



## 2018 Call of Duty® World League Championship, Presented by PlayStation®4, Comes to Columbus, Ohio, This Week

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*The Culmination of a \$4.2 Million Season Prize Pool, the Largest in Call of Duty® Esports History*

*Top 32 Call of Duty® Esports Teams to Compete in Record-Setting CWL Season Finale*

*Watch Live August 15-19 on MLG and Twitch*

SANTA MONICA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 15, 2018-- The ultimate finale to the record-setting season of the Call of Duty® World League, Presented by PlayStation®4, kicks off today when the top teams in Call of Duty® Esports begin in their quest to be crowned the 2018 Call of Duty World League Champion.

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The five-day competition featuring *Call of Duty®: WWII* begins at the MLG Arena August 15 – 16, before moving to the Nationwide Arena this weekend August 17 – 19, for the final elimination rounds and championship match.

Throughout the season, teams have been competing to earn a spot in the biggest event in competitive Call of Duty, with teams from around the world vying for a Championship ring and their share of the event's \$1.5 million in prize as part of the \$4.2 million season long purse.

"The 2018 Call of Duty World League Championship is the culmination of an unbelievably competitive season," said Adam Apicella, Vice President, Event Operations, Activision Blizzard Esports Leagues. "This year has been a record-setting season for the CWL, which has seen online and offline participation grow, while viewership has topped last year. And it all comes down to this, let's see who is the best Call of Duty esports squad in the world."

The 2018 CWL season has been led thus far by Team Kaliber and Rise Nation each capturing three event victories securing their roles as potential favorites for this weekend's finale.

Here are the groups for the 2018 Call of Duty World League Championship:

<u>GROUP A</u>	<u>GROUP B</u>	<u>GROUP C</u>	<u>GROUP D</u>
Team Kaliber	Rise Nation	Red Reserve	eUnited
Epsilon Esports	Tainted Minds	Mindfreak	Splyce
Team Heretics	Lethal Gaming	Ghost Gaming	EZG Esports
Lightning Pandas	Brash	ZoneGG	Team Sween
<u>GROUP E</u>	<u>GROUP F</u>	<u>GROUP G</u>	<u>GROUP H</u>
FaZe Clan	Unilad	Echo Fox	OpTic Gaming
Complexity	Team Envy	Luminosity	Evil Geniuses
Enigma6	Prismatic	Team Vitality	Elevate
Moritur Esports	Mentality Esports	Havok Esports	Supremacy

The first two days of competition will see teams compete to determine the top two squads in each group. The top 16 teams from the Group Stage moves to a double-elimination format before a champion is crowned Sunday evening.

Tickets for the event are available, while supplies last, for the Nationwide Arena, August 17 – 19. General admission tickets are available for \$50.00 (plus fees and taxes, while supplies last) and include entry to all three days of the event at the Nationwide Arena. A Prestige Experience ticket is available for \$180.00 (plus fees and taxes, while supplies last) and includes three-day entry, guaranteed floor seating, a Call of Duty® Championship Prestige Hoodie, and access to the Prestige Lounge on the show floor level. Tickets are available at [MLG.com/CWLChamps](http://MLG.com/CWLChamps).

The event will be broadcast in its entirety from August 15-19 on [MLG.com/CallofDuty](http://MLG.com/CallofDuty), [Twitch.tv/CallofDuty](http://Twitch.tv/CallofDuty) and via the in-game *Call of Duty®: WWII* Theater on PlayStation®4. Championship Sunday will be broadcast on Twitter via [@CODWorldLeague](https://twitter.com/CODWorldLeague).

Visit [CallofDuty.com/esports](http://CallofDuty.com/esports) and follow the Call of Duty World League on [Twitter](https://twitter.com) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com) for the latest CWL updates. For live broadcasts and Video on Demand, visit [MLG.com/CallofDuty](http://MLG.com/CallofDuty).

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