

2017 Railcon 18XX Game System Tournament Info

The 18xx Game System Tournament is designed to test a player's ability to play a variety of different 18xx style games.

The top four (4) ranking players for the weekend qualify for the finals to be held on Saturday at 6:00 PM. If a player believes s/he has qualified and plans to participate, s/he must check in at TGA HQ no later than 5:45 pm Saturday. If a player believes s/he has qualified and does not plan to participate, s/he is requested to inform a conductor at the earliest opportunity. If a qualifying player does not check in on time, alternate finalists will be selected from the top of the ranking list until a total of four finalists are identified.

A player's ranking is determined by how the player finishes in each qualifying game played. In order to qualify for the 18xx tournament, the 18xx game must begin at a scheduled qualifying time. A first place finish is worth 3 points, second place is worth 2 points, third place 1 point, and fourth place or below 0 points. The points from the four best different game titles will be added together. If a competitor plays the same game multiple times (e.g. you play 18EU twice), only the best finish in that game will be used. In the case of a tie after looking at 4 games, the tie breaker is the point score in a 5th different game, then (if needed) a 6th game, 7th game, 8th game, etc., until there are no additional games to compare. Ties not broken this way will use the Puffing Billy Score calculation (for the qualifying 18xx games only) to break the tie. The Puffing Billy score gives bonus points based on the actual point scores in the individual games. Finishes in fourth place or below will contribute to the PB score tiebreaker but otherwise do not score.

Each finalist will choose his/her preferred 18xx game (excluding any game which has a separate final) from among games that all finalists have previously played that are designed for the number of final participants. The game to be played is chosen at random, with the pool weighted by the choosing players' ranks in the 18XX qualifying rounds.

Updated scores will be posted throughout the weekend. Each individual is responsible for ensuring his/her scores are correct. Please submit corrections as soon as possible to the TGA scoring table using the Correction Forms provided there. If you would like further clarification of these Tournament rules, please ask a conductor.