

Dear Captains,

We are here to give you some instructions for the finals of the OWYCRCC.

Informative group:

Please join the WhatsApp informative group for the finals (just click on the link from your mobile):

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/F4lrUrq6lPd0qEnv4OHq9s>

Armageddon games:

1. In case an Armageddon game is required, it will start after the second game of the day, without any delay, except the time required to set it up technically, hence the players involved shouldn't leave their computer and ZOOM;
2. Only for the Armageddon games, the clock needs to be adjusted by the arbiters, so the players must not start the clocks and wait the signal coming from the Chief Arbiter.

Fair Play additional rules:

1. During the game, a player's camera and microphone must be turned on;
1. The camera must be placed in a way that the arbiters can see the player's face (Captains and players please pay special attention to this, as some players are getting off-sight);
2. Players must share their screen (the first screen/ *screen 1* so the arbiters can see their Taskbar - Captains, please make sure you inform and show your players the right way to do it);
3. The players may lower their speakers in order to avoid distraction, but to check the zoom chat and to be responsive (or to leave the chat open, next to the board on Tornelo);
4. Players must be alone in their playing area (except the ones playing from a common venue under surveillance by a local arbiter);
5. Headphones are not allowed;
6. The picture displayed shall not hide the surroundings of the player - no virtual background is allowed;
7. The room lighting should be sufficient to allow broadcasting and movement of a player's eyes to be monitored by the arbiters and FPP;
8. A player's microphone should always transmit any sounds audible near the player to the arbiters and FPP;
9. Special instructions on second camera
 - On the first day (19.12.2020) the second camera is not mandatory, but players must keep it prepared and be ready to use it if they are asked to.
 - Some players and captains will be contacted for a mandatory second camera even on the first day.
 - A second camera will be required as well if during the day the FPP we notice some suspicious behaviour. That's why the players must be prepared in advance.
 - **Starting from the second day (20.12.2020 - the Quarterfinals), a second camera is mandatory for every player since the beginning: players without a second camera will be forfeited anyways.**

Second camera's placement:

The second camera shall be placed in the back or aside, where the arbiters can have a full (not partial) clear view over the player's desk, screen and the player itself, in a reasonable distance with microphone on.

In this case the players are entering the zoom room with a second device (different zoom account) where another laptop/external camera or as a last resort - mobile camera can be used.

If it's another laptop used as a second camera then only the zoom app shall be opened and the front camera must have a clear view of the second laptop's screen. If it's a mobile camera, then the mobile must be on silent mode and placed horizontally. The mics are on in any case.

*Captains, please contact your players and make sure they meet the requirements about the second camera placement, so they won't lose time before the start of the round.

During the game, the arbiters and FPP may check the player's surroundings, desk, clothes, player's ears and their Task manager - using CTRL + Shift + esc or CMD + ALT +esc on MAC keyboard.

Players can have only ZOOM and Tornelo opened, any other tab/app must be closed during the game.

We also suggest the players to unpin from their Taskbar some programs (especially ChessBase, Viber, WhatsApp, Skype and any other communication program & to turn off the notifications from those applications).

When the players are asked to show their surroundings and their desk, they must make a full circle (360°) with their camera over the room and their desk.

*Captains, please make sure you inform and show your players the right way to react when they are asked to show their surroundings.

The rules are strict and any other behaviour will be considered as a breach of fair play.

Sincerely,

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Bojana Bejatovic – FPP