



April 24 — April 27, 2019, PDT

April 25 — April 28, 2019, CST

Taipei, Taiwan

[Taipei Heping Basketball Gymnasium](#)

MEDIA GUIDE

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WELCOME TO THE 2019 HCT WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

The [2019 Hearthstone Championship Tour \(HCT\)](#) will host the final world championship this April 25 – April 28 CST. All four days of tournament play will be on broadcast.

Sixteen players from around the globe have earned their spot in the HCT 2019 World Championship to compete for their share of the \$1,000,000.

CHOOSE YOUR CHAMPION

[Choose Your Champion](#) returns! Fans can pick their favorite competitor, cheer them on throughout the tournament, and be rewarded with card packs based on how well they perform. Just for participating, fans will receive one card pack from *Rastakhan's Rumble*. Fans may receive one additional card pack from *Rastakhan's Rumble* each time their champion wins a match. Voting ends on April 24 at 6:30 p.m. PDT.

Twitch Drops

Viewers who tune into the HCT 2019 World Championship on Twitch through one of the eligible channels during any of the broadcast times listed below for at least four hours' *total* viewing time will be rewarded one *Rise of Shadows* card pack! On top of that, 1,500 lucky eligible viewers will be randomly rewarded with an additional Classic card pack every hour.

Eligible channels:

- [PlayHearthstone](#)
- [PlayHearthstoneFR](#)
- [PlayHearthstoneRU](#)
- [HearthstoneZHTW](#)
- [PlayHearthstoneKR](#)
- [PlayHearthstoneJP](#)

BROADCAST TIMES

- **Wednesday, April 24 | Group Stage** starting at 7:00 p.m. PDT (April 25, 10:00 a.m. CST)
- **Thursday, April 25 | Group Stage** starting at 7:00 p.m. PDT (April 26, 10:00 a.m. CST)
- **Friday, April 26 | Decider & Quarterfinal Matches** starting at 7:00 p.m. PDT (April 27, 10:00 a.m. CST)
- **Saturday, April 27 | Semifinals & Finals** starting at 7:00 p.m. PDT (April 28, 10:00 a.m. CST)

WHERE

Live Stream: <https://www.twitch.tv/PlayHearthstone>

FORMAT

The World Championship begins with a double elimination group stage, followed by a single elimination playoff bracket. Each group consists of four competitors—one from each region. Each match will be best-of-five using the [Conquest format](#) with one class ban, so each player must bring four decks.

Groups were seeded based on Hearthstone Competitive Points (CP), with the top point earner from each region placed in their own group, and the remainder of the group filled in based on the order of the players' regional seeds.

PRIZE POOL

Placement	Prize (USD)
1 st	\$250,000
2 nd	\$150,000
3 rd & 4 th	\$100,000
5 th to 8 th	\$50,000
9 th to 16 th	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$1,000,000

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photos will be available throughout the tournament at blizzard.gamespress.com/Esports-Hearthstone.

For more information on Hearthstone Esports, visit: <https://playhearthstone.com/en-us/esports/>

- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HSEsports>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hearthstoneesports/>

CASTERS

Calling all the action will be the talented cast of:



Dan "Frodan" Chou

[@Frodan](#)



Brian Kibler

[@BMKibler](#)



Simon "Sottle" Welch

[@col_Sottle](#)



Alexander "Raven" Baguley

[@RavenCasts](#)



TJ "Azumo" Sanders

[@Azumoqt](#)



Nathan "ThatsAdmirable" Zamora

[@ThatsAdmirable](#)

DAY 1 GROUPS (Top 2 from each group will advance)

Group A

- Raphael “Bunnyhopper” Peltzer (EU) vs. Wu “BloodTrail” Zong (APAC)
- Guan “SNJing” Zhendong (China) vs. Wu “XiaoT” Jiwei (China)

Group B

- Mihai “Languagehackr” Dragalin (EU) vs. David “killinallday” Acostaw (Americas)
- Muzahidul “muzzy” Islam (Americas) vs. Xu “LFYueying” Kai (China)

DAY 2 GROUPS (Top 2 from each group will advance)










Group C

- Casper “Hunterace” Notto (EU) vs. Mark “Ike” Eichner (Americas)
- Kacper “A83650” Kwieciński (EU) vs. David “justsaiyan” Shan (Americas)

Group D

- Sheng Yuan “Roger” Luo (APAC) vs. Duy Hoang “Tyler” Nguyen (APAC)
- Brian “bloodyface” Eason (Americas) vs. Torben “Viper” Wahl (EU)

CLASS DISTRIBUTION

 <i>Rogue</i>	<i>15 – 94%</i>
 <i>Warrior</i>	<i>13 – 81%</i>
 <i>Warlock</i>	<i>11 – 69%</i>
 <i>Hunter</i>	<i>8 – 50%</i>
 <i>Mage</i>	<i>7 – 48%</i>
 <i>Shaman</i>	<i>6 – 38%</i>
 <i>Druid</i>	<i>2 – 13%</i>
 <i>Paladin</i>	<i>1 – 6%</i>
 <i>Priest</i>	<i>1 – 6%</i>

Group A

  <h3>BloodTrail</h3> <p>Wu "BloodTrail" Zong-Chang Taiwan – APAC Back-to-back appearances at HCT seasonal championship events Placed 1st/2nd at HCT Asia Pacific Playoffs 2018 Made it to Group Stages at HCT Summer Championship 2018</p>     <p>Tempo Rogue, Midrange Hunter, Zoo Warlock, Control Warrior</p>	  <h3>Bunnyhopper</h3> <p>Raphael "Bunnyhopper" Peltzer – Samsung Morning Stars @Bunnyhopper Germany - EU Placed 2nd at HCT Winter Championship 2018 Placed 1st at HCT Summer Championship 2018 Placed Top 4 at HCT Winter Europe Championship 2016</p>     <p>Miracle Rogue, Midrange Hunter, Zoo Warlock, Summoner Mage</p>
  <h3>SNJing</h3> <p>Guan "SNJing" Zhendong China Placed Top 4 at Gold Grand Finals 2019 Won Gold Series Xi'an 2018</p>     <p>Control Warrior, Tempo Rogue, Token Druid, Zoo Warlock</p>	  <h3>XiaoT</h3> <p>Wu "XiaoT" Jiwei – Ice Cola @XiaoT_HS China Top 16 at HS All-Star Invitational 2018 Placed 2nd in the CN vs EU Championship 2018 Top 8 at HCT Summer Championship 2018</p>     <p>Tempo Rogue, Midrange Hunter, Zoo Warlock, Bomb Warrior</p>

Group B

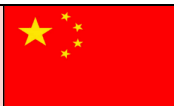


Languagehackr

Mihai "Languagehackr" Dragalin – Grizzlys eSports
@Inguagehackr
 Canada - AMERICAS
 Placed 1st at the HCT Fall Championship 2018
 Placed Top 4 at HCT Fall Americas Playoffs 2018
 Top 8 at DreamHack Austin 2018



Midrange Hunter, Miracle Rogue, Summoner Mage,
 Control Shaman



LFYueying

Xu "LFYueying" Kai
 China
 Placed 2nd at 2019 Gold Grand Finals
 Won 2018 Gold Series Suzhou



Control Warrior, Tempo Rogue, Midrange Hunter,
 Summoner Mage



killinallday

David "killinallday" Acosta
 United States - AMERICAS
 Top 4 at HCT Summer Championship 2018
 Top Four at Americas Summer Playoffs 2018
 6th Place at HCT Americas Winter Playoffs 2018



Bomb Warrior, Tempo Rogue, Miracle Priest, Zoo
 Warlock



muzzy

Muzahildul "muzzy" Islam – Tempo Storm
@Muzzy_HS
 United States - AMERICAS
 Winner of HCT Copa America Fall 2018
 Top 12 at HCT World Championship 2017
 Winner of DreamHack Montreal 2017



Tempo Rogue, Zoo Warlock, Control Warrior, Control
 Shaman

Group C

  <p>A83650</p> <p>Kacper "A83650" Kwieciński – Team Genji @a83650 Poland - EU Placed 2nd at HCT Summer Championship 2018 Back to Back ESL Polish Championship Wins Top 8 China vs EU 2018</p>  <p>Tempo Rogue, Midrange Shaman, Zoo Warlock, Control Warrior</p>	  <p>Hunterace</p> <p>Casper "Hunterace" Notto - NordavindGG @NVD_Hunterace Norway - EU Placed 1st at HCT Seoul Placed 1st at HCT Italy Top ranked player in HCT Points in 2018</p>  <p>Control Warrior, Summoner Mage, Tempo Rogue, Control Shaman</p>
  <p>Ike</p> <p>Mark "Ike" Eichner - OmniSlash @Ike_HS United States - AMERICAS Placed 6th at the HCT Winter Championship 2018 Placed 1st at HCT Winter Americas Playoffs 2018 Won DreamHack Denver 2017</p>  <p>Zoo Warlock, Control Warrior, Tempo Rogue, Token Druid</p>	  <p>justsaiyan</p> <p>David "justsaiyan" Shan – Tempo Storm @justsaiyanHS United States - AMERICAS Placed 1st at HCT Montreal 2018 Placed Top 4 at HCT Fall Championship 2018 Won 33 consecutive rounds of Hearthstone in 2018</p>  <p>Control Warrior, Control Shaman, Zoo Warlock, Tempo Rogue</p>

Group D



bloodyface

Brian "bloodyface" Eason
@bloodyfaceHS

United States - AMERICAS

Qualified twice for Hearthstone World Championship
2019:

Placed 2nd at HCT Fall Championship 2018

Placed 1st/2nd at HCT Fall Americas Playoffs 2018



Tempo Rogue, Control Warrior, Summoner Mage,
Midrange Hunter



Roger

Sheng Yuan "Roger" Luo – ahq e-Sports Club
Taiwan - APAC

Placed 1st at the HCT Winter Championship 2018

Placed Top 16 at the All-Star Invitational 2018

Placed Top 16 at the All-Star Invitational 2017



Midrange Hunter, Summoner Mage, Control Warrior,
Control Paladin



Tyler

Duy Hoang "Tyler" Nguyen - complexity Gaming
@tylerootd

Vietnam - APAC

2018 APAC Regional Points Leader

Finished Top 8 in the HCT Fall Championship 2018

Placed 1st/2nd at HCT Asia Pacific Playoffs 2018



Control Warrior, Zoo Warlock, Tempo Rogue, Control
Shaman



Viper

Torben "Viper" Wahl
@Viper_HS

Germany - EU

Placed Top 8 at the HCT Winter Championship 2018

Placed Top 4 at the HCT Summer Championship 2018

Placed Top 4 at the HCT Philadelphia Tour Stop 2018



Midrange Hunter, Miracle Rogue, Summoner Mage,
Zoo Warlock