

2008 Great British National Championship

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

All Universal Tournament Rules and Magic: the Gathering Floor Rules are in effect for this event unless specifically overruled by information in this Format Document

FORMAT

- Standard and Booster Draft formats.
- Check www.thedci.com for Standard and Booster Draft format rules.

ROUND LENGTH

- 14 Swiss Rounds total plus Top 8 Single-elimination finals, 60 minutes per round
- Top 8 single-elimination finals have no time limit
- When time is called, the active player will finish the turn and five additional turns will be taken
- Stalling and slow play rules will be strictly enforced during the tournament.

ADVANCEMENT

- All invited players may participate in all 7 Swiss rounds of Friday's competition.
- All players may participate in all 7 Swiss rounds of Saturday's competition.
- The top 8 players after round 14 will advance to Sunday's top 8 single-elimination finals.

TOP 8

- Top 8 matches will be best 3 of 5
- Where necessary, the standings after the Swiss rounds will still be used to determine final order in the standings.
- While there are no time limits in the Top 8, players are expected to play at a reasonable pace and finish their matches within 90 minutes.

NOTES

- 40K, REL: Professional
- Players are responsible for knowing all DCI rules and high-level tournament rules.
- Players must bring pen, paper, card sleeves and appropriate counters.

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:55 AM** Seating for player meeting posted.
- 10:00 AM** Mandatory Player meeting begins. Deck lists are collected from player tables by judges.
- 10:15 AM** Day 1 play begins.

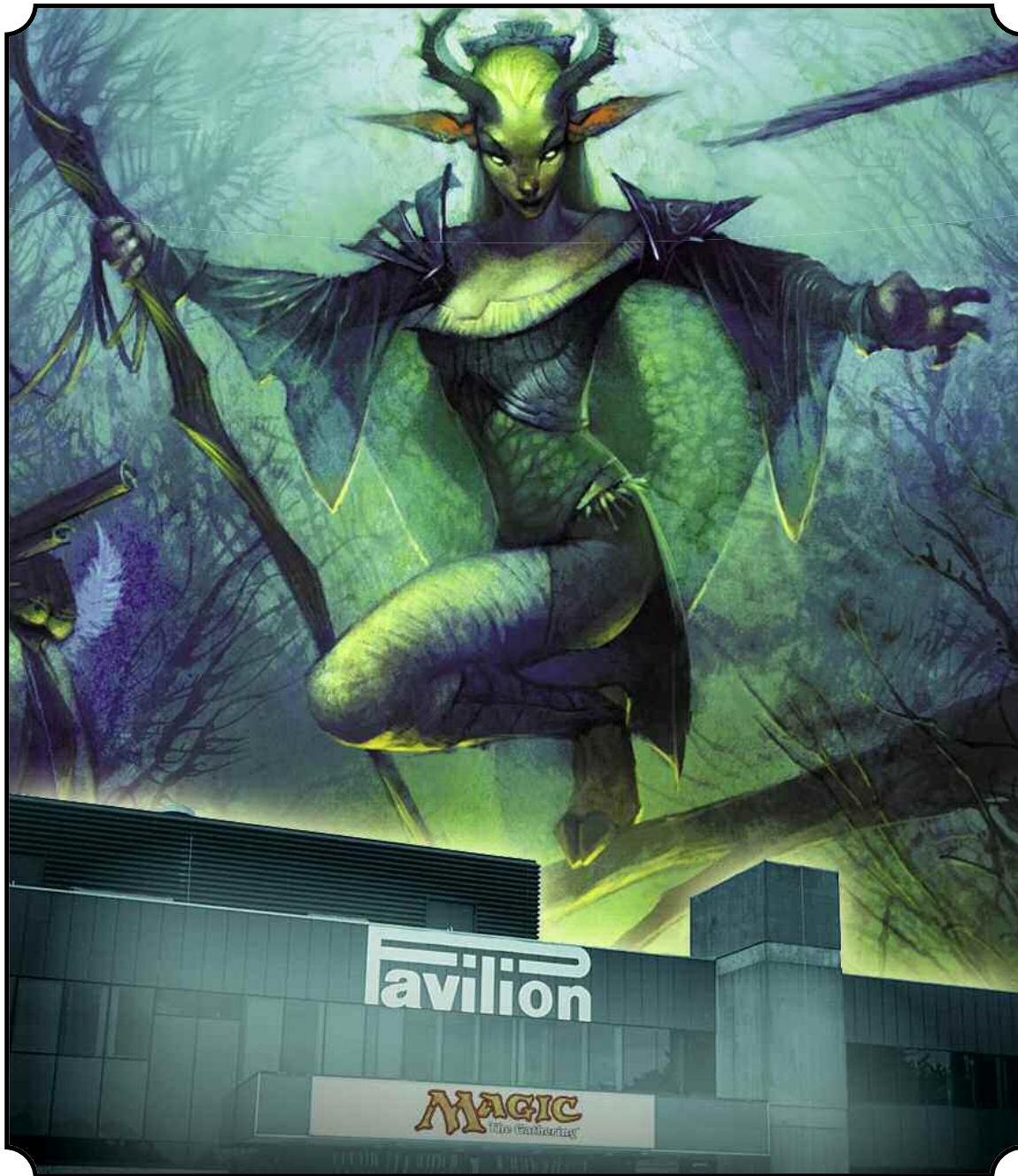
SATURDAY SCHEDULE

- 9:55 AM** Day 2 pairings posted.
- 10:00 AM** Day 2 play begins.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- 10:30 AM** Finals players check in at feature match area.
- 11:00 AM** Single-elimination Finals matches begin.

A Magic festival



Fancy spicing up your holidays with a touch of Magic? You've got to go to Birmingham!

From the 14th to the 17th August the now traditional Magic festival will be in full swing! At its heart the national championships and then much much more... So whether or not you're qualified (and whether or not you're an English Gentleman or Lady) you will have absolutely oodles of possibilities to have fun during these 4 days.

With more than a dozen organized side tournaments, you're sure to find a tournament you dream of, whether it's a serious qualifier or a fun "theme deck challenge".

Also don't forget to bring your cards since the greatest Magic artists will be there for dedications. Are you dying to have a unique design on your favourite plains? Perk up! Your wish can soon come true.

And after all that, if you still have the urge for other horizons, the "chill out zone" awaits discovery. Relax between tournaments with all types of games that promise moments of pure pleasure.

M-fest will run from 1:00pm on Thursday 14th August until 8:00pm on Sunday 17th August.



Ca\$\$\$h!

Like every high level Magic tournament, the Great British Nationals proposes a very consistent cash prize payout. 10 000 US\$ will be distributed to the top 8 players according to the following Payout.

| Rank | Prize |
|------|--------|
| (1) | \$4000 |
| (2) | \$2000 |
| (3) | \$1000 |
| (4) | \$1000 |
| (5) | \$500 |
| (6) | \$500 |
| (7) | \$500 |
| (8) | \$500 |

THE GAZETTEER

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Confront the country's best players

National Championships are a country's most important Magic event. It's the essential tournament for all regular players, offering not only prizes, but also the guarantee of deep respect for the glorious winner.

Each year there are 3 ways to qualify for the national championships.

Most players qualify by finishing in the top positions of their national championship qualifiers. These take place in the month before the nationals and are open to all. You may also qualify because of your DCI ranking - the 75 top players of the country are automatically qualified, as well as all pro players of level 3 or better.

The national team is born here.

The four best players of the championships will form the national team. This gives them the privilege to carry their country's colours for a year. Maybe this year it will be your turn to discover the intoxicating pleasure of carrying your national flag at the opening ceremony of the world championships.

Two days and 14 rounds to prove yourself

All players in the national championships will meet for 14 Swiss rounds. The top 8 from these two days will then meet for a top 8 knock-out competition, fighting to join the very select club of "Nationals Champions".

Last Chance Qualifiers on Thursday 14th August

For those who still haven't managed to qualify, a last chance open tournament will

take place the day before. Grasp this opportunity if you dream to be the next proud flag bearer for your country...

