

# 2008 Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME National Championship Player Packet

Columbus, Ohio

June 20–22, 2008

## Contact Information

All questions regarding registration, the invitation list, and the prize structure should be directed to [player@upperdeck.com](mailto:player@upperdeck.com).

## Tournament Location

Greater Columbus Convention Center  
400 North High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
(614) 827-2500  
Ballrooms 1–3  
[Convention Center Website](#)

## Columbus Travel Information

### Hotels

For a partial list of hotels near the Greater Columbus Convention Center, please click [here](#).

### Transportation

For information on parking and transportation to the convention center, please click [here](#).

## Tournament Registration

Player registration will occur at the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship registration desk outside of Breakout Rooms 130–145 from 3:00 PM–8:00 PM on Friday, June 20, 2008. Late registration will occur at the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship stage in Ballrooms 1-3 from 8:00 AM–9:30 AM on Saturday, June 21, 2008. Each player must have a valid UDE number, a government- or school-issued ID, and proof of U.S. residence to participate in the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship 2008.

Players will have the opportunity to ask rules questions during registration. Rules questions **will not** be answered during the player meeting.

### **To register, each competitor must present the following information:**

- UDE number
- Picture ID: All players must present a government- or school-issued picture ID to play in the Yu-Gi-Oh! U.S. National Championship.
- Proof of U.S. residence:
  - State or federal ID
  - School ID with picture
  - Utility bill with player's or parent's name

# Tournament Information

## Format

- The Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship will use the Advanced Format.
- This tournament will use the current [Forbidden and Limited List](#).

## Round Length

- Each round on Day 1 will be 40-minutes long.
- On Day 2, the round of 16, quarterfinals and semifinals will be 90-minutes long each, and the finals will be 120 minutes long.

## Advancement

- The Top 16 players after all rounds are completed on Saturday will advance to Day 2 (Sunday).

## Sporting Conduct and Professionalism

- The promotion of sporting conduct and professionalism is a high priority at the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship.
- Participants in the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship are expected to behave in a mature, professional, and sporting manner at all times before, during, and after the tournament.
- Participants in the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship are expected to dress in an appropriate and professional manner.

## Decklists and Other Forms

- Decklists for the event will be collected at the tables at 10:00 AM during the player meeting on Saturday. Players should double-check their decklists before turning them in. Decklists must be complete and accurate when they are collected.
- Players may download a copy of the **Yu-Gi-Oh!** decklist form at [www.ude.com/policy](http://www.ude.com/policy).

## Additional Information

- Players are responsible for knowing all game rules and tournament policies.
- Tournament policies and legal sets can be found at [ude.com/policy](http://ude.com/policy).
- Players must bring pens, paper, card sleeves, and appropriate counters with them to the tournament. Please note that the front of all card sleeves must be clear and have no designs. Card sleeves that feature any designs on the front will not be allowed in the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship. Card sleeves with designs on the back can be used in the event. Players should always be careful to make sure that sleeves are not marked in any way.

# 2008 Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship Invitation List

A player may qualify for the U.S. National Championship through one of the following methods:

- Place in the Top 4 of Regional Tournament between June 24, 2007, and June 2, 2008.
- Place in the Top 8 of Shonen Jump Championship between June 24, 2007, and June 2, 2008.
- Be in the Top 100 ranked players in the United States by June 2, 2008. Invitations awarded based on ranking **DO NOT** pass down.

[A list of qualified players for North American National Championships can be found here.](#)

Players who believe they should have an invitation to U.S. Nationals but are not on the list should first verify that their tournaments have been uploaded by the Tournament Organizer and are available in their [Ratings History](#). If the event(s) in question are in your Ratings History but are not awarding a Nationals Invite, please send an email to [player@upperdeck.com](mailto:player@upperdeck.com) with the following information below:

First Name  
Last Name  
UDE Number  
Event Date  
Event Location  
Place Finished

We cannot process any appeals without all of the above information. All appeals must be submitted by midnight PST on Sunday, June 8, 2008.

## 2008 Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship Schedule

### Friday, June 20

3:00 PM–8:00 PM      Player Registration. Players who have invitations to the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship event must register at the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship registration desk outside Breakout Rooms 130–145.

### Saturday, June 21

8:00 AM–9:30 AM      Late Player Registration. Players who have invitations to the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship event must register at the Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship stage in Ballrooms 1–3.

9:45 AM                Seating for player meeting posted.

10:00 AM                Mandatory player meeting begins. Players must have their decklists completed by the time the player meeting begins.

10:15 AM                Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship Day 1 begins.

### Sunday, June 22

9:30 AM                Top 16 players arrive, and Top 16 photos taken.

10:00 AM                Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship Day 2 begins.

## 2008 Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME U.S. National Championship Prize Structure

RANK	PRIZES
<b>1st Place</b>	Travel and accommodations to Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME World Championships held in Berlin, Germany. High-end laptop computer, a complete set of <i>Light of Destruction</i> , \$1,500 Best Buy gift card, Playstation 3, a magnificent trophy, and a booster box of the most current Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME product.
<b>2nd Place</b>	Travel and accommodations to Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME World Championships held in Berlin, Germany. High-end laptop computer, 32GB iPod Touch, Playstation 3, a magnificent trophy, and a booster box of the most current Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME product.
<b>3rd–4th Place</b>	Travel and accommodations to Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME World Championships held in Berlin, Germany. \$500 Best Buy gift card, Playstation 3, 160GB iPod Classic, a magnificent trophy, and a booster box of the most current Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME product.
<b>5th–8th Place</b>	Playstation 3, digital camera, 8GB iPod Nano, a magnificent trophy, and a booster box of the most current Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME product.
<b>9th–16th Place</b>	8GB iPod Nano and a booster box of the most current Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME product.
<b>17th–32nd Place</b>	18 booster packs of the most current Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME product.
<b>33rd–64th Place</b>	12 booster packs of the most current Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME product.
<b>65th–128th Place</b>	8 booster packs of the most current Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME product.
<b>129th–196th Place</b>	4 booster packs of the most current Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME product.
<b>All Participants</b>	Commemorative 2008 Yu-Gi-Oh! TRADING CARD GAME National Championship playmat.

## Side Events

### **Advanced Format Tournament (Winner Qualifies for U.S. Nationals)**

At 9:00 AM on Friday, June 20, registration will begin for 32-player Advanced Format Tournaments. Sign-ups will remain open until 8:00 PM and will launch the tournaments as soon as 32 people register. Entry fee is \$15 per tournament.

The tournaments will be run as single elimination, best two-of-three games with a 40-minute time limit. The winning player from each tournament will receive an invitation to participate in the U.S. National Championship the next day. Booster pack prizes will be given out to the Top 4 finishers.

Players who are already qualified for the U.S. National Championship *may not* compete in Advanced Format Tournament (Winner Qualifies for Nationals) events. A qualified player who participates in the Advanced Format Tournament (Winner Qualifies for Nationals) events will be considered to have forfeited their invitation and will need to win his or her tournament to participate in the U.S. National Championship.

<b>Friday's Events Schedule</b>		
<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG—Advanced Format Tournament (Winner qualifies for U.S. Nationals)	9:00 AM–8:00 PM	\$15.00
Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG—Advanced Format Tournament (full booster box to first place)	12:00 PM	\$10.00
Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG—Team Dueling Tournament (Advanced Format)	2:00 PM	\$10.00
Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG—Advanced Format Tournament (full booster box to first place)	4:00 PM	\$10.00
Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG—Advanced Format Tournament (iPod to first place)	8:00 PM	\$15.00
<b>Saturday's Events Schedule</b>		
<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG—U.S. National Championship (Advanced Format)	10:00 AM	n/a
Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG—Ages 13 and Under Regional Tournament (Advanced Format)	1:00 PM	\$15.00
Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG—Advanced Format Tournament (full booster box to first place)	3:00 PM	\$10.00
Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG—Team Dueling Tournament (Advanced Format)	5:00 PM	\$10.00
Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG—Regional Tournament (Advanced Format)	6:00 PM	\$15.00
Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG—Advanced Format Tournament (iPod to first place)	8:00 PM	\$15.00
<b>Sunday's Events Schedule</b>		
<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG—U.S. National Championship Top 16 (Advanced Format)	10:00 AM	n/a
Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG—Team Dueling Championship (Advanced Format)	11:00 AM	\$15.00
Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG—Regional Tournament (Advanced Format)	10:00 AM	\$15.00
Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG—Ages 13 and Under Regional Tournament (Advanced Format)	10:00 AM	\$15.00
Yu-Gi-Oh! TCG—Advanced Format Tournament (full booster box to first place)	11:00 AM	\$10.00

All Regional Tournaments qualify players for the 2009 National Championship.