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*Ez-Regs Wins PS5 Console Final and Advances to Grand Finale in Montreal*

*Media Accreditation Now Open for GWC Championship*

The **2022 NHL Gaming World Championship: North American Club Final** is now set as the best eight EA SPORTS NHL 22 players in North America have booked their tickets to the Grand Final.

This past weekend, reigning GWC Canadian Champion and No. 4 seed Justin ‘**Ez-Regs**’ Reguly, clinched the fourth seed for the North American Club Championship after winning the PlayStation 5 Console Final. Regs needed to be at the top of his game to beat the 2021 U.S. Champion **Gren-35-** in two consecutive best-of-three series in order to capture the PS5 title and take home \$2,000 USD in cash. A detailed break-down of his road to the Final is below.

The fifth edition the NHL’s annual gaming event will conclude next week in Montreal at the **1909 Taverne Moderne**. The eight players (winner and runner up from each Console) will play in a single-elimination tournament of head-to-head best-of-three series with the Champion taking home the \$26,000 USD grand prize, Championship belt and trophy. The Club Championship will be played exclusively on the PlayStation 5 console and first-round bracket play will pit 1v8, 2v7, 3v6 and 4v5.

The first NHL GWC LAN event since 2019, will be a top draw in the gaming community with all the action streamed live on [NHL](#) and [ELEAGUE TV](#) beginning at **1 p.m. ET** on **Wednesday, July 6**.



### Championship Seeding

The **North American Club Championship** is a single-elimination tournament consisting of head-to-head best-of-three series among the winner and runner-up of each North American Console Final (8 players total). The winners of each Console Final have been assigned seeds 1 – 4 in a random draw and the runners-up for each European Console Final have been assigned seeds 5 – 8 in a random draw.

## 2022 NHL Gaming World Championship North American Club Championship Finalists



Seeding heading into the NA Club Championship on July 6 is as follows:

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2. Polgz
3. Geimer--
4. Ez-Regs
5. uninsta1l\_NHL
6. Lebaneseman69
7. Gren-35-
8. SAP Alien

### Media Accreditation

Media wishing to attend the NHL GWC North American Club Championship on **Wednesday, July 6** from **1 p.m. – 4 pm. ET** (1909 Taverne Moderne) must email Julie Young ([jyoung@nhl.com](mailto:jyoung@nhl.com)) for credentials and venue access information. The Championship is an invite-only event, and the venue will not be open to the public during the live competition. All players will be available for interviews after they have been eliminated from competition. The winner and runner up will be available after the Championship ceremony has been completed.

## WEEKEND RESULTS

Unquestionably, the two best players in the PS5 Console have advanced to the Championship after Ez-Regs and Gren-35- played out the last Console Final matches on Saturday. A relative newcomer to GWC competition, No. 32 seed Derek 'Avez\_12' Avery wasn't able to fend-off the fire power of the two GWC veterans. The 20 -year-old from Coon Rapids, Minn. represented his hometown **Minnesota Wild** throughout the tournament.

### **Ez-Regs: Road to PS5 North American Console Final**

\* Ez-Regs, who is representing the **New York Islanders** in GWC competition, lost only one game in seven best-of-three matches following Online Open Play. The 21-year-old from Thunder Bay, Ont. has qualified for the GWC Final for the third consecutive year -- second only to his archrival Gren-35- who is making his fifth straight Final appearance.

Round-of-64 vs. **Ostrich2face** (2-0)  
Round-of-32 vs. **dodsyyy-** (2-1)  
Round-of-16 vs. **Kushnee** (2-0)  
Quarterfinals vs. **SafirSnipezGOLD** (2-0)  
Semifinals vs. **JrPens91** (2-0)  
Upper Bracket vs. **Gren-35-** (2-0)  
Final vs. **Gren-35-** (2-0)

### **Gren-35-: Road to PS5 North American Console Final**

\* Matthew 'Gren-35-' Grenier continues to make NHL GWC history by securing his fifth straight appearance in a GWC Final event. The **Dallas Stars** representative and the No. 2 seed from Houston, Tex. is an offensive machine and typically outscores his opponent by wide margins. He'll be looking for revenge against Ez\_Regs in the Grand Final.

Round-of-64 vs. **XxKiller933xX** (2-0)  
Round-of-32 vs. **LUV** (2-0)  
Round-of-16 vs. **McSkittlez** (2-0)  
Quarterfinals vs. **C\_BRUINS\_20** (2-1)  
Semifinals vs. **Avez\_12** (2-1)  
Upper Bracket vs **Ez-Regs** (1-2 loss)  
Lower Bracket vs. **Avez\_12** (2-0)  
Final vs. **Ez-Regs** (0-2 loss)

The complete PlayStation 5 bracket can be found on the tournament website, [here](#).



## ICYMI

- GWC North America (6/25) – [PS5 Console Final](#)
- GWC North America (6/18) – [Xbox One Console Final](#)
- GWC North America (6/11) – [PlayStation 4 Console Final](#)
- GWC Europe (6/4) – [ENCEKI Wins European Championship](#)
- GWC North America (5/28) – [Xbox Series X Console Final](#)
- GWC North America (5/21) – [PlayStation Console Semifinals](#)
- GWC North America (5/14) – [Xbox Console Semifinals](#)

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 6: NHL GWC North American Club Championship (1 p.m. ET)

## PLAYER SPOTLIGHT



## EDWARD 'SAP ALIEN' NICOL-McCABE

\* SAP began Xbox Series X Console play as the No. 22 seed and stayed alive in several best-of-three deciding games leading up to the Console Final.

\* The native of Surrey, British Columbia, who is representing the NHL's **Ottawa Senators** in the 2022 NHL GWC, earned his ticket to Montreal by placing second in his console. SAP lists **Elias Pettersson** from his hometown **Vancouver Canucks** as his favorite NHL player.

\* Is a member of the **Surrey Youth Advisory Committee** and former co-chair of the **Surrey-White Rock Integrative Youth Collaborative**.



Edward Nicol-McCabe

## SAP Alien

- 21-year-old from Surrey, B.C.
- 2x Canuck Chel Challenge runner-up (2019 & 2020)
- Radio Arts & Entertainment Student at British Columbia Institute of Technology
- Gamertag based on Elias Pettersson Audi Commercial
- Favourite Player to use in NHL 22 is Colorado's Mikko Rantanen

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