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# FACEIT To Host 'CS:GO' Minors At Iconic Twickenham Stadium In London



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The FACEIT London Major is set to be the first Counter-Strike: Global Offensive Major held in the UK, and it has a pretty fitting location of Wembley arena. But the Minors, which will decide which teams will make it

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to the Major, will head to another of London's iconic sporting locations, Twickenham Stadium.

The stadium which is best known as the home of English rugby, will host all of the regional Minors for the FACEIT Major, which is a change to what we usually see. Most Majors have held each Minor in its own region, but FACEIT have decided to bring everyone to London to battle it out. It's a risky move as visa issues could get in the way more than usual, but if it works then it will surely present a much better Minor system than previous years.

All of the Minors will take place in July, with the Americas being first up between July 7-11. Interestingly this will also clash with ESL One Cologne, which could cause some issues for any teams that might be attending ESL's big event. Following that the CIS Minor will take place between July 10-13, with the Asian minor happening between July 16-20 and finally the European Minor taking place between July 19-22.

Hosting all the Minors at the same location should make for a much smoother process all together, especially at a venue such as Twickenham that will offer up 24 hour practise rooms, two separate stages to ensure no time is lost for setup, a gym and an executive chef to make sure players have everything they could possibly need. It also means that any team that qualifies for the Major should have no visa issues, as they will already have secured a visa for the Minor.

“By hosting each stage of the tournament at Twickenham Stadium we're hoping to bring new life to the Minors,” said Michele Attisani, Co-Founder and Chief Business Officer of FACEIT. “The Major should be a celebration of all things CS:GO, we want to bring teams together for the first time and make sure teams of all levels feel welcome and feel the Major experience.”

FACEIT also revealed that HellRaisers, AVANGAR, FlipSid3 Tactics, Spirit, Pro100, EPG, ForZe and Nemiga Gaming have all been invited to the CIS

closed qualifier, while Renegades and Tyloo have been directly invited to the Asia Minor.

Teams that perform well at the Minors will qualify for the Major itself, which is due to take place at Wembley Arena this September. The Major is sure to be a success, with VIP and premium tickets already selling out for the four day event.

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