

The ELEAGUE Major: Boston Set to Begin with The New Challengers Stage on Friday, Jan. 12

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Schedule & Casting Teams Announced for First Major Championship of 2018

ELEAGUE, the premium esports tournament and content brand from Turner and IMG, today announced the initial matches and casters for its second *Counter-Strike: Global Offensive* Major Championship, **The ELEAGUE Major: Boston**. The \$1 million showdown will begin with *The New Challengers* stage, **Friday, Jan. 12, at 10 a.m. ET** with live [Twitch](#) coverage from **ELEAGUE Arena** in **Atlanta**.

The New Challengers stage will feature 16 teams including the bottom eight finishers from the previous Major against the Minor Champions and Runners Up, split into four pools:



In the first round, each team from Pool One will play a best-of-one game against a randomly drawn team from Pool Four, while each team from Pool Two will play a best-of-one match against a randomly drawn team from Pool Three. In subsequent rounds, teams will be re-grouped based on their win-loss records, and will face a new opponent with the same record. Matches will continue in this format until each team either earns three wins and advances to the *The New Legends* stage, or loses three times and is eliminated. First round matchups include:



Popular CS:GO Personalities to Cast Each Stage of *The ELEAGUE Major: Boston*

Fans can enjoy exciting tournament commentary, predictions and analysis from a popular lineup of CS:GO experts. ELEAGUE host **Richard Lewis** will be joined by a rotation of seasoned commentators including **Anders Blume**; former professional players **Jason ‘Moses’ O’Toole**, **Janko ‘YNk’ Paunovic**, **Daniel ‘DDK’ Kapadia** and **Henry ‘HenryG’ Greer**; **Sue ‘Smix’ Lee**, **James Bardolph** and **Matthew ‘Sadokist’ Trivett**.



The ELEAGUE Major: Boston Tickets

Fans can purchase three-day tickets for *The ELEAGUE Major: Boston's The New Champions* stage by visiting www.eleague.com/major. All fans in attendance will receive a premium gift bag.

Media Credentials and On-Site Access

Media interested in covering *The ELEAGUE Major: Boston* on site can request credential(s) via ELEAGUE.com.

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