

# Barcelona Masters

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The fourth and final Masters Series event of the season will be held in Barcelona. The Top 32 players in the world will compete in the *Invasion* block Constructed tournament and the world will be watching to see how much the format changes now that everyone knows what happened in Tokyo. Apocalypse will shake things up a bit more before this summer's IBC qualifier round, but the Barcelona Masters, along with Pro Tour Tokyo, will define everyone's starting point.

There has been some controversy over the format for the Barcelona Masters. Some players think it isn't fun to reuse a format that hasn't changed since the last major event that used it because that will make the tournament all about metagaming instead of innovating. Others think it's a great idea because they like trying to beat an established metagame. Whatever your stance on that issue, no one doubts that this tournament will test different skills from the skills that are tested by an untried Constructed format and no one doubts that this tournament will be fascinating to watch.

Thirty of the invitations to this \$150,000 event have already been given away and are listed below. The Top 16 players on PT Points in the Tokyo professional standing will be seeded into a 32-person single elimination bracket. The next nine on PT Points along with the Top 5 on rating and the Top 2 from the Gateway tournament to be held on Thursday May 3rd will be randomly inserted into the bracket before the tournament begins Thursday evening. It took **40** PT points to earn an invite to this event or a **2100** rating. Check the [Tokyo Professional Standings](#) to see if you have 6 pro points to qualify for the Gateway.

## Top 25 in Tokyo Professional Standing:

1. Jon Finkel
2. Zvi Mowshowitz (wins ratings tiebreaker with Pustilnik)
3. Michael Pustilnik
4. Kamiel Cornelissen



5. Kai Budde
6. Bob Maher, Jr.
7. Chris Benafel
8. Ryan Fuller (wins ratings tiebreaker with Fujita)
9. Tsuyoshi Fujita
10. Scott Johns
11. Gary Wise
12. Sigurd Eskeland (wins tiebreaker over Dougherty and Shvartsman)
13. Robert Dougherty (wins tiebreaker over Shvartsman)
14. Alex Shvartsman
15. Noah Boeken
16. Benedikt Klauser
17. David Williams
18. Michael Turian
19. Olivier Ruel
20. Warren Marsh
21. William Jensen
22. David Humpherys
23. Antoine Ruel
24. Ben Rubin
25. Darwin Kastle

**Top 5 (otherwise uninvited) on Constructed Rating:**

Tommi Hovi  
Jay Elarar  
Arto Hiltunen  
Markus Bell  
Philip Freneau