

# THE SPRING TOURNEY, GRAND TOURNAMENT LXXXIII

*"There has GOT to be an easier way of getting a better class of gladiator for my stable!" The young stable master was far too impatient when it came to developing gladiators. "Too tall. Too slow. Too fast!! Too, everything!!" He turned towards his grounds keeper, his frustration obvious. "If I didn't need gardeners, it would be the Dark Arena for the lot of 'em! Give 'em a shovel and put 'em to work. Not that one." He pointed to a malnourished gladiator. "He couldn't lift a shovel, much less- OH it doesn't matter. Get them out of my sight!! As he dismissed the new gardening crew, another servant entered, carrying the mail from the day. "Sire." "Not now!!" The young stable master threw a gaze that would kill. "Can't you see that I am busy! These gladiators don't manage themselves. Most don't even... why are you still here?" Turning back to the next group of gladiators. "The gladiatorial commission hates me. What I wouldn't do to build a warrior from the ground up." He turned back to the servant, who was still there. "What are you still doing here?" "The announcement for the spring tournament, sire." Before he could hand the correspondence over, it was ripped from his hand. He mumbled as he read, affirming and nodding as he read. "Yes, oh YES!! This is exactly what I need!" His eyes widened, and a childish grin crept across his face. "Get those gardeners back in here. As a matter of fact, bring them all back....."*

Across the land of Alastari the word is going out. The Duelmasters Grand Tournament LXXXIII is coming soon! This tournament will be held on Saturday, April 4, and will be a Mail-in tournament only.

The Duelmasters Grand Tournament is a premier competition. Only the strong will survive; only the best will win! And for this tournament only, winning means an opportunity that ranks as every guild master's greatest dream: a Super Team composed of five warriors, each of which may be from a different new team! In addition, managers will have the chance to rearrange favorites amongst their five new warriors. (Winning managers will receive 25 team sheets to choose from, but they are not limited to these 25 sheets. Favorites must be in-bounds for the warrior's style and may include marginally suited options. These warriors may not fight in any tournament until they are ranked Initiate or above.) Please remember, you must use all prizes within six months of the tourney when they were won.

In this Grand Tournament, honors will be awarded to warriors in eleven categories of competition: five tournaments for Advanced Duelmasters (ADM) and six tournaments for regular Duelmasters (DM). Warriors will fight according to their ADM tournament classification and/or total number of fights:

## TOURNAMENT CLASSES

The Primus Tournament	-- All Primus inducted warriors (as of the February 2026 ADM Freeze)
The Contenders Tournament	-- All Primus contenders (as of the February 2026 ADM Freeze)
The Eligibles Tournament	-- All Primus qualified warriors (as of the February 2026 ADM Freeze)
The ADM Tournament	-- All other ADM warriors (as of the February 2026 ADM Freeze)
The Freshmen Tournament	-- All new ADM warriors and ADM Freshmen (as of the February 2026 ADM Freeze)
The Challengers Tournament	-- DM warriors with 31+ fights as of the Tournament
The Champions Tournament	-- DM warriors with 21+ fights as of the Tournament
The Adepts Tournament	-- DM warriors with 11-20 fights as of the Tournament
The Initiates Tournament	-- DM warriors with 5-10 fights as of the Tournament
The Apprentices Tournament	-- DM warriors with 1-4 fights as of the Tournament
The Rookies Tournament	-- DM warriors with 0 fights as of the Tournament (April 4, 2026)

All warriors who have graduated to ADM before the tournament (due dates on or before Thursday, April 2), as well as warriors who were classified as Freshmen as of the February 2026 freeze, will fight in the Freshman Tournament. All ADM warriors who are not Freshman or Primus qualified (Eligibles) or inducted (Contenders or Primus) will fight in the ADM tourney. For non-ADM tourneys, a warrior's number of fights is calculated by adding his regular arena bouts and roughly half of his previous tournament fights as of the day of the tournament; the freeze date for ADM warriors was February 22 at

11:44pm. Please note that all games due on Thursday will process before the tournament, while games due on Friday and Saturday will run after.

There will be ten rounds of combat. Pairings in the tournaments are random. In all tournament classes except Primus and Contenders, your warrior must win one of his first two fights to avoid being eliminated from the tournament. After that, his third loss will drop him from the tournament. In the Primus and Contenders Tourneys, warriors will not be eliminated until after Round 5; at that point and thereafter, warriors with three losses will be eliminated. Each tournament will continue until only one warrior remains uneliminated. On the average, each warrior will fight six fights, with a minimum of three fights for each warrior, barring death. Learning, experience, and the likelihood of dying are halved--only so much can be learned in such a short time, fighting with blunted weapons. The record and popularity of your warriors in the tournament does not count towards their record in regular arena play.

Those warriors who win eight or more fights in the regular tourney and are alive at the end of Round 10 will be declared Tournament Victors. Tournament Victors may write "Tournament Victor" next to one of their challenges each turn in regular arena play to receive increased priority on their challenge. The winners of all Fools tournaments will also be declared Tournament Victors. The warrior with the best overall record at the end of each regular Grand Tournament will be declared Tournament Champion and will fight for free in regular arena play. Tournament Victor and Champion status are great honors which last until the next Grand Tournament or until six months have passed.

In addition, one Zap potion will be awarded to the manager of each of the Stylemasters in all tournaments. Primus Zaps must be used on a Primus warrior of the same style; ADM Zaps may be used on an ADM warrior of the same style; basic Zaps may be used on any living warrior on the same team. Five Zaps may be combined to form a SuperZap. These potions must be used within six months.

You may enter as many of your gladiators in the tourney as you wish. The cost is \$7.00 per warrior. Your account will be billed when we run the tournament. If your account does not have sufficient funds, we may not process your warriors. Tournament strategy sheets must arrive at RSI by Wednesday, April 2. We will not accept phoned-in strategy sheets for the tournament, though you may fax them.

Included with this turn report is a tournament strategy sheet which allows you to specify your gladiator's training for each fight up to the tenth round and also to designate one alternate strategy against up to five different fighting styles. You may copy this sheet for each of your warriors or you may use the request slip below to request more sheets. There is also a tournament strategy sheet on our web site. Your warriors will be officially entered into the tourney when we receive your completed mail-in strategy sheets.

Is your warrior the best in his class? How does your Adept measure up to the Adepts in other arenas? Do you have the strategy it takes to survive ten duels against foes from across the land of Alastari? Don't just ponder these questions! Register today for the Duelmasters Grand Tournament.

<b>WHO:</b>	You! And every other dedicated manager
<b>WHAT:</b>	Ten rounds of intense Duelmasters fights
<b>WHEN:</b>	April 4, 2026 (Strategy sheets due Wednesday, April 2)
<b>WHERE:</b>	At the RSI secret underground production facility
<b>WHY:</b>	If you've fought in a Grand Tourney before, you know why!

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### ***Mail-In Grand Tourney Strategy Sheet Request Form***

**Please send as soon as possible to allow for mailing time.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Account #: \_\_\_\_\_ Send me \_\_\_\_\_ Mail-in strategy sheets!