of the participant.

Below is a non-exhaustive list of penalties which can be applied by the FFT:

- Warning
- Loss of a set
- Loss of a match
- Disqualification

Based on the gravity and the potential repetition of the found action or behaviour, the FFT could decide to apply additional penalties such as banning from future tournaments or competitions, and cancellation of endowments. The FFT could also decide to apply additional penalties linked to the parameters, specificities and regulation of the video game played during the tournament.

The FFT reserves the right to pursue a participant (civil or penal) based on the nature and gravity of the found damage.

12. Limitation of responsibility

The FFT cannot ensure that services will not be interrupted or will not suffer any default, that bugs will be corrected and that services do not contain any virus and could not be held responsible in case of partial or definitive interruption of services.

It is each user's responsibility to take all the necessary precautions to protect his / her data against potential informatic attack.

During the entire duration of the competition, participants will be entirely responsible for their own behaviour and the FFT could not be held responsible in case of a direct damage or an indirect one resulting from the incorrect behaviour of a participant.