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# World Championship

## Player & Collector

We are excited to announce a new framework for *Wonders of The First 2026 World Championship* that further aligns the game's player and collector ecosystems.

By now you probably know that *Wonders of The First* players are known as Stoneseekers. Many of us have grown proud of this title but it doesn't perfectly fit those who get the most joy through competitive collecting and completionism.

So, starting today, collectors will now be known across the realms as Dragon Hunters. Dragon Hunters gather Dragon Scales (which are *Wonders* foil cards) as they work to assemble the most powerful Dragon possible and sometimes join Hunting Clubs to work with others. Dragon Scales are stored in a Dragon Binder, which represents the strength of that Hunter's Dragon. The new framework ensures that:

- The World Champion crown is **never pay to win**.
- **Anyone can compete** with an affordable deck.
- **Collectors are rewarded** for building exceptional collections.



# The Dragon Hunter Story

Through the eyes of a Dragon Hunter every foiled Wonders card represents a Dragon Scale infused with the remnant power from the underlying Wonder. Dragon Scales hold more power while they are fresh.

As hunters add foil cards to their Dragon (ie their Collection Binder), it becomes stronger. Rare variants represent scales infused with increasing concentrations of power.

The more powerful the scales within a Dragon Hunter's Binder, the stronger their Dragon becomes and the more **Gold** it can claim in battle.

The theoretical "perfect Dragon" would be a full binder where every scale is the most rare and difficult to acquire version of each card, such as Stonefoil 1/1s where they exist.

## Foil Examples

- Classic Foils
- Formless Foils
- Serialized OCMs
- Stonefoil 1/1s
- Autographs, Alt-Arts, Echoes, Prize Cards & other Promos



# Roles in the Wonders Universe



## Stoneseekers

These are the players. Some battle only for fun. Others compete for titles, recognition, and prestige. Some ride Dragons.



## Dragon Hunters

These are the collectors who gather Dragon Scales and build powerful Dragons to enter tournaments themselves or appoint a Stoneseeker as their **Dragon Rider** to compete on their behalf.

Groups of **Dragon Hunters** working together are known as Hunting Clubs and members are encouraged to name their club and embrace the fraternal nature of collecting together.

### Note

*This creates a system similar to horse racing or esports, where collectors fund elite competitors and share in the winnings.*



# Prize Money & Pools

## Dragon Power

More powerful Dragons can claim more gold (prize money).

Each card variant adds Dragon Power Points. The total points represent the strength of the Dragon and its potential for winning more gold.

At certain major events, prize pools will be split between two categories:

### Base Prize Pool

**\$50,000 total**

Paid solely based on tournament performance

Anyone can enter and win regardless of collection size

### Dragon Gold Pool

**\$200,000 total**

Based on Dragon Points + performance

Rewards collectors who have built powerful Dragons

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# 2026 Dragon Power Point System



To assemble a valid Dragon for 2026 (and be eligible for the Dragon Gold Pool), you must collect at least 10,000 Dragon Points using cards from Existence, Call of the Stones and the not yet announced "Set 3" (slated for this summer). A Stoneseeker can only ride 1 dragon - you enter a binder to ride yourself or appoint 1 Stoneseeker as your rider. A single Stoneseeker can't ride multiple dragons.

Each foil card you collect earns points that increase your Dragon's power. You can spread your points across all the sets or focus on one or two. Collect how you want.

*Yes...Hunting a Dragon is challenging.  
It's supposed to be...that's why we have **Hunting Clubs**.*

*\* Dragon Scales are limited to 1000 per binder*

*\* If a Dragon Rider is disqualified than the Dragon Binder used for entry is also disqualified from the Dragon Gold Prize Pool.*



# 2026 Dragon Power Point System

Each base set card (including Story Tokens) earns the following points by rarity and treatment/variation:

Rarity	Classic Foil	Formless	OCM	Stonefoil
Common	1	2	10	100
Uncommon	2	3	15	150
Rare	3	4	20	200
Epic	4	5	25	250
Mythic	7	15	75	500

\* All Stoneseekers and the Mythics featured in the official lore (published for each set release) earn triple (3x) the points of other Mythics in the same Treatment.

\*\* Fresher Scales (cards published in Call of the Stones + Set 3) gain +35% bump



# Bonus & Organization

## Bonus Cards

Each Autograph, Proof, Alt-Art, Echo and Promo card variation you add earns bonus points:

*NOTE: The 3x multiplier for Stoneseekers and Lore Mythics does not apply to the bonus cards.*

### Pack Pulled Autographs

+500 Any Rarity, Any Treatment

### Pack Pulled Alt Arts

+3 Any Classic Foil Alt-Arts

+5 Common - Rare Formless Foil Alt-Arts

+10 Common - Rare Alt-Art OCMS

+15 Epic - Mythic Formless Foil Alt-Arts

+25 Epic - Mythic Alt-Art OCMS

+100 Any Alt-Art Stonefoil

### Pack Pulled Echoes

+5 Common - Rare Echoes

+15 Epic Echoes

+25 Mythic Echoes

### Tokens

+0 Token Classic Foils

+1 Token Formless Foils

+5 Token OCMS

+50 Token Stonefoil

### Prizes & Promos (not pack pulled)

+10 Any From the Most Recent 2-Year Timeline

### Existence Pre-Release Foil Proofs

+10 Common - Rare Pre-Release Foil

+15 Epic Pre-Release Foil

+25 Mythic Pre-Release Foil

### Digital Wonders Art Proofs

+50 Common

+100 Uncommon

+150 Rare

+200 Epic

+250 Mythic

\* Art Proofs must be included in a Wonders CCG set and based on the underlying card rarity with no extra bonus for lore cards etc. Digital Art Proof Ownership verified at check-in.

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# Dragon Organization Requirements

To ease the check-in and audit process please:

- Maintain a separate binder for each set with your cards in numerical (checklist) order.
- Include your Bonus Cards as a separate section at the back of your binder (or in their own binder if necessary).
- Include a placeholder for any graded/slabbed cards in your binder and have your slabs present and well organized (or vaulted if allowed).
- Binders will be held from the time of check in until the event concludes.



# Prize Money Calculation

The first \$50,000 of prize money pays out to the Top 16 finishers as follows:

1st	\$20,000
2nd	\$8,000
3rd-4th	\$3,000
5th-8th	\$2,000
9th-16th	\$1,000

## Dragon Gold Prize Pool

The \$200,000 Dragon Gold Pool rewards Dragons (with a valid Dragon registered for the event) that finish in the Top 32 (relative only to other Dragons) based on a combination of:

1. Dragon Points (the strength of your Dragon Binder entering the event)
2. Tournament Finish

The Top 32 finishing Dragons receive a finish multiplier applied to their Dragon Points. These multipliers increase as your tournament finish improves (again, only relative to the other Dragons).



# Rewards & Multipliers

## Finishing Position Multipliers:

1st	10x
2nd	9x
3rd - 4th	8x
5th - 8th	7x
9th - 16th	6x
17th - 32nd	5x

To reiterate: The Dragon Gold Prize Pool payout is determined by a combination of Dragon Points and finishing position using the multiplier system described below. Dragon Gold Prizes will be paid directly to the person that submitted the Dragon Binder.

How the Dragon Gold Prize Pool Is Paid Out:

### Step 1

Each Top 32 finishing Dragon multiplies their Dragon Points by their finishing position multiplier to calculate their Weighted Points.

### Step 2

All Weighted Points from these Top 32 finishers are added together to determine the Total Weighted Points.

### Step 3

Each Dragon receives its pro-rata share of the \$200,000 Dragon Gold Pool based on their Weighted Points as a percentage of the Total Weighted Points.



# Example



- Dragon A enters the event with 12,000 Dragon Points and finishes 3rd among all Dragons.
- The multiplier for 3rd place is 8x.
- Dragon A's Weighted Points are calculated as:
- $12,000 \times 8 = 96,000$  Weighted Points
- Assume that when all Top 32 finishing Dragons calculate their Weighted Points and add them together, the Total Weighted Points equal 1,000,000.
- Dragon A's share of the \$200,000 Dragon Gold Pool is determined by the percentage their Weighted Points represent of the Total Weighted Points.
- $96,000 \div 1,000,000 = 9.6\%$
- Dragon A therefore receives 9.6% of the \$200,000 Dragon Gold Pool, which equals \$19,200.



# Other Things to Know

## Binder Check-In

When you register at a Dragon Cup Event (World Championship or otherwise) you will declare a point total for your binder.

Post event the winning binders will be audited. Any binders determined to not meet or exceed their declared point total will be disqualified.

Your prize payout will be based on the points you declare. The reason we allow you to declare a point total lower than your actual number is to give Dragon Hunters a bit of a safety net for making a trivial mistake in a large binder but how close you declare to your actual total is up to you and your confidence that you haven't miscalculated.

## Playable Decks

At Dragon Cup events your binder is locked for the duration of the event and none of the cards included can be used in the playable deck. All Stoneseekers in the event are required to have a separate playable deck (official legal cards only - no proxies).

Again and for the avoidance of doubt: Cards in a Dragon Binder registered for an event are locked inside that binder until the event concludes and all decks for competitive play must be additional copies.



## Problems This Framework is Designed to Solve

In life few things are perfect and reasonable people can disagree with some (many) of the decisions made crafting this new Dragon Cup framework. That said, we hope a majority of Stoneseekers and Dragon Hunters are happy with the overall outcome.

- Dragon Hunters can hunt more freely (collect what you enjoy) because every foil card is accretive to your Dragon Points total.
- Stoneseekers (whether a Dragon Rider or not) can brew decks with total freedom since the premium card requirements of last years' Dragon Cup are removed.
- It will be easier for Stoneseekers to partner with Dragon Hunters and/or Hunting Clubs since "sharing cards" to be played at the event is no longer required.

## Be fearless...The Wonders Way mandates it...

Wonders is the first CCG/TCG to ever attempt something this bold to align its player and collector communities. Will it be perfect? No...zero chance. Is it the best overall framework in the hobby? We think yes...it is.

It is also worth noting that the vast majority of our ecosystem will not participate in the World Championship (as a Stoneseeker or Hunter) and that's 100% fine (and expected).

Most of us will enjoy Wonders our way. Maybe that means casual play at home and collecting certain premium cards you love. Maybe it means attending some org play to go with it. Maybe it means just collecting some cards and/or brewing decks without even playing. All of these are (and always will be) totally fine ways to engage with Wonders.

But for a small percentage that engage at the highest levels of competition (as a player or collector) we hope you find the Dragon Cup is a tentpole event you can really sink your teeth into.



## Expect an upgraded experience at the World Championship 2026

We love and appreciate our friends and business partners at Star City games and the SCG Con team. They give us a consistent calendar of events to celebrate and enjoy Wonders and they did a fantastic job hosting our 2025 Championships and awarding over \$125,000 at the event.

But SCG has to also serve their other partner communities and we can't exactly "take over" one of their events. That's why we are hosting the 2026 Dragon Cup ourselves.

If you've been to a Shattering you know that we "do things right" when we host the community. You should expect nothing less from this amazing tentpole event for 2026.

The Dragon Cup will be a celebration of Wonders, its elite gameplay and innovative collectibility framework. Players will enjoy a premium setup for all the games and Dragon Hunters can expect lounge spaces, closed circuit feeds, food and beverage options and an all around nice atmosphere to grow your friendships and enjoy following your Riders as they compete for glory and gold.



# The Hunting Trials

In addition to the centerpiece Dragon Cup events we also have some additional side quests for the Hunters.

## Top Dragon

- Most Dragon Points Entered
- Winner receives a 1/1 Stonefoil Prize Card

## Top 10 Dragons

- Top 10 Most Points
- Winners get a 10 Print Run Formless Foil Prize Card

## Osprey Dragons (The Specialists - Most Points Per Set)

- Just like the osprey bird of prey is a specialized hunter so are Osprey Dragons
- Top 3 Most Points from *each* set (including bonus cards from that same set)
- Winners get a 3 Print Run Formless Foil Prize Card Per Set (Existence, CotS, Set 3)



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...to be continued...





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