

# Gaming Gets Its Due

## Connect with your inner geek, win cash

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### WSoVG PREVIEW

All your life people have been telling you “video games are for kids,” “you’re wasting your time playing that damn thing,” and “don’t you want to go outside?”

Well the World Series of Video Games, or WSoVG, has just given us 750,000 reasons why you never should’ve listened to them and instead honed your skills until your retinas crisped.

The qualifying competitions for the WSoVG began in China in May, continue through several stops in the US (including Dallas) during the summer, with the finals taking place in Sweden at the end of the year. And by the time the final victors are announced, over \$750,000 in prize money will have been given away to gamers the world over.

There are four marquis games involved in the competition: *Quake IV*, *World of Warcraft: Arena*, *Guitar Hero II* and *Fight Night: Round 3*, each of which will be featured at every tournament stop. The top four finishers in each game bracket will win an invitation to the following stop on the circuit, travel expenses included. Keep winning? Keep getting paid to play.

In addition to the main titles, the side-tournaments for the Dallas competition have been announced as *Call of Duty 2* and *Gears of War*, the purse amounts for which are as high as \$20,000. Not bad for a day spent simply pwning some nub, all to the adoring cheers of hundreds of fans.

So if you were one of the proud few who stayed indoors, enduring nicknames like “mushroom man” or “pasty faced gamer geek” (yeah, so I might still be a little bitter), then next month it’s time to WASD-up, and make those days you could’ve spent laying out by the pool actually worth something.



### OMGWTFLOLKKTHXBBQ

Think you’re acronym savvy, do you? You sling txt msgs with things like “OMG” and “TTYL” in them, and you drop “lol”s as if they actually mean something—but until you’ve played games on the Internet, you’re nothing but a digi-culture dilettante. Play just one round of *CounterStrike*, a CTF map in *Halo II*, or hang out in Shattrath for five minutes in *World of Warcraft*, and you’ll realize that everyone around you is “speaking” in some kind of unintelligible code that makes your clever little text message contractions look like an Ayn Rand novel.

### Geek Terminology

**Pwn** – To beat someone or something soundly. Derived from the misspelling of “own.” Ex. “Bob Ross totally pwns.” Or “I was starving and pwnt that flan.”

**Woot/w00t!** – Exclamation of celebration.

**OMG** – Ohmigod. “OMG I won that roll! w00t!”

**FTW** – For the Win. Describes something that helped a player triumph over a situation. Ex. “Pyroblast ftw.”

**Ding!** – **MMO**- Specific term meaning to raise in level. Is typically followed with the level achieved. Ex. “Ding! 70! W00t!”

**L2P** – Learn to Play. Used in a derogatory sense. “You used the AWP the whole fight. L2P loser.” In some rare situations can also mean “Learn to Piggie.”

**Gratz** – Short for “Congratulations.” “Everyone /random on that Sword of 1,000 Truths. Any other rollers? Okay. Huggles had the highest roll. Gratz Huggles.”

**WTF** – What the fuck?

**FPS** – First Person Shooter

**MMORPG or MMO** – Massively Multiplayer Online Role Playing Game

**Mob** – Originally a “moving object,” but has now become a general term for any monster that it’s possible to kill.

**Rez** – Resurrect. “I got pwnt by that rogue. Rez plz.”

**Ghosting** – Often when you die in a game you can still run around as a ghost, and give away the location of the enemy to your teammates. Believed to have originated with *CounterStrike*.

**Gib** – To explode an already dead player’s body into small bloody chunks. “Gib that guy. He can still get rezzed.”

**Frag** – The kill of another player in FPS games. Typically used to keep score.

**PvP/PvE** – Player vs. Player/Player vs. Environment.

**Carebear** – Derogatory term for someone who plays on a PvE server.

**Zerg** – Tactic in which an enemy is swarmed by lots of players/creatures that are lower level than him/her, the result of which is an overwhelming amount of small damage from lots of different sources. Originated with the game *Starcraft*.

**Newbie/Noob/Nub** – Someone who is new to the game, and obviously lacks skill.

**GG** – Good game.

**AFK** – Away From Keyboard

**Kk** – Okay, cool

**Hax!** – Variant of “hack,” used to denote someone who is using software to cheat. “There’s no way he headshotted me from there. Aimbot hax.”

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