



## **Public Statement on Overwatch Contenders Ban.**

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It has recently been brought to our attention that our Overwatch Contenders team has been banned from participating in the August and September seasons of Contenders due to some alleged malfeasance, including specifically the handling of practice VODs. The behavior discussed in the letter from Blizzard is disappointing and if true, reflects poorly on us as an organization.

We have not investigated the situation ourselves and are trusting Blizzard's investigation and assessment of the situation to be accurate. We feel that Blizzard's actions taken as a result of their investigation are fair and reasonable.

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For the last several months, we have been forced by the COVID19 pandemic's economic effects to essentially suspend support for all of our esports programs temporarily. As such, our Overwatch team has been participating in Contenders and Trials with no contracts, and practically no oversight or support from us. We have decided that this situation is of no benefit to us or the community and is not fair to our players. We have therefore chosen to disband our Overwatch team effective immediately and allow all the individuals to pursue whatever future in esports they desire.

It is our understanding that no players or staff have been individually reprimanded by Blizzard for any violation of their Terms of Use or Code of Conduct as a result of this or any other investigation. This allows the players and staff the best opportunity to pursue their esports careers individually, and we wish them all the best towards that end.

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Any questions regarding these matters may be addressed to Scion Esports organization administration at [esports@lakecharlestoyota.com](mailto:esports@lakecharlestoyota.com).

We consider this matter closed and once COVID19 is in our rear view mirror we will reassess the esports scene and dive back in full force with whatever games and competitions are relevant at that time.

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