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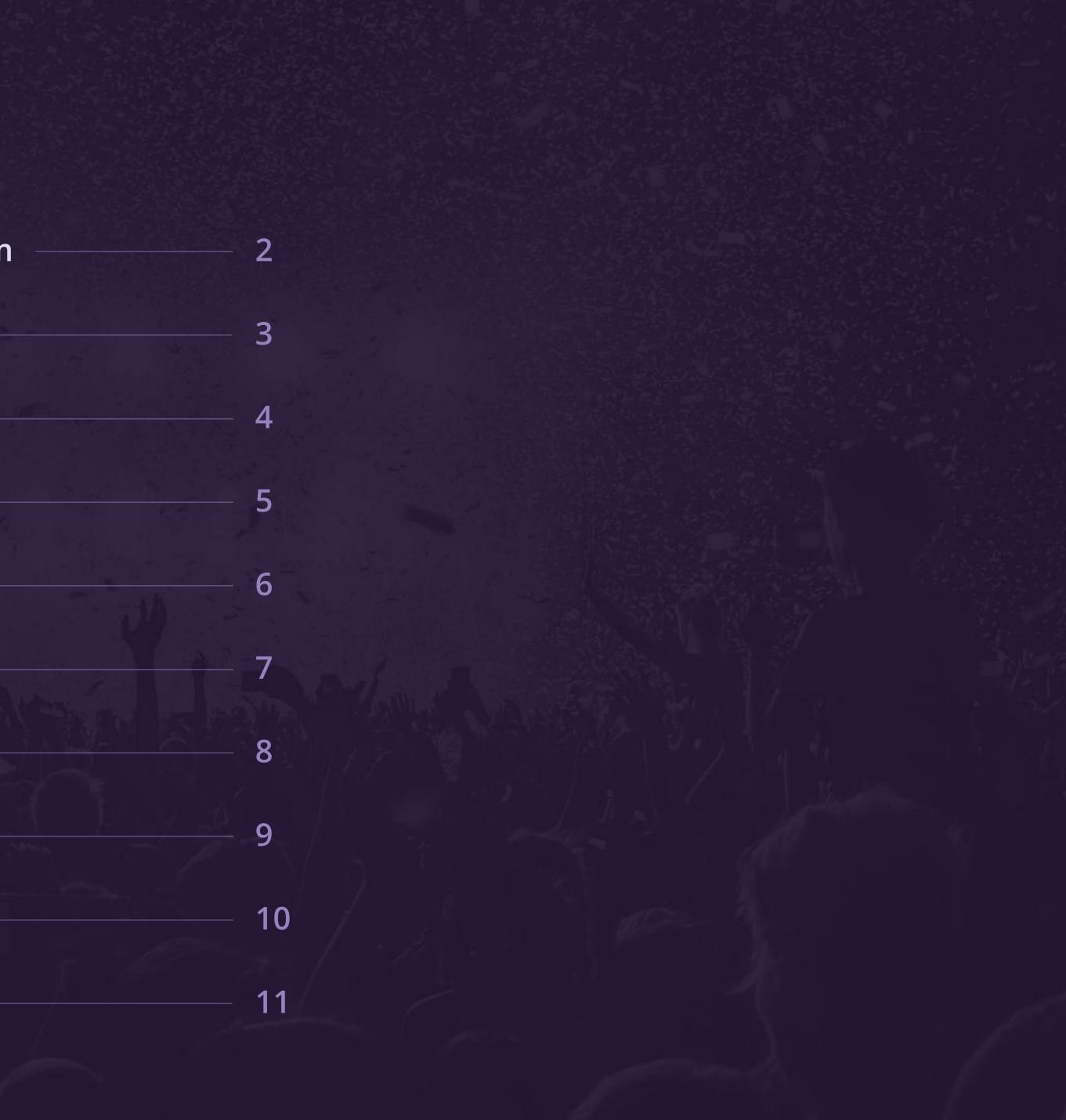
Driving engagement and retention: the advantages of having your own tournament platform

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Summary

From ranked matches to a complete esports ecosystem Engage and monetize your community Control and leverage your esports data Structure your esports activity Make competition management easier Support your third-party organizers Strengthen your game branding Focus on what matters the most to you Give a new battleground to your players Go further with Toornament



From ranked matches to a complete esports ecosystem

Today, sustaining the success of your game over time is no longer just a question of original and balanced gameplay, renewed in-game content or a high-performance matchmaking system.

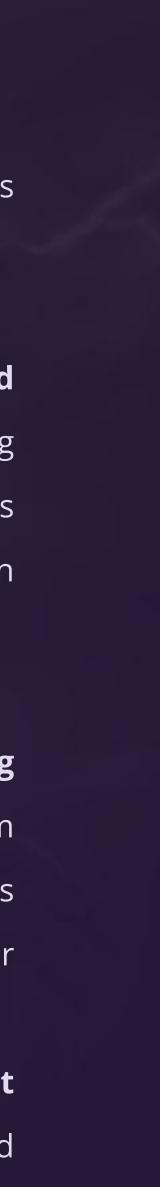
It's about nurturing your community with new challenges and new objectives to fuel players' natural appetite for competition. Tournaments open up new horizons for your players, create rivalries and unforgettable experiences, and ultimately new storytelling opportunities.

To create these stories, it is necessary to build a robust competitive ecosystem around players where **everyone can have a chance and dream of being the next champion.** This is one of the most powerful drivers of long-term player engagement. This requires the organization of tournaments, leagues and rankings that are aimed at both amateur and professional players.

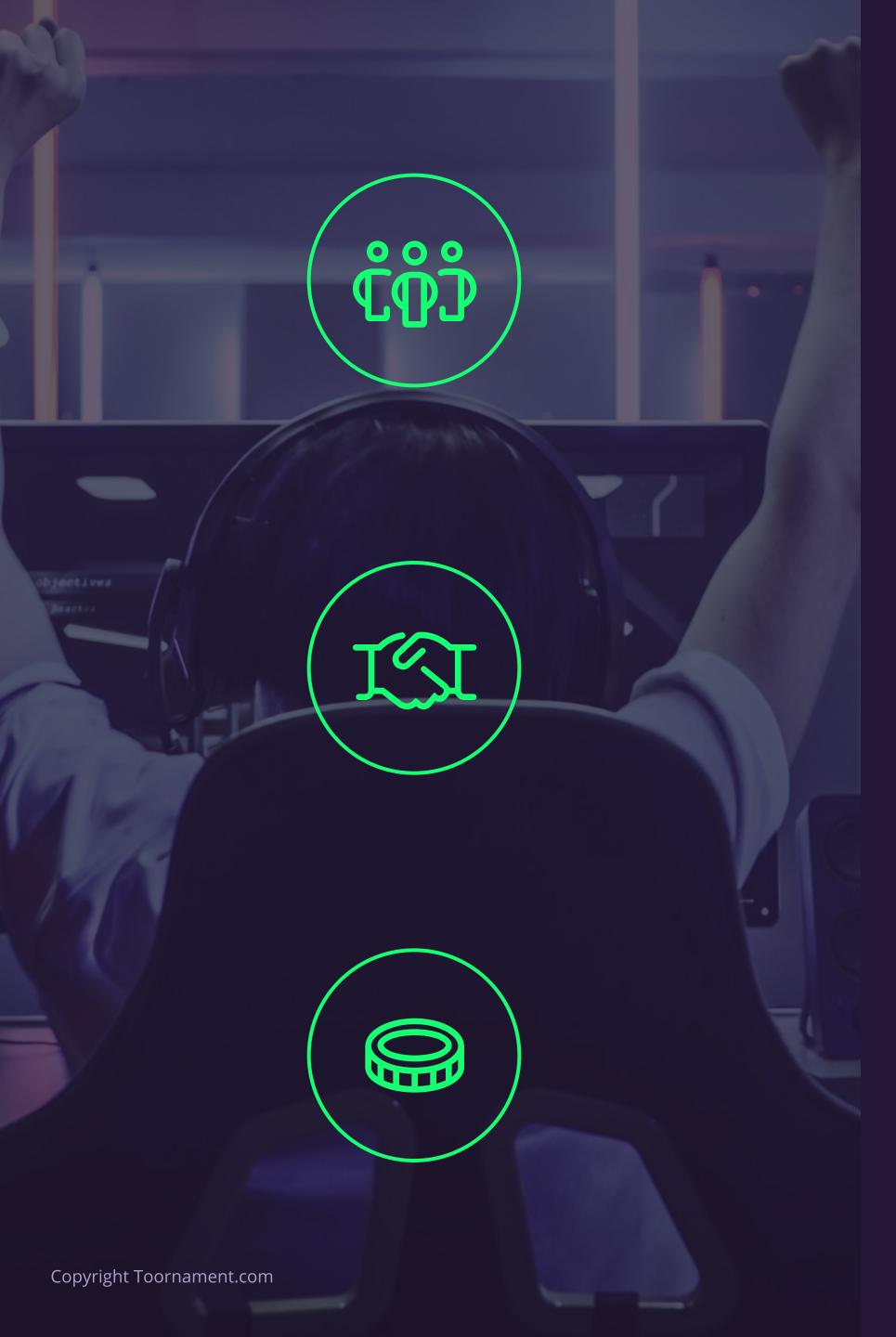
A dedicated tournament platform adds many advantages and benefits with building a competitive ecosystem, while involving third-party organizers and their grassroots tournaments. It brings together all of your esports activities on a single tool and creates an attractive and inclusive esports experience for all your players.

In this white paper, we review the main benefits of managing esports activity through your own tournament platform from monetization, data management or third-party community organizers support. We also take a look at the pitfalls to avoid when choosing your tournament platform solution.

Finally, you will **access case studies of publishers and studios that manage their official competitions** thanks to the solutions developed by Toornament.com.







Engage and monetize your community

Esports is an essential lever to generate more player interest, retention and opening up to new audiences. This additional engagement can then be monetized through sales or subscriptions to the game, in-game micro-transactions, merchandising sales, sponsorship deals or streaming revenues.

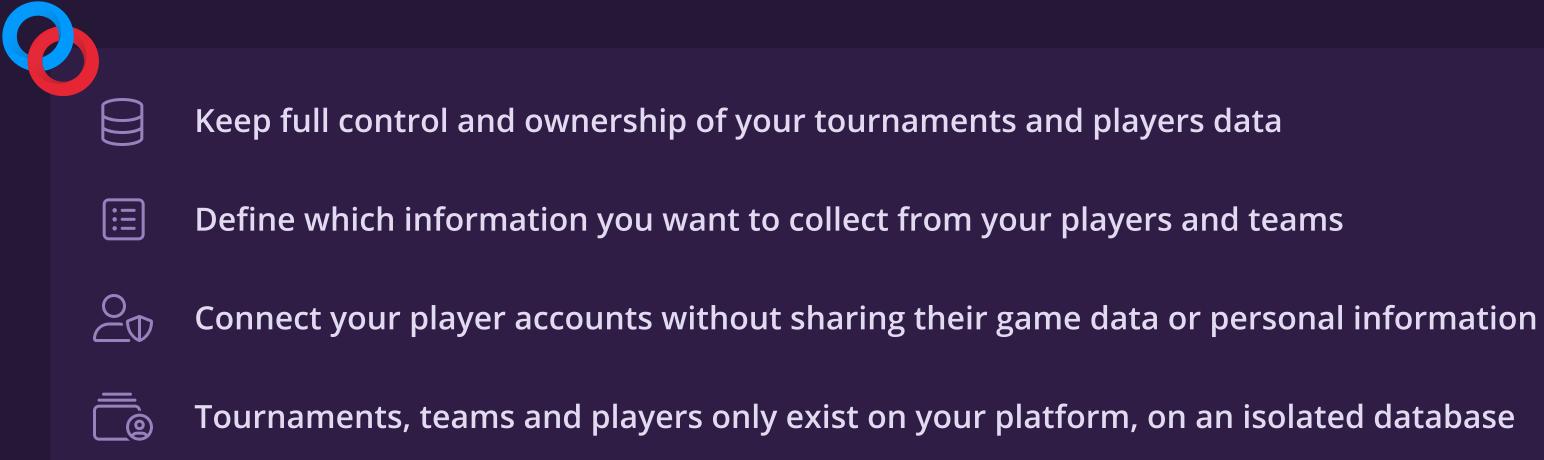
But, if this engagement doesn't take place on your own tournament platform, you will lose out on most of its financial benefits. On the contrary, **by operating your tournament platform, you retain its direct benefits.**

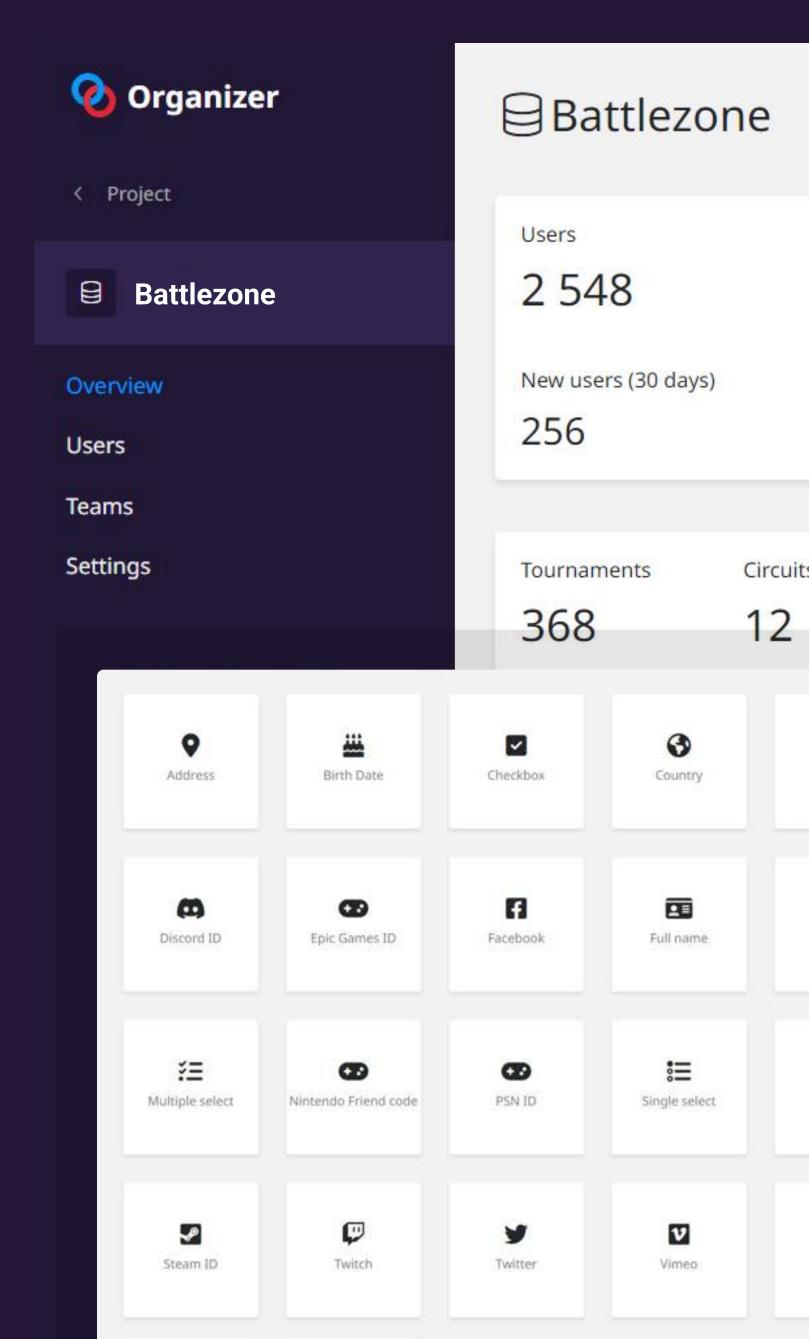
With your platform, you can structure the competitive ecosystem according to your monetization priorities and game's storytelling. **You can keep full control and ownership over the data generated** rather than letting it fly away. **Your platform becomes a new asset and communication channel** to showcase your sponsors and partners, or highlight game's merchandising and livestream. Managing your platform allows you to directly reach your players on what is important to you.



Control and leverage your esports data

- The data generated by esports operations is extremely useful to know your players better,
- improve your game, increase retention or for marketing purposes. In the end, it helps with your decision-making process.
- By using third-party tournament platforms, you lose track of most data about your competitions and players, which is then leveraged by these platforms for marketing purposes. When operating your competitive ecosystem, it is essential to choose a provider that is transparent about its management policy of your data.





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Structure your esports activity

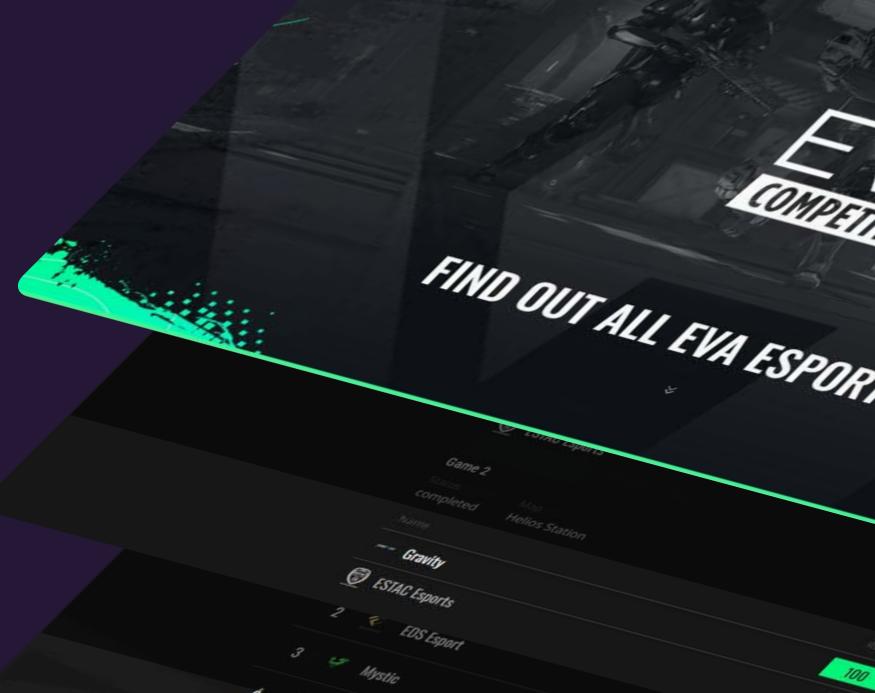
To grow your game and its community you must have a clear and structured esports ecosystem. You must build a competitive circuit from grassroots tournaments to international competitions creating a path to the top level for amateurs. This is how new champions rise and the story of your game takes shape.

With your own tournament platform, you can centralize your esports operations in a more understandable and efficient way. It helps segmenting your tournaments and creating leaderboards according to player levels, their locations or game modes. Thus, **you** address all your players and help them climb the steps to the top level.

Organize and display tournaments into competitive circuits by game, level, location, season

- Generate custom leaderboards with your own points system and rules

Centralize news, replays, activities and information from tournaments, players and teams



Case study

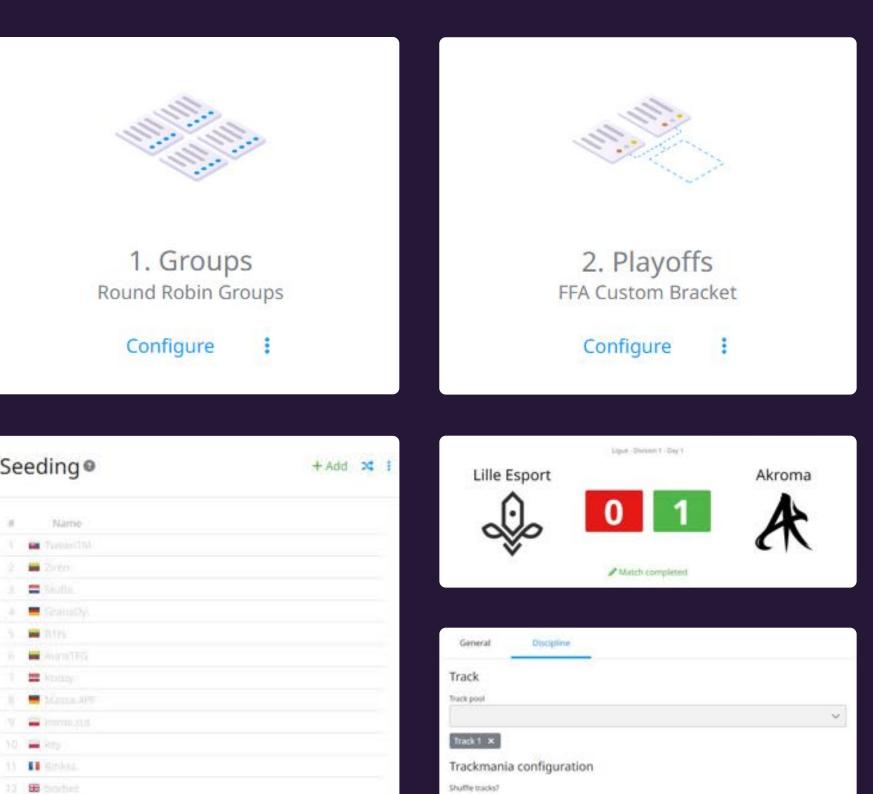


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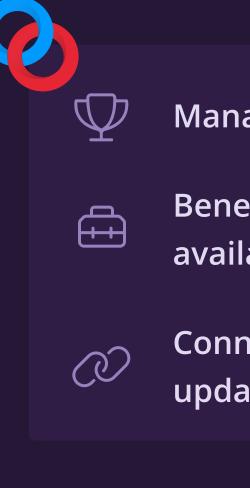
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Make competition management easier

Mastering all steps of your tournament is crucial and professional tools are essential to achieve this. But developing your own management tool is risky and takes time. The development load, complexity and budget required are often greatly underestimated for an uncertain result.

It is important to rely on a robust and flexible solution, already used by thousands of organizers at an international scale. It must manage all components of the tournament, but also be able to adapt to the formats and specifics of your game. Finally, by connecting your game to a tournament platform, you will automate and facilitate many match management steps for both players and admins.



Manage tournament steps thanks to a complete and easy organizer interface

Benefit from the largest number of tournament formats, matches and scores available in a single tool

Connect your game to the platform and automate match management, results update and stats display





Support your third-party organizers

Your community is your number one tournament contributor, but it can be scattered across several tools, and offer tournaments of very heterogeneous quality to the detriment of the player competitive experience.

To help your third-party organizers grow and contribute to your game's success, give them access to a professional tournament platform. Delegate community tournament organization to **waste less time and resources**, and keep a unified and coherent platform by providing guidelines and licensing rules.

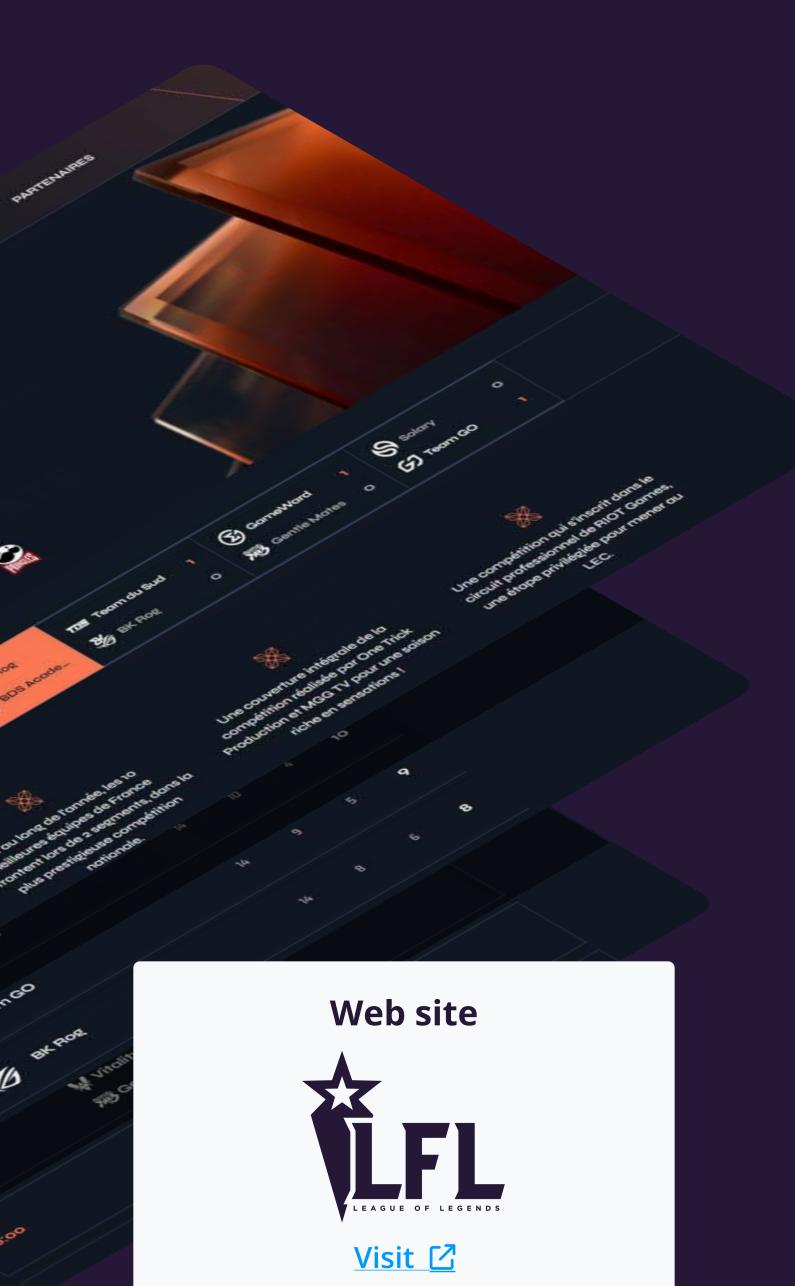
Сл Ол Manage organizer permissions at the platform, circuit and tournament level

- Allow third-party organizers to integrate your official competition circuits

Categorize and display third-party tournaments according to your criteria



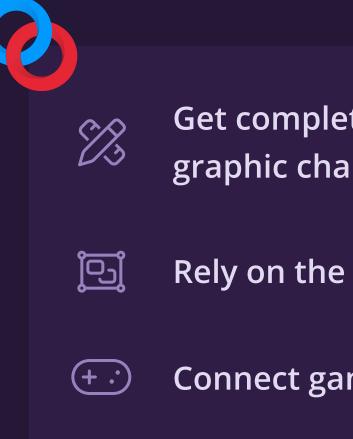




Strengthen your game branding

Your tournament platform must be an extension of the universe of your game. It must **offer a visual experience that is as integrated as possible with the game** to strengthen player support and a sense of belonging. **It is important to have a tournament platform that will be unique and identifiable.**

Moreover, allowing players to connect their player account and identify themselves on the tournament platform provides smoother user experience and greater adoption. The more integrated it is with your game and its ecosystem, the better the player experience will be.



Get complete white-label platform, with your own domain name, graphic charter and design

Rely on the first no-code website builder to manage your platform content

Connect game accounts and synchronize match data to the tournament platform



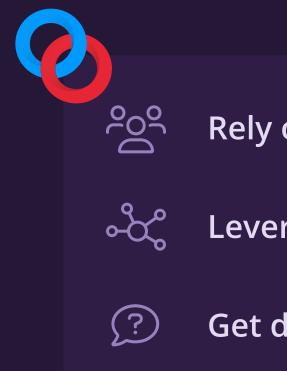
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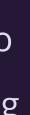
Focus on what matters the most to you

Your team has its own development schedule and a multitude of missions on which to focus. Internalizing resources and finding the skills to manage the complexity of designing and maintaining a tournament platform can be very risky and time-consuming.

This is why it is recommended to rely on esports competition experts and their **dedicated tools.** They can accelerate and limit the risks of setting up an esports project by helping on the strategy, providing turnkey technical solutions, managing the infrastructure and hosting while keeping them up to date.



Rely on a pioneering team in esports and tournament solution development Leverage our network of partners to strengthen all aspects of your operation Get dedicated continuous support and training to use your tournament platform



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Give a new battleground to your players

In conclusion, having your own tournament platform brings many advantages and is an important lever to grow your gaming community and develop your revenues.

But **creating your own platform is complex**, requires a lot of time and a certain expertise. At a time when **games must quickly gain momentum and prove themselves**, this solution is often risky.

Hopefully, it is now possible to rely on dedicated solutions to get your tournament platform so you can focus on what matter the most. **Toornament is the only solution to provides a real white label tournament platform that can be launched in a record time and based on the most complete tournament engine on the market.**

Don't compromise anymore and choose to have your own battleground for your players.





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