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1 Introduction

“GBVS Cygames Cup Special 2024” (hereinafter, “the Event”) is operated and managed by Cygames, Inc. (hereinafter, “we,” “us, or “our”) and the “GBVS Cygames Cup” Secretariat (hereinafter, “the Secretariat”).

The Secretariat shall conduct the Event in accordance with the Event Rules, and reserves the right to make rulings in the event that circumstances not stipulated in the Event Rules arise or when applying the Event Rules would result in a significantly unfair outcome.

2 Eligibility for Participation

Those wishing to participate in the Event must satisfy the following conditions:

(1) Agree to the Event Rules and the ARC WORLD TOUR 2023 (hereinafter, “AWT2023”) Rules (https://www.arcsystemworks.jp/awt2023/assets/pdf/AWT2023rules_eng_gbvsr.pdf).

*The Event is a qualifier tournament for AWT2023.

(2) Apply for entry to the Event from the entry website (<https://tonamel.com/competition/w6RK6>) (hereinafter, “Entry”) and be eligible to participate in the Event.

(3) For players residing in Japan, if you are a minor, you must have the consent of your legal representative, such as a parent or guardian, to participate. If your date of birth is on or after January 20, 2009, you must fill out all necessary items in the Parental Consent Form (which must be affixed with the name and seal impression of your legal representative such as a parent or guardian) available on the Event official website and submit it at the time of Entry.

*Handwritten signatures and rubber stamps (Shachihata stamps, etc.) are not accepted as seal impressions.

(4) For players residing outside of Japan, be 18 years of age or older as of the Entry date.

(5) Be a resident of a country or region where the PlayStation version of “Granblue Fantasy Versus: Rising” is officially distributed and provided.

(6) Be able to use the tournament tool “Tonamel” and the voice chat app “Discord,” and be able to respond to communications from the Secretariat.

(7) Be able to receive communications from the Secretariat during the period from December 18, 2023 (Mon.) to March 31, 2024 (Sun.).

(8) Be able to participate in the Event on the following dates:

January 20, 2024 (Sat.)、 January 21, 2024 (Sun.)

(9) Complete check-in on each day of the Event within the time specified by the Secretariat and as otherwise instructed.

(10) Be able to communicate with Event management staff and other players in Japanese or English.

(11) Understand and comply with the Event Rules and separately specified Event procedures.

(12) Not have been engaged in work as an officer or employee of CyberAgent Inc. and its group companies (including continuous outsourcing and part-time work) in the 6 months prior to the time of application for Entry.

(13) Not be a member of the Secretariat.

(14) Not have been banned from participating in the Event by the Secretariat.

(15) Not be involved in the operation of a repost-type curation website or belong to any RMT-related company.

(16) Provide your personal information such as name, age, address, etc. to the Secretariat at the Event, and cooperate with the Secretariat and media companies for photographs and interviews for TV programs, online articles, etc.

*Your in-game name, profile, player photo, Event photographs and video, etc. in which you appear, etc. may be published in various information media including the “Granblue Fantasy Versus Series” official website, “Granblue Fantasy Versus Series” and “Cygames” official social media accounts (X, Instagram, Facebook, etc.), and the “GBVS Cygames Cup” and “AWT2023” official websites, etc.

(17) Both you (the player) and your relatives must not be an Anti-Social Force (which means an organized crime group, a member of an organized crime group, a quasi-member of an organized crime group, a company affiliated with an organized crime group, a corporate extortionist, a group engaging in criminal activities under the pretext of conducting social campaigns, political activities, etc., an organized crime syndicate specialized in intellectual crimes, or any other party analogous to each of the preceding), or have any relationship with an Anti-Social Force.

3 Event Entry

- (1) Please enter the Event from the Entry website (<https://tonamel.com/competition/w6RK6>).
- (2) Please check to ensure that you meet the conditions for Entry listed under "2. Eligibility for Participation" before entering the Event.
- (3) The Event is free to enter for anyone who meets the conditions for Entry listed under "2. Eligibility for Participation" ; provided, however, that transportation costs, accommodation costs, visa acquisition costs, etc. related to participation shall be borne by the player themselves.
- (4) You must register the following items when entering the Event:
[Player name, PlayStation Network online ID, e-mail address]
*Entry is limited to one account (PlayStation) per person.
*After entering the Event, please do not change your player name until the Event is over, unless requested to do so by the Secretariat.
*The Secretariat may request you to change your player name, and you must comply with such a request.
*Your registered information cannot be changed after the Entry deadline, so please ensure that you register your information without any mistakes.
*Your e-mail address will be used to verify your identity and for the Secretariat to contact you.
- (5) If the number of Event entrants exceeds the capacity, the Secretariat shall decide who may participate in the Event by a fair lottery.
- (6) The possible outcomes from aforementioned lottery are as follows: "Participant," "Reserve," "Not selected."
- (7) If you are selected as a "Participant" by lottery, you may participate in the Event by checking in at the time and by the method specified by the Secretariat.
- (8) If you are selected as a "Reserve" by lottery, you may take the place of a "Participant" who was selected by lottery but who does not actually participate in the Event by checking in at the time and by the method specified by the Secretariat. If there are not enough places available for "Reserves," then the "Reserves" who may participate in the Event shall be determined by a separate lottery conducted by the Secretariat on the day of the Event.
- (9) If you draw "Not selected" in the lottery, you will not be able to participate in the Event.

4 Tournament Rules

4.1 Tournament

- (1) This is a 1-on-1 double-elimination tournament.
 - (2) Players will play offline at the Tokyo venue.
 - (3) The top 4 players from both the winner's bracket and loser's bracket will advance to the final day on January 21st.
 - Unlike a single-elimination tournament, players are only eliminated upon losing twice in a double-elimination tournament.
 - If the number of entrants exceeds the player threshold, the tournament will be divided into blocks.
 - In a double-elimination bracket, players will compete in match sets starting from the winner's side of the bracket, advancing to the next stage upon winning a set.
- *The final set in the winner's bracket is referred to as the Winner's Finals.
Players who have lost a match set in the winner's bracket will be sent to the loser's side of the bracket, advancing to the next stage upon winning a set.

*The final set in the loser's bracket is referred to as the Loser's Finals.

The last remaining players from the winner's side and loser's side of the bracket will play against each other in the Grand Finals to determine the champion.

Players must lose twice to be eliminated from the tournament. In the event that the player from the loser's side of the bracket wins a set against the player from the winner's side of the bracket, both players must play another set to determine the champion.

*In this tournament, a match refers to any one series of in-game rounds played to determine the outcome of a match set.

4.2 Match Play

(1) Matches will be played using a first-to-two rounds format. The first player to win 2 matches will advance to the next stage.

(2) Rounds will be set to 99 seconds.

(3) The stage will be set to random.

※However, the stage can be changed if both players agree on a selected stage.

(4) Button configurations can be freely changed within the limits of the in-game settings.

(5) To ensure play environment quality, players will enter into one match with their opponent to test overall latency and button functionality.

(6) In the event that the final round of a match ends in a double K.O., another match (first to two rounds) will be played to determine the winner.

4.3 Controller Setting

Devices that are native to PlayStation®5 will be allowed to be used.

Your controller must adhere to the following:

(1) Operation other than movement [Light attack, middle attack, heavy attack, special technique, abilities (default: R1), throw (default: L1), guard (default: R2), overhead attack (default: L2)] Cannot be assigned to multiple input mechanisms.

(2) When moving with a direction key or button, the same movement operation cannot be assigned to multiple input mechanisms.

(3) If the left and right direction inputs and buttons are entered at the same time, both inputs must be enabled, or both inputs must be disabled.

(4) Legacy controllers are not allowed.

4.4 Character Select

(1) Using the character Lunalu is prohibited.

(2) Using characters released after December 20, 2023 is prohibited.

(3) Tournament staff will determine which players are on the Player 1 and Player 2 sides.

(4) Blind pick cannot be requested for character selection—players can freely select their character as long as they are tournament-legal.

(5) From the second match of each set onward, only the loser of the previous match may change their character.

(6) Character colors 16 and 17 are prohibited for all characters.

(7) Weapon Skins SP colors are prohibited for all characters.

5 Tournament progress

5.1 Missing Players

- (1) Players must be present at the call time for a Match Set.
- (2) Players that are not present and ready to play within ten (10) minutes of this call time are subject to Match Set forfeiture.

5.2 Match Disruptions

if a Player intentionally or accidentally causes a pause in a Match, whether by pressing the Options button or by experiencing a controller disconnection, the Player that caused the pause will forfeit the current round of the Match.

6 Platform

- (1) The platform used in the "Cygames Cup Special 2023" will be PlayStation®5.
- (2) The tournament will use the latest game version available at the time.
- (3) Language settings and voice language are set to Japanese.
- (4) In-game button settings may be changed freely.

7 Streaming

- (1) The content of all battles in the Event may be streamed by the Secretariat.
- (2) All Players agree to the streaming of their battles in the Event in whole or in part.

8 Prohibited Acts

Players are prohibited from engaging in any of the following acts:

- (1) Violating the Event Rules;
- (2) Being late for Event registration, or failing to register for the Event;
- (3) Re-selling any supplementary prizes won in the Event on resale sites, etc., or transferring your right to receive a supplementary prize;
- (4) Disclosing information about the operation of the Event externally without permission (including posting on social media);
- (5) Participating in the Event by providing false information in your application for Entry;
- (6) Entering the Event multiple times;
- (7) Transferring your right to participate in the Event to another person;
- (8) Failing to assemble at the prescribed locations at the prescribed times;
- (9) Withdrawing from the Event and leaving after the Event has started without permission from the Secretariat;
- (10) Failing to comply with the instructions and requests necessary for the progress of the Event from the Event management staff, or intentionally interfering with the progress and operation of the Event;
- (11) Failing to appropriately answer the questions necessary for the progress of the Event from Event management staff, or providing false information to Event management staff;
- (12) Intentionally making it impossible to continue a battle, such as by disconnecting from the network or forcibly terminating the client;
- (13) Sharing prizes and money with your opponents and other players, or approaching your opponents and other players with a promise to do so;

- (14) Encouraging other players to intentionally lose, or intentionally lose in response to such encouragement;
- (15) Attempting to determine victory or defeat by a method other than battles;
- (16) In addition to the acts stipulated in item (13), (14), and (15), engaging in unsportsmanlike behavior or displaying an unsportsmanlike attitude to the Secretariat, other players, and the audience, such as by intentionally taking it easy against an opponent during a match or making some arrangement with other players concerning the results of matches and the content of gameplay;
- (17) Communicating with or accepting match advice from persons other than your opponents and Event management staff during matches without permission from the Secretariat;
- (18) Intentionally exploiting client vulnerabilities or bugs;
- (19) Using an inappropriate player name, such as proper nouns that are contrary to public order and morals, obscene, discriminatory, offensive, or that may infringe on portrait rights;
- (20) Using words and acting in a manner that damages the credibility of the Event and the “Granblue Fantasy Versus Series,” ungentlemanly conduct toward other players such as abusive language, harassment, violence, and provocation, and any other acts in violation of various laws and regulations, on social media or elsewhere;
 - (1) Violating the “Granblue Fantasy Versus: Rising” Terms of Use established by Cygames, Inc.;
 - (2) Gambling in relation to the Event;
 - (3) Having a relationship with Anti-Social Forces; or
 - (4) Entering into a sponsorship contract with a party who sells or provides the following goods or services, or advertising the following goods or services (regardless of the form of advertising, and including the use of names in the game in addition to statements):

*This does not apply if you obtain prior approval of the Secretariat.

- (a) Adult content, cigarettes, alcohol, gambling, illegal digital content, or any other goods or services prohibited for sale in Japan;
- (b) Services that violate the terms of use of “Granblue Fantasy Versus Series” or other Cygames, Inc. games; or
- (c) Goods and services that compete with “Granblue Fantasy Versus Series” and other Cygames, Inc. businesses.

9 Penalties

- (1) The Secretariat may penalize any player it has deemed to have violated the Event Rules.
- (2) Players who fail to register during the Event registration period will not be allowed to participate in the Event for any reason.
- (3) Penalties shall range, in order of severity as follows: warning, loss of a battle, loss of a match, disqualification from the Event, ban on appearing at the “GBVS Cygames Cup” for a limited period, ban on appearing at all Granblue Fantasy Versus Series events held by Cygames, Inc. in the future. Penalties shall be determined by the Secretariat taking into account the degree of maliciousness, impact, etc.
- (4) More severe penalties will be given for repeated violations of the Event Rules by the same person.
- (5) The Secretariat may announce penalties that it has imposed on the “GBVS Cygames Cup” official website or elsewhere.
- (6) A player penalized by disqualification from the Event shall be ineligible to win prizes at the Event.
- (7) If a player’s violation of the Event Rules has caused damage to the Secretariat or our company, we may make legal claims for damage compensation, etc. against such player.

10 General Provisions

10.1 Disclaimer

(1) The Event may be postponed or suspended in the event of unavoidable circumstances such as game server problems or natural disasters. Prizes may not be awarded if there has been a change to the Event due to force majeure that is not the responsibility of the Secretariat. Furthermore, the Secretariat assumes no responsibility to players, and will not accept any claims for payment of expenses incurred for participation in the Event, in the event there has been a change to the Event due to force majeure.

(2) The Secretariat assumes no responsibility for trouble between players or any damage or disadvantage incurred by a player's violation of the Event Rules, except in the event that significant responsibility lies in the instructions or response of the Secretariat.

(3) Players residing outside of Japan shall take the necessary measures to enter and leave Japan in order to participate in the Event, and shall be responsible for resolving any issues that may arise during their travel and in entering and leaving Japan. The Secretariat assumes no responsibility for problems that may arise during players' travel and in entering and leaving Japan.

10.2 Portrait rights, publicity rights, handling of personal information, etc.

(1) We will handle the personal information that players provide when applying to enter the Event appropriately in accordance with our Privacy Policy (<https://rising.granbluefantasy.jp/privacy>).

(2) Players agree that their image or likeness captured during the Event, player name, age, self-introduction, and other information may be used on websites created by the Secretariat and Event personnel, in publicity materials for the Event, and in the press and information media both this year and in subsequent years. Players shall also consent to the commercial use of aforementioned information in printed materials, videos, information media, etc. produced by the Secretariat and Event personnel and shall not exercise any right of portrait, right of publicity, or any other rights in connection with such use.

11 Governing Law and Jurisdiction

(1) The Event and the Event Rules shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Japan.

(2) The Tokyo District Court shall have exclusive jurisdiction as the court of first instance to hear any lawsuits and other disputes related to the Event and the Event Rules.

12 Change to the Rules

(1) The Secretariat reserves the right to change the Event Rules without notice.

(2) Any changes to the Event Rules will be announced on the Event official website and will take effect at that time.

13 Inquiries

contact@gbvs-cygames-cup.jp

*Office hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Inquiries received outside of weekday office hours will be processed on the following weekday.

*Inquiries received on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays will be processed on the first weekday after the holiday.

*We will reply to inquiries in the order in which they are received. Please note that it may take some time to receive a reply depending on the status of your inquiry.

*"PlayStation," "PS5," and "PS4" are registered trademarks or trademarks of Sony Interactive Entertainment Inc.

*The Event is held by Cygames, Inc. and the Secretariat; Sony Interactive Entertainment Inc. is not involved in any way.

14 Revision History

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