

# Elite Counter-Strike Teams to Clash Live at ELEAGUE CS:GO Premier 2018, Beginning Saturday, July 21, at 2 p.m. ET Across Twitch, B/R Live & ELEAGUE's Game Command

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**Eight Team Field Highlighted by Past ELEAGUE Major Champions Astralis & Cloud9**

**Expert Commentary Team to Feature Former Professional Players & Popular CS:GO Voices**

ELEAGUE, the premium esports content and live tournament brand from Turner and IMG, will feature a stacked field of the world's best *Counter-Strike: Global Offensive* teams in action for its fifth non-major CS:GO competition – the **ELEAGUE CS:GO Premier 2018**. Live tournament coverage will begin **Saturday, July 21, at 2 p.m. ET** on the [ELEAGUETV Twitch channel](#), and will also be available free of charge on [B/R Live](#). In addition, live coverage will be available through ELEAGUE's award-winning [Game Command](#) mosaic video player, which gives viewers access to thousands of different in-game viewing angles. A multi-part feature series revisiting the tournament's best moments will be presented beginning **Friday, Aug. 24, on TBS**.

## Teams and Tournament Format



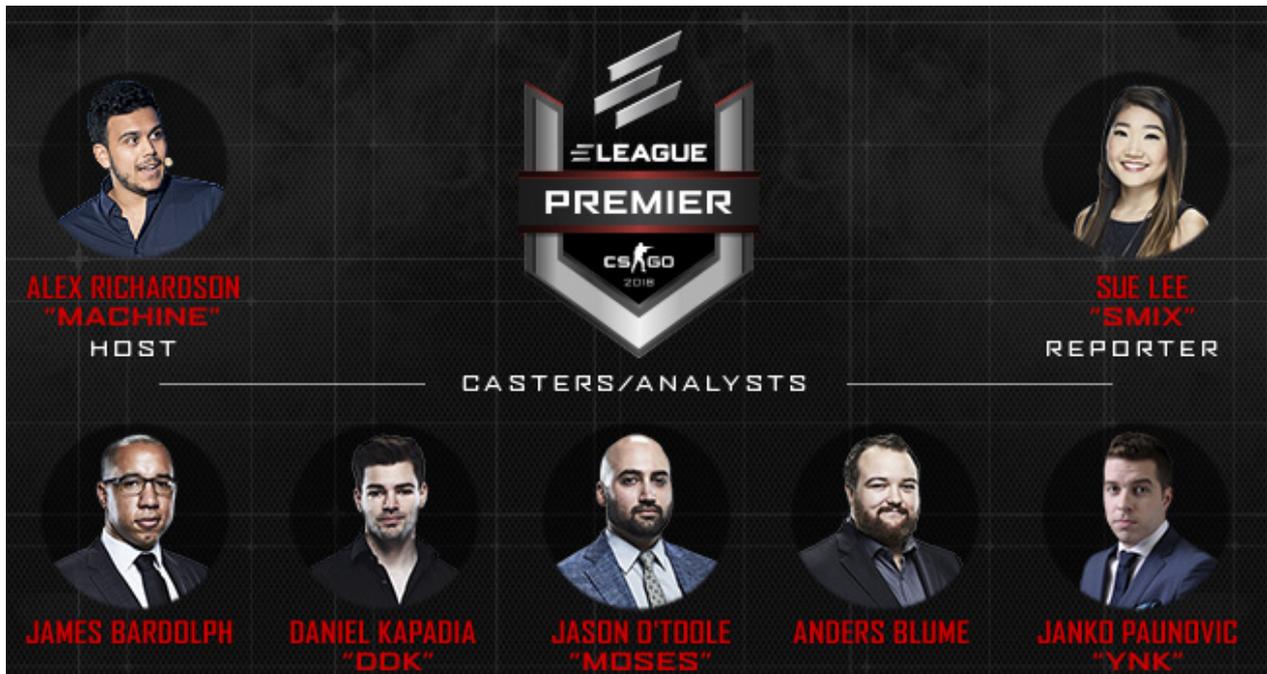
During the Group Stage, held Saturday, July 21-Wednesday, July 25, the top eight-ranked teams in the world – according to their position in the HLTV.org rankings on May 21, 2018 – will compete at ELEAGUE Arena for a **one million dollar** purse.

Team	HLTV World Ranking (as of May 21)	Country
Astralis	No. 1	Denmark

Team	HLTV World Ranking (as of May 21)	Country
FaZe Clan	No. 2	E.U.
Natus Vincere	No. 3	Ukraine
mousesports	No. 4	Germany
FNATIC	No. 5	Sweden
Liquid	No. 6	U.S.A.
Cloud9	No. 7	U.S.A.
SK Gaming	No. 8	Brazil

Teams will be split into two groups of four teams each, and will play best-of-three matches in a double elimination bracket. The top two performing teams from both groups will advance to the single elimination Playoffs, held Saturday and Sunday, July 28-29. The winning team will be crowned ELEAGUE Champion and receive the largest share of prize money.

### CS:GO Premier 2018 Commentary Team to Include Former Counter-Strike Stars & Fan Favorites



ELEAGUE's coverage of the *CS:GO Premier 2018* will be delivered by an enthusiastic team of seasoned *Counter-Strike* experts, including former professional players **Jason "Moses" O'Toole** and **Janko "Ynk" Paunovic**. **Anders Blume** -widely known as the "Voice of *Counter-Strike*" - will return to ELEAGUE as a commentator, joined by **James Bardolph** and **Daniel "DDK" Kapadia**, who most recently appeared during coverage of the historic *ELEAGUE Major: Boston*. **Alex "Machine" Richardson** will make his ELEAGUE debut as host of the *CS:GO Premier 2018*, and **Sue "Smix" Lee** will provide the latest from the ELEAGUE Arena stage during the Playoffs (July 28-29).

### CS:GO Premier 2018 Studio Audience Tickets Available Now

Fans interested in attending the live *CS:GO Premier 2018* action at ELEAGUE Arena in Atlanta on July 28-29 can get free studio audience tickets [here](#). Ticketed attendees will have access to a CS:GO-themed fan experience with autograph sessions, concessions, raffles and giveaways. General admission seating will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.

### **Media Access**

Media members interested in credentials to cover the *CS:GO Premier 2018*, beginning July 21 at ELEAGUE Arena in Atlanta, can contact ELEAGUE PR at [jake.moskowitz@turner.com](mailto:jake.moskowitz@turner.com) or (404) 575-6765. Remote interviews to discuss the tournament with commentators and players will be available by request.

### **About ELEAGUE**

ELEAGUE - formed in partnership between Turner and IMG - is a premium esports content and live tournament brand that has aligned with some of the most popular esports titles in the business through its first two years: Counter-Strike: Global Offensive - including having hosted two Major Championships - Overwatch®, Street Fighter® V: Arcade Edition, Dota 2, Injustice 2, Rocket League, Formula E and TEKKEN® 7. With a focus on innovative production capabilities, storytelling and exploring compelling narratives surrounding star teams and players, ELEAGUE has generated record levels of engagement with its content and positive reaction throughout the esports community since its launch in 2016.