



# Rulebook

*This Rulebook outlines the rules that should at all times be followed when participating in the Rainbow Six Benelux League. Failure to adhere to these rules may be penalized as outlined.*

*It should be remembered that it is always the League Administration that has the last word, and that decisions that are not specifically supported, or detailed in this Rulebook, or even go against this Rulebook may be taken in extreme cases, to preserve fair play and sportsmanship.*

*We hope that you as a participant, spectator, or press will have an enjoyable competition to partake in and we will do our utmost to make it a fair, fun, and exciting competition for everyone involved.*

*To encourage everybody to be at their best behavior during and outside the tournament, every team who participates in the League Play and works towards the outcome of a fair tournament will be awarded a bonus.*

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# 1. Introduction and basic definitions

## 1.1 Introduction to the rulebook

This is the official ruleset of the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) season of the “**Rainbow 6 Benelux League**” which will take place between: March 2020 and July 2020. These rules will apply to the players (Main line-up and substitutes) and support staff (coaches, analysts, managers and team owners) throughout all stages of the competition which are:

- Open qualifiers
- Relegations
- Group Stages
- Offline Finals

Failure to adhere to these rules can and will be penalized as outlined. It should be noted that tournament administrators and referees have the final word, and the power to make decisions which will benefit the leagues competitive level and integrity. This means that in extreme cases the administrators and referees have the power to overrule this rulebook to maintain a fair competition and a certain level of sportsmanship.

This competition will be classified as the regional championship to develop the competitive community within; **The Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg**. We hope all participants, spectators and press will enjoy the competition, and give it their best attempt to make it a fair, fun and exciting competition.

## 1.2 Definitions

### 1.2.1 Time zone

Any time mentioned during official communications regarding the Benelux League will always be in the time-zone currently used in Amsterdam (AMS), The Netherlands. That means the following:

- In-between the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2020 and the 24<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 – CEST
- In-between the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2020 to 27<sup>th</sup> of March 2021 - CET

### 1.2.2 The Season

The season will include the qualifiers all the way up to the offline finals.

### 1.2.3 Benelux Region

The Benelux Region is defined as residents of: The Netherlands, Belgium or Luxembourg.

### 1.2.4 The European Region

The European Region is defined as residents of: Albania, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia And Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom

### 1.2.3 Offenses

#### 1.2.3.1 Minor Offenses

A minor offense will be given to minor incidents included but not limited to;

- Being more than 10 minutes late, past scheduled match time.
- Confirming the line-up past given time stamp.
- Banning maps past given time stamp.
- Small toxicity offenses.
- Providing non to insufficient information when asked for.
- Not providing a winner's interview
- Failing to upload match data
- Breaking rules to a certain extent (i.e. use of forbidden skins past warning limit)

Each minor offense will be a deduction of 3% in prize money. 5 minor offenses will evolve in a major offense and will follow disqualification and a competitive ban for Season 6 or any other National Championships in 2020 and 2021 (Exceptions can be made for individuals)

Only one (1) minor offense per playday can be given out. However additional prize money deductions can be applied.

#### 1.2.3.2 Major Offenses

Major offenses will be given for either tallying up to 5 minor offenses, or for major incidents included but not limited to;

- Cheating, hacking or the use of macro's
- Extreme toxicity of players/support staff (This can be in game, or in public media such as twitter)
- Failing to maintain respect for other players/admins
- Deliberately deceiving admins
- Use of a fake ID in order to play

A Major offense will deduct all prize money the team would receive and will result in a disqualification of Season 5 and a competitive ban for the team in Season 6 or any other National Championships in 2020/2021 (Exceptions can be made for individuals).

#### 1.2.3.3 Disqualification Threshold

When a player or a team has reached a total of one (1) Major offense or five (5) Minor offenses, he/she or they will receive a disqualification from further participation in the Rainbow 6 Benelux League. The license will be withdrawn, and a competitive ban will be instated for the remainder of 2020 and 2021.

### 1.2.4 Live Matches

The term Live matches will be used to refer to matches that take part in a public location, during events, LAN finals or any match broadcasted on the Rainbow6BNL channel.

### 1.2.5 Title used

The title used for reference in this rulebook is: Rainbow Six: Siege, Ubisoft

### 1.2.6 Tournament Organization

The tournament will be organized in a joint operation between Ubisoft B.V. and Team META (Formerly known as META BV. Both can be contacted by using their respective contact points.

### 1.2.7 Participants

A participant of the Rainbow 6 Benelux League can be classified as a team or player that is taking part within the Rainbow 6 Benelux League. Any member of a team that is active within the league, will be locked to this team, regardless of the fact whether the player has played an official match with the team or not.

## 1.3 Player information

### 1.3.1 Standard Information

Each participating member must provide Ubisoft and META BV with the following personal details:

- Real name (First, Last)
- A headshot photo
- Place of residence
- Country
- Nationality
- Date of birth
- Game account names (Uplay name)

### 1.3.2 Nicknames

If a player is to change nicknames during the duration of the Benelux League, he must first notify the administration, and wait for approval before the change can be undertaken. No sponsor tags are allowed in the nickname under any circumstances. Next to this, nicknames must be acceptable (up for interpretation of the administration team) meaning, no racism, excessive LEET speak or offensive names. Nicknames are also not allowed to reflect negatively on the Benelux League brand.

### 1.3.3 Photo

The member's photo must be a current photo from within the last two (2) years, altered pictures are not allowed (photoshops) and must be clearly recognizable. Next to this it must only contain the member in question.

### 1.3.4 Game account

Every playing member must have their right game account entered on the document that will be used for the license sheets. If players use the wrong game account, they will receive a minor offense and will not be allowed to continue playing that match. Exceptions will be made if the player filed a change request before the play day starts.

## 1.4 Teams

### 1.4.1 Standards

Teams must carry a professional name. Names such as; Team Kapsalon, Team Patat, Team boefman are not allowed. Next to this teams and organizations are required to have a relevant and identifiable logo which does not include photos of real people or are parodies of real brands.

### 1.4.2 Team Names

Team names are not allowed to have any extensions such as BNL, or R6. The team name can hold one sponsor name such as “Vodafone Giants”. However, this sponsor name is not allowed to conflict with any of Rainbow 6 Benelux League her partners (Such as Ubisoft, META BV and other sponsors). Next to this team names are not allowed to be references to active organizations, players, personal outside their own organization. Next to this team names are not allowed to reflect negatively on the Ubisoft or Rainbow 6 Benelux League brand.

## 2. License and Team Composition

### 2.1 License Sheet

This will be the complete listing of players, substitutes and support staff of a team. All teams participating in the Rainbow 6 Benelux League will have to fill in this license sheet. (All these roles will be discussed in section 2.2)

Note that any player on this sheet will **NOT** be allowed to take part in **ANY** other **NATIONAL/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP** in the European circuit for the **2020 season**, unless officially **TRANSFERRED** to a team in another region during the **transfer window**. Teams cannot swap **NATIONAL/REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS** till the end of the 2020 season (After **SIX INVITATIONAL 2021**)

#### 2.1.1 License eligibility

To be eligible for a license you need to fulfill either option before qualifying:

- Have 3/5 players of the main roster be resident in the Benelux Region (Described in section 1.2.3) and the remaining members be part of the European Region (Described in section 1.2.4)  
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  - **Residency:**

This rule does not take your nationality in consideration, only your residency. So if you are Dutch, but have your main residence in Spain, you will not be considered as a Benelux player. On the other hand, someone from Spain with his main residence in the Benelux will however be considered as a Benelux player.
- Have your organization, as a legal entity, be based in the Benelux Region (Described in section 1.2.3) and get permission of Ubisoft NL and EMEA to participate in the Benelux League and other licensed tournaments. (This is dependent on how said organization wants to help develop the Benelux region, rather than just taking advantage of this exception)
- If invited to the relegation stage or group stage phase, have a majority roster of the previous season signed up on your new license. (3/5 of the roster playing when qualifying (this means the roster that played LAN in case of a group stage invite, and 3/5 who have played at least 50% of matches during Season 4 for Relegation stage)

### 2.1.2 License conditions

When the license has been obtained by meeting the requirements noted in section 2.1.1 you need to follow the following guidelines to maintain the license, and to prevent it from getting revoked.

- Line-up and Organization cannot be part of any other tournament in the European circuit.
- Depending on how the license was obtained maintain the following:
  - If obtained by 3/5 Benelux rule, the license must maintain a 3/5 Benelux line-up during the season
  - If obtained by organization based in Benelux, this organization needs to remain active within the Benelux (If the organization closes or shuts down, the players lose their license as well)
- Always maintain 3/5 players of the original license sheet submitted after the Six Invitational 2020.
- Do not tally up 5 minor offenses or 1 major offense in the Benelux League.

### 2.1.3 License being revoked.

If the conditions in section 2.1.2 are not met, Ubisoft reserves the right to revoke the license from the license holder. With this Ubisoft reserves the right to put down a competitive ban to all players and the organization for the remainder of the 2020 esports year (ends after Six Invitational 2021) or beyond that time frame if deemed adequate. This ban prohibits players and organizations to take part in any Ubisoft sponsored event or tournament.

### 2.1.4 Team License

If a team qualifies to the Benelux League, the license will be awarded to the players of that line-up where the team captain / manager will be designated as the contact person for this team, and license holder. This person will be responsible for keeping the team in order and maintaining the license sheet. The license sheet is owned by the team captain / manager, but a majority roster must be maintained across each stage of the competitive year. If the license holder leaves the team, Ubisoft will decide whether the team can continue or not, and who becomes the new owner of the license.

The license holder and/or representative is responsible for all actions and commitments of the team. Any changes in the team license must be reported to and accepted by Ubisoft and 4 Entertainment before it can be followed through. Failure to report changes in the license or leaving critical information outside of Ubisoft or META BV their reach could result in a punishment and might be awarded a minor offense point or get the license revoked.

## 2.1.5 Changing License Holder

A license holder can request Ubisoft to transfer the license to another person present on the license sheet during a season if there is an adequate reason for doing so. Ubisoft's discretion will be used to decide whether the reason is deemed adequate or not.

Once the license holder has been changed, the majority roster of the original license must be maintained for the remainder of the current stage and season. If that's not the case, the license will be withdrawn. This restriction is meant as a protection of the players and to promote a stable Benelux scene.

### 2.1.6 Withdrawal of License

Ubisoft has the right to withdraw the license from any participants if the Benelux League feels that the participant(s) in question have not followed and behaved according to the guidelines set by Ubisoft and META BV.

## 2.2 Team Composition

In this chapter we will discuss the team composition, the age requirement and responsibilities for each role. To play official matches in the Benelux League, all players are required to be 18 years of age or older

### 2.2.1 Team Positions

#### 2.2.1.1 Team Manager

The team manager must be at least 18 years old, the team manager is responsible for day-to-day operations of the team, such as writing match statements, updating and maintaining the roster for playdays and being the main contact person of the team towards Team META and Ubisoft. This person is responsible for keeping himself, and the team updated with regards to rules and regulations around the Rainbow 6 Benelux league. The Team Manager is NOT able to play in official league matches, unless also indicated as a player/substitute on the license sheet.

#### 2.2.1.2 Coach

The coach his responsibility is to support the players during official matches. The coach will also be contacted by Team META or Ubisoft in important matters and is thus also responsible in keeping the rest of the team updated. The coach can give after match interviews and can play as a last resort solution

#### 2.2.1.3 Analyst

The analyst mainly fulfills purpose within the team however he will be held accountable for his/her actions during the Benelux League, meaning that unprofessionalism or toxicity of said person can be punished. The Analyst is NOT allowed to play official matches, unless listed as a player/substitute in the license sheet.

#### 2.2.1.4 Team Captain

This is the captain of the team, this is the only member of the team allowed to file protests, comment about certain issues or debates, or communicate about issues during matches. This person will be the spokesperson of the team whilst matches are being played. Next to this the team captain can be interviewed after the match and will be the third and final contact point to META BV and Ubisoft, meaning that he carries the responsibility to keep his team updated about rules and regulation changes.

#### 2.2.1.5 Player

Besides the team captain, there will be 4 other main players active within each team. All these members must be over 18 years of age. The players don't have any further rights/duties/tasks in any case, however, will be held accountable for his or her own actions.

#### 2.2.1.6 Substitute

Each team can have up to 3 substitutes on their license sheets. These players are not required to be 18 years of age; however, they will be if they are to play official matches within the Rainbow 6 Benelux League. Substitutes do not have any specific rights, tasks or duties.

### 2.2.2 License spots

On the license sheets each spot is marked with the team position it takes up. To sum this up, each license has: 1x Team Manager, 1x Coach, 1x Analyst, 1x Team Captain, 4x Players and 3x Substitute.

## 3. Licensed tournaments

A licensed tournament is a tournament which acknowledges the licenses used for the Rainbow 6 Benelux League and offers an advantage to these teams in their tournament structure or grants immediate access to their tournaments (if it is a closed tournament).

### 3.1 List of licensed tournaments:

➤ **Ubisoft's Rainbow 6 Siege Benelux League;** License is required to participate in this tournament.

More tournaments are to be added to this list later this year.

## 4. Benelux League information

### 4.1 Contact points and Referees

Name	Role	Party
Milan van Valkenhoef	Esports manager	Ubisoft
Stijn "Hap" Hapers	Esports Trainee, Caster	Ubisoft
Zazu_0420	Tournament Director	META
HolyBunny	Head Referee	META
SirMrDany	Head Referee	META

### 4.2 Tournament organizer

The tournament organizer of the Benelux League, as described in 1.2.6 is a joint venture between Ubisoft and Team META (Previously known as META BV) Together they will make up the list of contact points and referees described in section 4.1

### 4.3 Communication

#### 4.3.1 Email

Email is the primary and official form of communication, that will be used by the tournament officials. The team managers, coaches and captains all will be contacted through email to notify them about upcoming changes, their license sheets or other information that needs to be shared.

#### 4.3.2 Discord

Discord, and specifically, the Rainbow 6 BNL server (<https://discord.gg/qFFT2ft>) will be our secondary communication tool. Meaning everything send over email will also be able to be read through discord. However, for official responses email is required.

#### 4.3.3 Disclosure

All communication over email or the private channels in the discord server are considered confidential. Anyone spreading these text messages over social media or any other means will be penalized for doing so, and possibly face disqualification depending on the severity.

## 4.4 Broadcasting rights

### 4.4.1 Rights

Ubisoft owns all rights of the Rainbow 6 Benelux League and all its broadcasting rights. This includes but is not limited to live streams, replays and TV Broadcasts.

### 4.4.2 Waiving Rights

Ubisoft has the right to hand out these rights (Section 4.4.1) for one or multiple matches to a third party or the participants themselves. If this is the case, the broadcast will be rearranged with a member of the contact points and referees (4.1).

### 4.4.3 Declining broadcast

Under no circumstances can a player or a team, refuse to have their match broadcasted by Ubisoft or other authorized broadcasters. The broadcast can ONLY be rejected by a member of the administration team (Section 4.1). The players and teams will thus automatically agree to make enough accommodation to make sure the broadcasting can take place.

## 4.5 Span of the league

The league consists out of 4 stages, each of them will have their own span. The sages are listed below with their corresponding time frames.

- Open Qualifiers
  - 2 multi day open qualifying stages in the weeks of 16th and 23th of March
- Relegations
  - Multi day closed qualifying stage in the week of 30<sup>th</sup> of March
- Group Stages
  - 14 playdays crossing the period of 22<sup>rd</sup> of April to 4<sup>th</sup> of June
- Play-Offs
  - Date and location not yet know due to COVID-19

## 4.6 Participation requirements

The following conditions must be met in order to participate in the Rainbow 6 Benelux League.

### 4.6.1 Age Restriction

All participants (Team manager, Main roster, Active subs) must be over 18 years of age before their first participation in the competition. If in doubt, Ubisoft and Team META reserve the right to confirm eligibility. Ubisoft or Team META have the right to request a scan of the ID method (passport, driver's license or ID card) or video call to confirm eligibility.

### 4.6.2 Regional Limitations

Teams must follow roster specifications according to section 2.1.1, meaning they either need to have a majority roster resident in the Benelux region with the remaining players being resident in Europe, or have the legal entity based inside of the Benelux region (If the organization is permitted to partake by Ubisoft NL and EMEA)

#### 4.6.2.1 Home Country / Residence

A player's residency is the country where their main place of residence is located. For an Organization, the country where their HQ is legally based is considered their home country.

#### 4.6.3 Numbers of teams per organization

Each organization can only have one (1) team in the entire European circuit. This is introduced in the sense of sportsmanship and legality of the competition. As stated in section 2.1 an organization can only swap from one regional tournament to another, at the end of an esports year. However, the same line-up can be active across multiple tiers of the circuit.

If a team decides to have more than one (1) team active in the European circuit, disqualifications of these teams will follow from the current season(s).

#### 4.6.4 Requirements to start with the competition

Teams who have been invited to either the group stages or the relegations due to their final placement in the open qualifiers or the previous season must consist of at least five (5) main players and up to 3 substitute players. At least three (3) of the main players must be members of the team that have played (at least 50% of the matches) in said open qualifier or the previous season.

**EXCEPTIONS** to this rule **WILL** be made, if a player of the team is **UNDER 18 years of age**. These players can be replaced **without any risk of losing your invite spot** to the group stages or relegations. (This only counts for the transition season)

#### 4.6.5 Requirements to remain in the competition

Three (3) out of Five (5) main players need to be members of the team till the end of the season to be allowed to play during Season 5. If at any point this restriction is not fulfilled, the team will lose its spot in the Rainbow 6 Benelux League. With this all members of said team will receive a competitive ban for the next season (Season 6).

### 4.7 Player changes

#### 4.7.1 Adding a new player during the Group Stages

During the 2020 esports year, each license can replace up to 3 players of the roster (During the Rainbow 6 Benelux League). However, players added to the license need to be currently inactive in the 2020 esports year across all leagues in the Rainbow 6 esports circuit. Players dropped from the license are not allowed to join a new team until the global transfer window opens.

#### 4.7.2 Transfers

A player can only transfer from one team to another (this also counts for inter-league, i.e. from Benelux Team A to Benelux Team B or from Italian Team A to Benelux Team C) during the global transfer windows. Players who were dropped from a license during the Benelux league season are also allowed to join a new team again within these timeframes. The transfer windows in 2020 will take place during the following time frames:

- First window is after Stage 1, between May 2020 and June 2020
- Second window is after Stage 2, between August 2020 and September 2020
- Third window is after the SI, between February 2021 and March 2021

### 4.7.3 Loans

A player can be loaned out by their organization, if the license holder gives agreement for said action. If a player is loaned out, he/she will be active on two license sheets, however, will be marked INACTIVE on one license sheet and LOAN on another license sheet. This will prevent the player being able to actively play for 2 teams in the same day.

Loans can start at any time during the esports year but can only be ended during the transfer windows described in section 4.7.2. This measure is taken to prevent players and organizations to loan out players and take them back as they see fit. Next to this a team can loan out a maximum of ONE player per esports year stage, and loan ONE player per esports year stage. Loans do use one out of three changes outlined in section 4.7.1.

For a loan to become active, both license holders have to agree, and Ubisoft has to give off written permission to both teams.

### 4.7.4 Contracted players

If an organization contracts a player, details of this contract are to be send to Ubisoft NL contact points outlined in section 4.1, this is to ensure that as soon as a global contract database goes live, we are able to provide proper information to said database. The information needing to be sent to Ubisoft NL is either the entire contract or a summary listing the following:

- Name of the player
- Salary
- Duration of the contract
- Special clauses
- Buyout

If this is not done correctly, Ubisoft reserves the right to award minor offenses or prize money deduction to the team.

### 4.7.5 Multiple contracts

It is strictly forbidden for a player active within the Rainbow 6 Benelux League to have a contract or agreement with 2 or more teams active within the Rainbow 6 Esports circuit (Nationals, Challenger and European league). If such contract or agreement is found to be in existence, Ubisoft reserves the right to bar the player from playing any more matches until the situation has been resolved. If the situation cannot be resolved, Ubisoft reserves the right to remove said player from the competition or take the licenses of said organizations away.

### 4.7.6 Line-up restrictions

Each team must maintain the majority roster across stages which means:

- Bring the majority from Open qualifiers to Relegations
- Bring the majority from Relegations to Group Stages
- Bring the majority from Group Stages to Play-offs

If these requirements are not met, Ubisoft has the right to revoke the license in question.

## 4.7 Qualification

### 5.3 4.7.1 Qualification into the Rainbow 6 Benelux League

To qualify for the Rainbow 6 Benelux League, you have to go through either option:

- End top 4 within the previous Benelux League season.
- Reach a qualifying spot through the relegation matches.

### 5.4 4.7.2 Qualification Process

#### 4.7.2.1 Direct Invite

In case of participating in the Benelux league prequel to Season 5, you will be invited to either: Group Stages season 5 (Top 4 teams) or Relegations Season 5 (Bottom 4 teams). These teams will have to hand in the 2020 license sheet before 1<sup>st</sup> of March 12:00 to claim their spot.

#### 4.7.2.2 Relegations

The Relegations are the last hurdle to qualify to the Benelux League, the relegations will be a double elimination BO3 format and will hold up to 8 teams. The bottom four (4) teams of Season IV will be automatically invited to this stage, if for some reason teams do not claim their spot, teams from the open qualifiers will be invited to play the Relegations.

Normally the top four (4) of the Relegations will qualify for the Group Stages, however, if teams who receive the direct invite to the group stages, have not filled in a license sheet, this number may increase with the same numbers as teams not filling in the license sheet.

#### 4.7.2.3 Open Qualifiers

There will be 2 qualifiers, each spread over two days. All teams are allowed to sign up for these qualifiers as long as they follow the rules described in section 1. Teams who qualify for the play offs (top three teams of that qualifier) in qualifier 1 may no longer participate in qualifier 2. These open qualifiers will all be a double elimination best-of-one format. Two to Three teams per qualifier will proceed to the Relegations. This will be listed per qualifier separately.

## 4.8 Prize Money

All prize money should ideally be paid out within 30 days after the conclusion of the Rainbow 6 Benelux League (This means play-offs). However, it can take up to 60 days. The license holder will claim their prize funds via a web form that will be emailed to the winning teams. All teams that receive prize money should be a registered company, otherwise Ubisoft might be unable to transfer the prize money.

### 4.8.1 Prize deductions

Every offense a team acquires during an event or its qualifiers is penalized with a prize money deduction. These deductions are as listed below:

- For each Minor offense a 3% overall prize money deduction will occur.
- For each Major offense a 100% overall prize money deduction will occur.

The deduction is calculated out of the grand total of prize money awarded to the participant at the end of the offline or online event in question, including both online and offline won prizes, but excluding any expenses that are to be provided by Ubisoft or Team META.

Next to this, additional deductions can occur if other rules described in this rulebook are broken.

#### 4.8.2 Withdrawal of Prize Money

If the prize money for the Benelux League or other tournaments have not been paid out yet, Ubisoft reserves the right to cancel any pending payment if any evidence of fraud, foul play or match fixing have been discovered.

#### 4.8.3 Transferring Prize Money

The prize money will be sent via a bank transfer as specified by the License holder. Failure to provide enough information for the payments to be completed will result in payments not being made. If a participant has not collected or redeemed their winnings within two (2) months of the conclusion of a season, the winnings will be forfeited.

#### 4.8.4 Prize money distribution

The total prize money available will be **€15.000,-** for Season V (5).

##### 4.8.4.1 Group Stages

To promote teams in participating and finishing the group stages in a fair and competitive way, €3000,- will be distributed between the teams who behave in a sportsman like manner and complete the entire league.

- If 8 teams finish the league in a sportsman way, each team will be awarded €375,-.
- If 6 teams finish the league in a sportsman way, each team will be awarded €500,-
- Etc.

Exceptions can be made if a team is showing repeated non-sportsmanlike behavior, has tallied up 5 minor offenses, or has been awarded one major offense.

##### 4.8.4.2 Play-offs

For the Play-offs the distribution is as follows:

Placement	Prize money awarded
1 <sup>st</sup> place	€6000,-
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	€3000,-
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	€1500,-
4 <sup>th</sup> place	€1500,-

### 4.9 League ranking

In case of two teams rallying up the same amount of points, the following rules will be used to decide who will end up on the higher rank of the leaderboard;

1. WDL differential
2. Round differential
3. Points amassed between tied participants
4. Rounds amassed between tied participants.

If after all these points the contestants are still tied, a decider match will be played.

# 5 Benelux League Specific Rules

## 5.1 Rule Changes

Ubisoft and Team META reserve the right to amend, remove, or otherwise change the rules, without further notice. Ubisoft and META BV also reserve the right to make judgement calls on cases not specifically covered by the rulebook in order to preserve the spirit of fair competition and sportsmanship.

## 5.5 General

When a player or team has broken one or several rules set forth by this document, it will be referred towards this section for the appropriate penalty, where all general punishments are listed and catalogued.

## 5.6 Validity of the ruleset

If any rule(s) within this rulebook are void for any legal reasons in any specific country, the remainder of the rulebook will remain valid for that country.

## 5.7 Confidentiality

The content of protests, discussions or any other correspondence with tournament officials and administrators are deemed strictly confidential. The publication of such material is prohibited without written consent of a Ubisoft employee or the tournament director of the Rainbow 6 Benelux League. If the contents have been shared without consent, then this could lead to a minor or major offense following possible disqualification.

## 5.8 Code of Conduct

All participants of the Rainbow 6 Benelux League agree to behave in an appropriate and respectful manner towards all other participants, spectators, the press, the broadcasting team, and members of the tournament administration. By taking part in the competition players and support staff become role models for the community and should behave accordingly.

## 5.9 Drugs, alcohol and other substances

To play a match, on or offline, you are not allowed to be under the influence of:

- Drugs (Unless prescribed)
- Alcohol
- Performance enhancers

If found under influence of said substances, Ubisoft has the right to disqualify said player and/or team from the competition resulting in a ban for the remainder of 2020 and the 2021 esports year.

Ubisoft and Team META reserve the right to perform a drug/alcohol test on individuals to preserve competitive integrity.

## 5.10 Betting

Betting on matches in a league or tournament where you, or the team you are licensed with are involved in is strictly forbidden. Betting against yourself, or against your own team, accepting receipts of a currency derived from a third party's bet on one of your matches, will be punished by disqualification of your team and a worldwide competitive ban for the player(s) in question.

## 5.11 Additional contracts or agreements

The Rainbow 6 Benelux League, Ubisoft and META BV are not responsible for any additional agreements, nor do they agree to enforce such agreements made between individual players and organizations/teams. The Benelux league highly discourages these agreements taking place, and such agreements that are contradicting this rulebook are under no circumstances allowed.

## 5.12 Connection to active players

In the sense of sportsmanship and legality of the competition, rivalling teams, Ubisoft and Team META are not allowed to have any ties to active players currently playing in the Benelux League. This includes but is not limited to: Team Managers, Team Owners, Coach, Advisors, Analysts, Players, Substitutes and creators. Only exceptions would be active loans of players or support staff.

## 5.13 Breach of etiquette

For a pleasant game it is essential that all players have a sportive and fair attitude. Breaches of this rule will be punished with one minor or major offense depending on the severity. The most important and common offenses are listed below. However, the administration may assign penalties for not explicitly listed types of unsportsmanlike behavior (e.g. harassment).

### 5.13.1 Insults

All insults occurring in connection with the Benelux League will be punished, this primarily applies to insults during a match but also on the website. Insults on IRC, IM programs, email or any other means of communication will be punished if they can be linked to the Benelux League and the evidence is clear.

Severe abuse cases with radical statements or the threat of physical or mental violence can result in significantly heavier penalties including the exclusion or to the removal of the player or to the team in team leagues or tournaments. In team competitions players may be suspended from playing for one or more matches.

### 5.13.2 Spamming

The excessive posting of senseless, harassing or offensive messages is considered spamming by Ubisoft. Spamming on the website, protests, in matches (if it disturbs the flow of play) or anywhere else can be punished depending on the nature and severity.

## 5.14 Unsportsmanlike Behavior

For a pleasant gaming experience and game, it is essential that all players have a sportsmanlike mind and a fair attitude. Breaches of this rule will be punished with a minor to major offense and possible prize money deduction. The most common offenses are listed below, however, Ubisoft and META BV remain the right to assign penalties which are not explicitly listed below.

### 5.14.1 Misconduct

The attempt to mislead admins or other players using false information or in other way deceive other participants will be punished as follows.

### 5.14.2 Faking MOSS

Faking match media will be punished with a minor offense, and could potentially be punished with further deductions of prize money. If cheating is suspected, and match media has been faked a major offense can be awarded to the team in question.

### 5.14.3 Ringer/Faker

Any player involved in faking or ringing a player will be suspended for 3 matches. Also 1 Minor offense will be awarded.

### 5.14.4 Playing with a suspended player

If a team plays with a suspended player, the match will be forfeited into a 7-0 for the opposing team. Next to this a Minor offense will be granted, and the player will be suspended for 3 more matches.

### 5.14.5 Misleading admins or players

Any attempts to deceive opposing players. Admins or anyone else related to the Benelux league may be penalized with 1 Minor offense.

### 5.14.6 Cheating

When a player or multiple players are discovered cheating, they will receive a major offense. The team in question will have their license revoked, players not caught cheating however will NOT receive a competitive ban for 2021. The players who have been caught cheating WILL receive a two (2) year global ban across all Ubisoft tournaments.

### 5.14.7 Use of remote desktop programs

It is strictly prohibited to have any remote desktop program running during an online match. When a remote desktop program is discovered, the team will be awarded 1 minor offense combined with a default loss of the map. This includes programs such as but not limited to: Teamviewer, Skype, Chrome remote access and any other program capable of granting remote access to the operating system.

## 5.15 Match Procedures

### 5.15.1 Line-up

For each team, the line-up must be confirmed before 13:00 on the scheduled match day. Violations can be punished with one (1) minor offense if deemed adequate, and will be awarded with an additional 0,5% prize pool deduction per 30 minutes of delay.

The line-up must be confirmed on the form provided by the tournament referees.

### 5.15.2 Map Bans

#### 5.15.2.1 Deadline

For every match, the map-bans must be completed before 15:00 on the scheduled match day. Violations can be punished with one (1) minor offense if deemed adequate, and will be awarded with an additional 0,5% prize pool deduction per 30 minutes of delay. **THIS WILL ONLY COUNT FOR THE "GUILTY" PARTY, THIS MEANS THE TEAM STALLING WILL BE PUNISHED, NOT THE TEAM THAT WAS READY AND WAITING. WE ADVISE YOU TO CONTACT AN ADMIN AT LEAST 30 MINUTES BEFORE DEADLINE TO SHOW INITIATIVE**

Map bans must be done through a form/URL provided by the tournament referees.

#### 5.15.2.2 Banning Procedure

### Best-of-Ones

Due to the fact we are playing a double round robin format, each team will face each other twice. The team listed on the left (or top) side on the match page will have the choice of who bans first. If team A bans the last map/picks the map Team B gets to choose the starting side.

### Best-of-Threes

The higher seed will decide who starts banning, after that it will be:

Team A bans

Team B bans

Team A picks, Team B picks starting side, Team A picks overtime side

Team B picks, Team A picks starting side, Team B picks overtime side

Team B bans

Team A bans

Decider, team with better round differential chooses side. In case of draw a cointoss will be held, the other team gets to choose overtime side.

### Best-of-fives

The higher seed will decide who starts banning, after that it will be:

Team A bans

Team B bans

Team A picks, Team B picks starting side, Team A picks overtime side

Team B picks, Team A picks starting side, Team B picks overtime side

Team A picks, Team B picks starting side, Team A picks overtime side

Team B picks, Team A picks starting side, Team B picks overtime side

Decider, team with better round differential chooses side. In case of draw a cointoss will be held, the other team gets to choose overtime side.

### 5.15.3 Match Result

When a match concludes, both teams have to confirm the outcome of the match to the referee, if a team does not confirm they have to protest the result with a valid reason. When confirmed, the match will be ended, and the scores will be pushed through to the scoreboard.

This however, does not mean a match is not protestable after the match has concluded. IF a team finds valid reason to protest the match after confirmation, they can do so for seventy-two (72) hours after conclusion.

### 5.15.4 Match Media

Each playing participant is required to upload his MOSS files (nohope.eu) to the designated online environment as a form of anti-cheat. Failing to do so will award the team a minor offense. Next to this the player will be warned, by a third warning within 7 playdays the player will be suspended for the next official match-up. Also note that the player is still urged to upload his MOSS files to the designated online environment after the warning has been given off, failing to do so can lead into suspension for the next official match.

## 5.16 Leaving the Benelux League

### 5.16.1 Leaving during a licensed event

If a participant leaves, disbands, gets disqualified or get their license revoked during an ongoing licensed event, the participants forfeit all prize money from this event and season. **Furthermore, ALL players from the license will be banned for the 2021 season.** This rule has been implemented to promote teams of staying active, and to maintain an active and reliable competition. Exceptions to the rule can be made in special cases.

### 5.16.2 Deletion of matches

All matches involving the teams that have left, disbanded, got disqualified or had their licensed revoked before the end of the event and/or season will have their matches deleted/removed. In a bracket system the next upcoming match (depending on the situation) of the participant will be considered a default win for their opponent.

## 5.17 Match Start

### 5.17.1 Punctuality

All matches in the Rainbow 6 Benelux League should start as stated on the website. If a team wants to reschedule, this needs to be approved by all teams in question, and the tournament director. All participants need to be standing by 10 minutes before the match starts (in case when it's the first match of the evening) or by the time the match prequel to the participants match have started.

To visualize:

- TEAM A and B be ready 10 minutes before match start.
- TEAM C and D be ready when Match 1 starts.
- TEAM E and F be ready when Match 2 starts.
- TEAM G and H be ready when Match 3 starts.

This way we want to ensure a fast and fluent broadcast.

### 5.17.2 Delaying the match-up

If teams are not ready within the time stated in 3.17.1, and thus the match will have a delayed start, one minor offense will be awarded to the team in question. For each 5 minutes the team is delaying the broadcast, an extra 1% deduction in prize money will be awarded. If said team is not ready 20 minutes past the moment when the timer started, they will be awarded a no-show. This means that the match will automatically end in a 7-0 for the opposing team, and an additional 3% of deduction will be added. This means not showing up to a match will result in: **1 Minor offense (3% deduction) and an additional 7% of deduction** (4x1% for 5 minutes late, and an additional 3% for the no-show)

### 5.17.3 Timer

The timer will start 5 minutes after the initial invites have been send by the observer. After this point each 5 minutes will count as delay.

### 5.17.4 Exception

In case of a match ending up in a no-show, the participants for the next match-up will get an additional 20 minutes to get ready for the match. Meaning that 25 minutes after the first invite has been send out the delay timer will start.

## 5.18 Match Protests

### 5.18.1 Definition

A protest is for issues and incidents that affect the match outcome; a protest may even be filed during a match for things like incorrect server settings and other related issues. A protest is the official communication platform/protocol between the parties and the referee.

### 5.18.2 Match protest rules

#### 5.18.2.1 Deadline for protests

The latest time that a participant is allowed to issue a match protest is the earliest of the following:

- 72 hours after the confirmation of the match-up
- Only at offline events; the end of the event day

#### 5.18.2.2 Contents of a match protest

The protest must contain a detailed explanation about why the protest has been filed. Things that should be described is: Why or what happened, and when it happened. A protest can be declined if proper documentation is not presented.

#### 5.18.2.3 Contact member for a match protest

In team matches, only one representative (Team Captain) per team is allowed to file, and reply to a protest. Violations can be punished with a minor offense.

#### 5.18.2.4 Behavior in Match Protests

Insults and rants are strictly prohibited in a protest, and may result in a minor offense and possibly the protest being ruled against the insulting/ranting party.

## 5.19 Results of a rematch

If due to a referee decision, a match can be replayed, it is up to the victim to decide whether they want to or not. If the victim decides to replay the match, the old result is null and void, and only the new result will count in the rankings.

## 5.20 Rehosts

Rehosts can occur in the following cases:

- Any issue before the action phase starts.
- Player cannot move (rehost within 30 seconds of the action phase if no one took damage)
- Game mechanic not working as intended (rehost within 30 seconds of the action phase if no one took damage)
- Disconnect/hardware/software problems (rehost before the end of the preparation phase)
- Observer issue (rehost within 30 seconds of the action phase if no one took damage)

Each team has the right to request 1 rehost per map. Any other rehosts need to be approved by the referees.

### 5.20.1 Rehost request procedure

If in need of a rehost, players should use the in-game chat to request a rehost followed by the reason. Players should continue the game until the observer confirms that a rehost is coming through.

### 5.20.2 Continuing an interrupted game

After a rehost, the game will go on where it left off. Meaning the same score line will be used but also the same bombsite and operators have to be picked as were being used before the rehost. Different strategies or executions however are allowed.

## 5.21 Technical issues

Players are responsible for their own hardware, software and internet connection. Matches will not be rescheduled or paused because of technical issues. If a team cannot play with the number of players that is stated in the requirements then this will be counted as a forfeit. Substitutes can be used with permission of the opponent and the admin. A penalty point might be given to the team with the technical issues. Circumstances will be taken into account and the admin will decide.

## 5.22 Interviews

For every online match that is broadcasted by Ubisoft, the team captain or coach must be available after the match to provide an interview via Skype. For offline events, all players must be available for media, including but not limited to photographs, video interviews and filming for motion graphics.

## 5.23 Media Day

All participants and teams are required to take part of the media day that will be organized and announced before the start of the league. Failing to do so can lead to a minor offense, and a deduction in prize money.

## 6 Offline events

### 6.1 Play-off stages

The play-off stages are playing a single elimination format, these are considered the final stages of the competition in a best-of-three format.

### 6.2 Punctuality

Unless stated otherwise, players are expected to be at the venue 90 minutes before their match starts to set up, prepare and solve any technical problems that might occur. If you notice at any point you will be late for any match, please inform tournament officials as soon as possible. Delays caused by showing up late may lead to Minor offenses and prize money deduction.

### 6.3 Equipment

Ubisoft and META BV will only provide computers, monitors and sound proof headsets. This means that any additional equipment required will have to be brought in by the participants. This includes, but is not limited to: Keyboards, Mice, in-ears, Mouse mats. Please note that our systems do not support PS2 connections, and PS2 to USB adapters will not be provided by the tournament organizer. Other types of controllers such as PS4 and Xbox controllers are permitted, however it is the responsibility of the participant to make sure they are PC compatible.

### 6.4 Clothing

The player and team need to ensure that they are all in equal colored team attire, failure for a player or team to bring such attire will result in Ubisoft providing suitable clothing for the participants. The cost of this clothing will be deducted from the prize money paid out to the participants.

### 6.5 Gaming Areas

If nothing else has been announced, it is forbidden to bring or eat food in the gaming areas, with the exception of unbranded bottles of water. Smoking is also strictly prohibited. All mobile telephones should be switched off, or handed over to the referee to promote sportsmanship. Exaggerated loud noises and offensive language is forbidden and may be punished with a prize money deduction.

### 6.6 Administrators

The instructions of Administrators should always be obeyed and followed, failure to do so may result in a minor offense, prize money deduction and Round, Map, Match losses or disqualification and removal of the license.

### 6.7 Press Conference/signing/photograph or video session

If Ubisoft decides that a player needs to be part of a press conference, autograph, photograph or video session, then the player cannot deny this and must attend.

### 6.8 Stage Matches

Each participant is required to play his/her/their stage matches. Exceptions may only be granted if substantial evidence (e.g. a medical declaration) proving disability to play on a stage is provided.

## 6.9 Removable Media

It is strictly forbidden to connect or use any removable media on the tournament computers without prior examination and approval from the tournament director.

## 6.10 Warm-up period

A warm-up period of 30 minutes is normally provided before a Live match; however, this period is NOT guaranteed.

## 6.11 Photo and other Media rights

By participating, all players and other team members grant Ubisoft and META BV the right to use any photographic, audio or video material on their websites or for any other promotional purposes. Additionally, each player may have to sign two copies of a release that he will receive before hand for reading and having to sign before he starts his first match.

## 6.12 Media Day

The eight teams who will be playing in the group stages will be invited for the media day. On this day photos will be taken of the whole team and their coach to later use as assets for the campaign. This day will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April and is obligated to all teams who play in the group stages.

# 7 Game rules

## 7.1 Headgears and Uniforms

All Headgears and Uniforms are **banned** with an exception for:

- Elite skins (with exception of: Twitch "Maquis", Valkyrie "War Photographer `72", Kapkan "Vympel" TO CLARIFY THESE 3 ARE BANNED)
- Pro League Uniform
- Pilot Program Skins

Using skins which are banned will, if protested, result in the following punishments:

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense: A warning to the player will be given, the round CAN be rehosted
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense: The round will be forfeited by the offending party.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense and further: All remaining rounds will be forfeited by the offending party. A Minor offense will be awarded.

## 7.2 Quarantined Operators

Newly released operators will be listed as quarantined, and are not allowed in the Benelux League matches. Currently quarantined operators:

- Melusi
- Ace
- Echo

## 7.3 Bugs and Glitches

### 7.3.1 Allowed

- Any position that you can get to and out of without glitching through surfaces
- Shield boosting
- Standing on a window ledge and being detected
- Shield boosting onto a detected window ledge
- Hibana and thermite charges can be placed anywhere
- Using teammates to boost
- Long arming
- Using equipment or defusing through a destructible surface
- Destroying the whole floor of a bomb spot so the enemy team cannot plant the defuser
- Smoke through wall

### 7.3.2 Unallowed

Using these bugs will result in an instant round loss

- Any position that you must get to or out of by glitching through walls/objects/surfaces.
- Using a Mira shield boost
- Standing on a window ledge undetected
- Shield boosting onto undetected window ledges
- One-way shots
- Shooting through what should be non-destructible surfaces
- Blocking window vaulting with a destructible shield
- Placing a Black Eye in a place where it can't be destroyed

## 7.4 Game Settings

- Time of day: Day
- HUD Settings: Pro League

### **TDM BOMB:**

- Plant duration: 7
- Defuse duration: 7
- Fuse time: 45
- Preparation: 45
- Action: 180

### **Map settings:**

- Number of Bans: 4
- Ban Timer: 20
- Number of rounds: 12
- Attacker/defender swap: 6
- Overtime: 0
- Objective rotation parameter: 2
- Objective type rotation: Rounds Played
- Attacker unique spawn: On
- Pick phase timer: 15
- 6<sup>TH</sup> pick phase: ON
- 6<sup>TH</sup> pick phase timer: 15
- Damage handicap: 100
- Friendly fire damage: 100
- Injured: 20
- Sprint: ON
- Lean: On
- Death replay: Off

## 7.5 Map pool

The following maps are In the current map pool: Club House, Coastline, Consulate, Kafé Dostoyevsky, Border, Theme Park, Villa.