

# ELEAGUE Reveals Elite Competitors for CS:GO Premier 2017

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Star-Studded Field to Feature *ELEAGUE Major* Champion Astralis and Past ELEAGUE Winners Virtus.pro & OpTic Gaming

**ELEAGUE CS:GO Premier 2017 Open Qualifier Registration Open Now**

ELEAGUE, the premium esports tournament and content brand from Turner and IMG, today announced the invited teams set to compete in the **ELEAGUE CS:GO Premier 2017**, beginning **Friday, Sept. 1**, at **10 p.m. ET** across **TBS**, [Twitch](#), [YouTube](#) and [ELEAGUE.com](#). The event will showcase the following team groupings, with live Friday night coverage on TBS beginning with Group A play, **Friday, Sept. 8**.

The graphic displays the team groupings for the ELEAGUE CS:GO Premier 2017 tournament. It features the ELEAGUE logo at the top left and the event title 'CS:GO PREMIER 2017' in large red letters. The teams are organized into four groups, each with a specific date range:

- GROUP A (SEPTEMBER 8 - 9):** FAZE CLAN, NATUS VINCERE, G2 ESPORTS, and a QUALIFYING TEAM.
- GROUP B (SEPTEMBER 15 - 16):** TEAM NORTH, MOUSESPORTS, FNATIC, and a QUALIFYING TEAM.
- GROUP C (SEPTEMBER 22 - 23):** VIRTUS.PRO, NINJAS IN PYJAMAS, CLOUD9, and a QUALIFYING TEAM.
- GROUP D (SEPTEMBER 29 - 30):** SK GAMING, ASTRALIS, OPTIC GAMING, and a QUALIFYING TEAM.

The CS:GO logo is positioned at the bottom center of the graphic.

“Counter-Strike is an important part of ELEAGUE’s DNA and we’re thrilled to bring it back with a lineup of such elite teams this Fall,” said **Christina Alejandre, GM of ELEAGUE and Vice President of esports, Turner Sports**. “We’re also looking forward to a number of compelling storylines including those surrounding the open qualifier and a very competitive tournament field.”

ELEAGUE invited 12 teams based on the performances of their players in its previous two seasons of CS:GO competition. Teams will be seeded randomly within their respective groups.

Additional event details including format, prize pool, live coverage and commentators, will be released in the coming weeks.

## Open Qualifier Registration Now Open

The ELEAGUE CS:GO Premier 2017 Open Qualifier will be held **Saturday, Aug. 26** and **Sunday, Aug. 27**. Four teams will advance from the Open Qualifier to compete in the ELEAGUE CS:GO Premier 2017 from the G FUEL ELEAGUE Arena in Atlanta. Two teams will advance from a qualifying tournament for the Americas while two will advance from a tournament for the Europe/CIS regions.

Teams may register now by [clicking here](#).

**About ELEAGUE**

ELEAGUE is the premium esports tournament and content brand formed in partnership between Turner and IMG that officially launched in 2016. A leader in the delivery of live event experiences, ELEAGUE content is widely distributed across leading digital platform Twitch, along with showcase programming airing on Turner's TBS, a fully-distributed cable television network. In its first year, ELEAGUE produced two seasons featuring *Counter-Strike: Global Offensive*, along with the first-ever *Overwatch® Open*. As recognition of its industry-wide impact, ELEAGUE was awarded its first-ever *CS:GO Major*, originating from Atlanta in January 2017. The *ELEAGUE Major Grand Final* drove ELEAGUE's Twitch channel to a record peak of more than one million concurrent streams, in addition to a reach of 3.6 million total viewers on TBS throughout the tournament. ELEAGUE received a Sports Emmy® nomination for Outstanding Studio Design and Art Direction in March 2017.