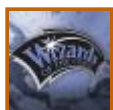




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2008 MAGIC: THE GATHERING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

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THE GAZETTEER

Get a full rundown of all the happenings at 2008 Worlds by downloading The Gazetteer! This full-color handout contains public event details, venue information, hall activities, lists of nearby Wizards Play Network locations, and a coupon for Super Friday Night **Magic!**

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The 2008 **Magic: The Gathering** World Championships is the culmination of the **Magic** year. Players from more than 50 countries will come together in Memphis, Tennessee for the pinnacle of international **Magic** competition. National Champions, Pro Tour winners, the highest-ranked DCI players, and more will square off to earn the coveted title of "World Champion." Worlds also features the best public events of the season, topped by a series of gold-themed tournaments culminating in a top prize of \$10,000 in 14k gold. There's also a slew of attractions inside the hall such as A Planeswalker's Journey through Worlds, artist signings, fan activities, game shows, trading, and much more for every type of **Magic** player.

The 2008 World Championships will be held December 11-14 at the [Memphis Cook Convention Center](#).

Tournament Information

The 2008 World Championships is a four-day event featuring Standard, *Shards of Alara* Booster Draft, Extended, and National Team Three-Person Team Constructed.

PUBLIC EVENTS

So what if you're not qualified for the Worlds main event? There are four packed days of Public Events, including a [chance to win \\$10,000 in gold!](#) Registration for most events opens one hour before the scheduled event start time.

Here's a look at a few schedule highlights (GOLD events qualify you for the "Win GOLD" Championship Tournament):

THURSDAY

| Event | Format | First Prize |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Digital Camera Sealed (GOLD) | <i>Shards of Alara</i> Sealed | Digital Camera |
| "Game in the Gulf" Qualifier | Standard | Cruise qualification+meals, accomodations, entertainment on board |

FRIDAY

| Event | Format | First Prize |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Invasion</i> Block Sealed (GOLD) | <i>Invasion</i> Sealed | From the Vault: Dragons |
| Super Friday Night Magic | <i>Shards of Alara</i> Sealed | Top FNM promo cards |

SATURDAY

| Event | Format | First Prize |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Foil Set 2HG (GOLD) | <i>Shards of Alara</i> 2HG Sealed | <i>Shards of Alara</i> premium card set |
| Xbox Elite Constructed | Standard | Xbox Elite |

SUNDAY

| Event | Format | First Prize |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| \$3,000 Draft Challenge | <i>Shards of Alara</i> Booster Draft | \$1,500 |
| Win GOLD Championship | <i>Shards of Alara</i> Sealed Deck | \$10,000 in 14k gold |

- [Complete Public Events Schedule](#)

The Player Party and Registration will take place **at Graceland** on Wednesday, December 10 (6 p.m. - 10 p.m.). For more information, [click here](#).

- [Format and Schedule](#)
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- [Graceland Player Party and Registration Information](#)

Tournament Location

Memphis Cook Convention Center

255 North Main
Memphis, TN 38103

Hall Hours

Thursday, December 11: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 a.m

Friday, December 12: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 a.m

Saturday, December 13: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 a.m

Sunday, December 14: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 a.m

Hotel Information

- Memphis Marriott Downtown Hotel (connected to the Convention Center): 901-527-7300
- Wyndham Garden Hotel (two blocks away): 300 N. Second Street, 901-525-1800 230
- SpringHill Suites (three blocks away): 21 N. Main Street, 901-522-2100 102 Sleep Inn
- Court Square (three blocks away): 40 N. Front Street, 901-522-9700 124
- Comfort Inn Downtown (three blocks away): 100 N. Front Street, 901-526-0583

More hotel information is available on the [Memphis Cook Convention Center website](#).

Transportation

Wizards of the Coast has made arrangements with a shuttle service to facilitate transportation between Memphis International Airport and the downtown area. Calling to book pick-up 24 hours in advance is advised for departure. All anyone has to do is let the driver know you are with the "Wizards of the Coast" group.

Round trip = \$20

www.TennCoExpress.com

Booking pick-up for departure: 901-522-0001

Media Requests

Please contact Hélène Bergeot at helene.bergeot@wizards.com if you wish to set up a press credential for the 2008 World Championships. Wizards asks that all media requests be submitted by December 5 (one week prior to the event).

Hall Attractions



Come by the DCI booth at Worlds for your free alternate-art promo card (while supplies last).

Win GOLD!

Win \$10,000 in gold! There are nine special qualifier events during Worlds, culminating in a *Shards of Alara* Sealed Deck tournament where the winner takes home \$10,000 in 14k gold. [Click here](#) for complete contest details.

Public Events

There are many more events open to the public, all with great prizes. You can see the [complete Public Events schedule here](#). Find a format you like and come on down...prizes include Pro Tour invitations, iPods, "Game in the Gulf" qualification plus accommodations and meals, an Xbox Elite, an Apple TV, a complete set of foil *Shards of Alara* cards, and much more!

A Planeswalker's Journey through Worlds

Join us for this fun, new activity at the World Championships! In order to participate, pick up your badge at the DCI Booth or the Public Events area. The badge has 24 achievements for you to try to accomplish during your weekend at the World Championships. Achievements include playing in a Public Event, getting an artist

signature, demoing *Duels of the Planeswalkers*, playing in Mark Rosewater's "Question Mark" game show, defeating a champion in the "Champion Challenge", and much more. For a complete list of achievements, [click here](#)

Top 8 Sunday Webcast

Watch Sunday's Top 8 action on plasma screens in the hall, with Hall of Famer Randy Buehler and Pro Tour Historian Brian David-Marshall providing the play-by-play and color commentary. Sunday's action begins at 9:45 a.m. ET and is also available as a [webcast from the comfort of your own home](#).

Magic Pro Tour Hall of Fame Induction

See **Magic** history unfold before your eyes as Wizards of the Coast inducts the fourth class of the [Magic Pro Tour Hall of Fame](#). Legends Dirk Baberowski, Mike Turian, Olivier Ruel, Jelger Wiegersma, and Ben Rubin will be added to the most prestigious collection of **Magic** players in the world.

Meet the Artists

Meet some of the game's top artists! Mark Tedin, Alan Pollack, and Matt Cavotta will be in attendance signing cards. [Click here](#) for more information on each artist. (Due to family illness, Chris Moeller will not be in attendance as previously stated.)

The Champions Challenge: Play Against Magic R&D

Want to see how you fare against the makers of **Magic**? Come to the champions challenge area and test your skills against members of Wizards of the Coast's R&D department -- with prizes awarded whether you win or lose!

Magic Trivia Shows

Do you think you're the master of **Magic** trivia? Test your knowledge at Question Mark, a Worlds tradition hosted by none other than **Magic** head designer Mark Rosewater. Team up with your friends and win great prizes. If that's not enough trivia for you, try out The **Magic** Game Show with Rich Hagon, where you have a chance to win 1,000 rares!

Magic Roundtable

Take part in a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear from the minds behind the **Magic**. Richard Garfield, Mark Rosewater, Aaron Forsythe, Mike Turian, and Matt Place will take your questions in the **Magic** Roundtable, hosted by Rich Hagon.



Magic World Championship History

Dive in to volumes of **Magic** history by reading in-depth coverage from past World Championships.

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