

## MICROSOFT HALO 5 GHOST IN THE SHELL FORGE 2017 CONTEST

### OFFICIAL RULES

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is your sole responsibility to review and understand your employer's policies regarding your eligibility to participate in trade promotions. If you are participating in violation of your employer's policies, you may be disqualified from entering or receiving prizes. Microsoft disclaims any and all liability or responsibility for disputes arising between an employee and their employer related to this matter, and prizes will only be awarded in compliance with the employer's policies.

This Contest is hosted in the United States, and entry information is collected on computers in the United States. This Contest will be governed by the laws of the State of Washington, and you consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue of the courts of the State of Washington for any disputes arising out of this Contest. **If you do not agree with this provision and these Official Rules, please do not enter this Contest.**

#### COMMON TERMS USED IN THESE RULES:

These are the official rules that govern how the Microsoft Halo 5 Ghost in the Shell Forge 2017 Contest promotion will operate ("Contest").

In these rules, "we," "our," and "us" refer to Microsoft Corporation, the sponsor of this Contest. "You" refers to an eligible Contest entrant.

#### CONTEST DESCRIPTION:

This is a skill-based Contest. The object of this Contest is to recognize the best "Ghost In The Shell"-themed map utilizing the Forge mode within Halo 5: Guardians or Halo 5: Forge on Windows 10, as further described below.

#### WHAT ARE THE START AND END DATES?

This Contest starts at 12:01 a.m. Pacific Time (PT) on February 22, 2017, and ends at 11:59 p.m. PT on March 12, 2017 ("Entry Period").

#### CAN I ENTER?

You are eligible to enter this Contest if you meet the following requirements at time entry:

- You have registered for the and you are 18 years of age or older; **and**
  - If you are 18 of age or older, but are considered a minor in your place of residence, you must have your parent's or legal guardian's permission to enter
- You own either:
  - an Xbox One and a copy of Halo 5: Guardians with an Xbox Live Gold account; **or**
  - a Windows 10 PC and have downloaded Halo 5: Forge from the Windows Store with an Xbox Live Gold or Silver account.
- **You are NOT** a resident of any of the following countries: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria; **and**

- **PLEASE NOTE:** U.S. export regulations prohibit the export of goods and services to Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria. Therefore, residents of these countries / regions are not eligible to participate.
- **You are NOT** an employee of Microsoft Corporation or an employee of a Microsoft subsidiary; **and**
- **You are NOT** involved in any part of the administration and execution of this Contest; **and**
- **You are NOT** an immediate family (parent, sibling, spouse, child) or household member of a Microsoft employee, an employee of a Microsoft subsidiary, or a person involved in any part of the administration and execution of this Contest.

This Contest is void where prohibited by law.

### **HOW DO I ENTER?**

To create an Entry, players must create a unique map within Halo 5's Forge mode using in the in-game map creation tools. To qualify, your map must meet the following requirements:

- Must support Slayer gametype
- Must support 2-8 players
- Must implement Active Camp powerup in some fashion

Maps must also draw inspiration from the 'Ghost in the Shell' scene detailed below.

*Location: The Lawless Zone*

*Date: The Very Near Future*

*The battle takes place in a section of the city that was once grand but has been neglected for some time. The ground is littered with debris. There is an abandoned car and towering dilapidated buildings are visible in the distance.*

*A gnarled tree rises from the center of what might have been a busy traffic circle. Pillars surround the area and support a circular walkway/overpass 30 feet high that frames the arena.*

*The Spider Tank is formidable. Standing 15-20 feet high with 6 legs and 2 heavy machine gun turrets. It shrugs off gun fire. It emerges unexpectedly and ready to do major damage. The Major will need to find a way to get close undetected to succeed...*



To submit an Entry for judging in the Contest, create a reply in the dedicated Contest entry thread, within the [Community Creations Forum](https://www.halowaypoint.com/en-us/forums/92b5c5cfee994e7299608301a6b2eb11/topics), which includes a map name, Waypoint Content Browser link, and a map description. You may also include optional screenshots and an optional video. (Community Creations forums at <https://www.halowaypoint.com/en-us/forums/92b5c5cfee994e7299608301a6b2eb11/topics>).

Limit one Entry per person, per gamertag.

We are not responsible for entries that we do not receive for any reason, or for entries that we receive but are not decipherable for any reason.

We will automatically disqualify:

- Any incomplete or illegible Entry; **and**
- Any entries that we receive from you that are in excess of the Entry limit described above.

### **WINNER DETERMINATION**

On or around the close of the Entry Period, a panel of five (5) judges appointed by us from the Halo community will determine the top 10 maps. Persons who submit an Entry are not eligible to judge.

Following this initial judging period, a separate panel of judges from 343 Industries will review the top 10 maps selected by the community panel and select winners of the Contest Prizes described below.

All judging will be based on the following judging criteria:

- 25.00% - Originality
- 25.00% - Creativity
- 25.00% - Usability
- 25.00% - Likeness to 'Ghost in the Shell' description

The decisions of the judges are final and binding. In the event of a tie between any eligible entries, an additional judge will break the tie based on the judging criteria described above. If we do not receive a sufficient number of entries meeting the entry requirements, we may, at our discretion, select fewer winners than the number of Contest Prizes described below.

## PRIZES

- **One (1) Grand Prize.** A trip for winner and guest to Burbank, California to attend a Halo eSports (or other) event at ESL North America on March 24-26, 2017. Approximate Retail Value (“ARV”) US \$2,000.00. Trip includes:
  - Round trip coach airfare from major airport closest to winner’s home;
  - Three (3) nights standard hotel accommodations; and
  - Admission for one (1) (guest subject to availability) to attend a Halo eSports (or other) event at ESL North America on March 24-26, 2017.
    - Event and/or date are subject to change. If the event is cancelled for any reason, we shall have no further obligation to the winner other than to provide the travel portion of the prize minus the opportunity to attend the event.

Travel subject to availability and must be completed on dates specified by the Sponsor or prize will be forfeited and awarded to an alternate winner. Some restrictions and blackout dates may apply. Any expenses not described above are the responsibility of the traveler(s) including but not limited to taxes, ground transportation, gratuities, and room charges. Winner and any guests must travel on same itinerary. If included, winner’s travel companion must execute a Liability/Publicity Release prior to issuance of travel documents. If included, travel companion must be at least 18, or the child/guardian of the winner. Winner and any guests are responsible for providing all required travel documents, including, but not limited to government issued ID, Visa, or Passport. Once made, no cancellation or change of reservation allowed. If winner lives within 300 miles of travel destination, Sponsor reserves the right to provide alternative transportation. Actual value depends on date/time/destination, and difference between actual value and stated value will not be awarded.

- **One (1) Second Prize** – Covenant Prize Pack consisting of the following items:
  - Halo 5 full size Needler Replica. ARV US \$600
  - Halo Wars 2 Brute Spiker BoomCo Blaster. ARV US \$39.99
  - Halo 6" Ghost Vehicle & Elite Officer. ARV US \$29.99
- **One (1) Third Prize** – Spartan Prize Pack consisting of the following items:
  - Halo Master Chief ArtFX+ Statue. ARV US \$74.99
  - Halo Spartan Athlon ArtFX+ Statue. ARV US \$74.99
  - Halo Mark V Armor For Master Chief ArtFX+ Statue. ARV US \$44.99
  - Halo Mjolnir Mark VI Armor for ArtFX+ Statue. ARV US \$44.99

**The total ARV of all prizes is: \$2,880.00**

Limit one prize per person. If you are a potential winner, we will notify you by sending a message to the gamertag, e-mail address, the phone number, or mailing address (if any) on file with your Microsoft Account or provided at time of entry within seven (7) days following completion of judging. If the notification that we send is returned as undeliverable, your contact information is false, or you are otherwise unreachable or ineligible for any reason, we may award a prize to a runner-up.

If there is a dispute as to who is the potential winner, we will consider the potential winner to be the authorized account holder of the e-mail address used to enter the Contest. If you are a potential winner, we may require you to sign an Affidavit of Eligibility, Liability/Publicity Release and a W-9 tax form or W-8 BEN tax form within 10 days of notification. If you are a potential winner and you are 18 or older, but are considered a minor in your place of legal residence, we may require your parent or legal guardian to sign all required forms on your behalf. If you do not complete the required forms as instructed and/or return the required forms within the time period listed on the winner notification message, we may disqualify you and select a runner-up.

If you are confirmed as a winner of this Contest:

- You may not exchange your prize for cash or any other merchandise or services. However, if for any reason an advertised prize is unavailable, we reserve the right to substitute a prize of equal or greater value; **and**
- You may not designate someone else as the winner. If you are unable or unwilling to accept your prize, we may award it to a runner up; **and**
- If you accept a prize, you will be solely responsible for all applicable taxes related to accepting the prize; **and**
- If you are otherwise eligible for this Contest, but are considered a minor in your place of residence, we may award the prize to your parent/legal guardian on your behalf; **and**
- Unless otherwise noted, all prizes are subject to their manufacturer's warranty and / or terms and conditions.

#### **WHAT CONSTITUTES AN ELIGIBLE ENTRY?**

To be eligible for judging an Entry must meet the following content / technical requirements:

- your Entry must be your own original work; **and**
- your Entry cannot have been selected as a winner in any other contest; **and**
- you must have obtained any and all consents, approvals or licenses required for you to submit your Entry; **and**

Entries may **NOT** contain, as determined by us, in our sole and absolute discretion, any content that:

- is sexually explicit, unnecessarily violent or derogatory of any ethnic, racial, gender, religious, professional or age group; profane or pornographic;
- promotes alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco, or a particular political agenda;
- is obscene or offensive;
- defames, misrepresents or contains disparaging remarks about other people or companies;
- contains content which infringes intellectual property rights of others;
- communicates messages or images inconsistent with the positive images and/or good will to which we wish to associate; and/or violates any law;

We reserve the right to reject any Entry, in our sole and absolute discretion, that we determine does not meet the above criteria.

#### **HOW WILL MY ENTRY BE POTENTIALLY USED?**

Other than what is set forth below, we are not claiming any ownership rights to your Entry. However, by submitting your entry, you:

- are granting us an irrevocable, royalty-free, worldwide right and license to: (i) review, assess, test and otherwise analyze your entry and all its content in connection with this Contest; and (ii) feature your entry and all content in connection with the marketing, sale, or promotion of this Contest (including but not limited to internal and external sales meetings, conference presentations, tradeshow, and screen shots of the Contest entry in press releases) in all media (now known or later developed)
- agree to sign any necessary documentation that may be required for us and our designees to make use of the rights you granted above;
- understand and acknowledge that the Sponsor(s) may have developed or commissioned materials similar or identical to your Entry and you waive any claims you may have resulting from any similarities to your entry;
- understand that we cannot control the incoming information you will disclose to our representatives in the course of entering, or what our representatives will remember about your entry. You also understand that we will not restrict work assignments of representatives who have had access to your Entry. By entering this Contest, you agree that use of information in our representatives' unaided memories in the development or deployment of our products or services does not create liability for us under this agreement or copyright or trade secret law;
- understand that you will not receive any compensation or credit for use of your Entry, other than what is described in these Official Rules

Please note that following the end of this Contest your Entry may be posted on a website selected by us for viewing by visitors to that website. We are not responsible for any unauthorized use of your Entry by visitors to this website. While we reserve these rights, we are not obligated to use your Entry for any purpose, even if it has been selected as a winning Entry.

If you do not want to grant us these rights to your Entry, please do not enter this Contest.

#### **WHAT OTHER CONDITIONS AM I AGREEING TO BY ENTERING?**

By entering this Contest you agree:

- To abide by these Official Rules; **and**
- To release and hold harmless Microsoft, Paramount Pictures Corporation ("Paramount"), and each entity's respective parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, employees and agents from any and all liability or any injury, loss or damage of any kind arising from or in connection with this Contest, or any prize won; **and**
- That Microsoft's decisions will be final and binding on all matters related to this Contest; **and**
- That, by accepting a prize, Microsoft and/or Paramount may use of your proper name and state of residence online and in print, or in any other media, in connection with this Contest, without payment or compensation to you, except where prohibited by law.

#### **WHAT IF SOMETHING UNEXPECTED HAPPENS AND THE CONTEST CAN'T RUN AS PLANNED?**

If someone cheats, or a virus, bug, catastrophic event, or any other unforeseen or unexpected event that cannot be reasonably anticipated or controlled, (also referred to as force majeure) affects the fairness and / or integrity of this Contest, we reserve the right to cancel, change or suspend this Contest. This right is reserved whether the event is due to human or technical error. If a solution cannot be found to restore the integrity of the Contest, we reserve the right to select winners from among all eligible entries received before we had to cancel, change or suspend the Contest.

If you attempt to compromise the integrity or the legitimate operation of this Contest by hacking or by cheating or committing fraud in ANY way, we may seek damages from you to the fullest extent permitted by law. Further, we may ban you from participating in any of our future Contest, so please play fairly.

#### **HOW CAN I FIND OUT WHO WON?**

We will post the names of winners who received a prize worth \$25.00 or more online at HaloWaypoint.com. This list will remain posted for at least one month after the Entry Period.

#### **WHO IS SPONSORING THIS CONTEST?**

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