

vASLOK I – OCTOBER 8th – OCTOBER 11th, 2020 THE PLAYER'S FEST

Due to these nearly unprecedented times, ASLOK will not be in person this year but some form of “vASLOK” will be available via VASL. vASLOK in 2020 will consist of 2 rounds of minis on Thursday and Saturday along with Grofaz plan on Friday which will include Grofaz minis for any interested.

Important: vASLOK will be run on Eastern Standard time schedule so if participating you must be ready and willing to be available to play at 8AM EST and continue future games shortly thereafter.

VASL: VASL will be used for all games. Vassal version 3.2.17 with VASL version 6.51 should be used by all players along with the random.org dicebot. Players should default to using Skype Voice and delayed notes for HIP.

HOW vASLOK WORKS

vASLOK will start on Thursday October 8th at 8AM EST with the “Thursday Theme” minis. First round pairings for all that have registered by then will be available on October 1st along with the mini lists. If both players are agreeable, first round matches may be held at any mutually agreeable time prior to the 8th, but they must kick-off by Thursday morning at the latest as there is still a 2PM deadline for first round matches to finish. Registrations will be taken until the 7th so new pairings will continue to be made through Wednesday. Pairings will be posted on www.aslok.org – players should email or Skype BretHildebran@gmail.com with results to setup their next match if they won. Winning players will be expected to either play 3 games on Thursday or play 2 Thursday and then play a “double jeopardy” game Friday to decide the Thursday mini winner along with a 2-0 Grofaz game. The traditional Grofaz minis (Best of the Best & Best of 2020) will be available for Grofaz play on Friday as well as Grofaz Open play.

Grofaz players will be expected to play at least 2 games Friday and be at 4-0 going into Saturday. The expectation would be another 2 games Saturday and if the numbers require it, up 2 more games Sunday to decide the Grofaz. Anyone eliminated from the Grofaz can play in Saturday minis, again kicking off at 8AM, first round done by 2PM. 2 rounds should finish on Saturday at minimum but the final may be played on Sunday.

vASLOK will have rules experts available for consultation throughout the day if questions should arrive which players cannot resolve on their own. We will work out details on how to consult easily with a TD for rules shortly but likely look to employ Skype or Discord voice.

AGENDA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8th 2020: At 8:00 AM gunning begins in GROFAZ via the Thursday THEME events. After a Mini loss, anyone not already 2-0 may play GROFAZ open play matches. GROFAZ 2-0 contenders can sign-up for a GROFAZ FRIDAY MINI!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9th 2020: GROFAZ gaming continues. **GROFAZ MINIS** kick-off promptly at 8:00 AM as should Grofaz open play. Any unfinished Thursday minis should play as double jeopardy Grofaz games on Friday either in Open Grofaz play or in Grofaz Minis.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10th 2020: More GROFAZ gaming plus at 8:00 AM more “Mark Nixon” MINI-Tournaments kick-off including an ASLSK mini.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th 2020: GROFAZ and any unfinished minis complete.

Awards for GROFAZ winner, runner-up and other top finishers plus all of the Mini winners will be mailed out post-ASLOK. The goal will be to get them in everyone’s hands by November if possible.

THE GROFAZ

The Big Weekend Tournament (THE GROFAZ) officially begins Thursday morning at 8:00 AM, although only two Thursday games can count towards GROFAZ. Thursday mini wins, up to two, count towards the Grofaz and any mini loss is considered a mulligan for Grofaz play.

Players competing in GROFAZ must keep the TD apprised of their results and plan to play 8 games to win this event, (or the **sole** player who attains 7-0, 6-0 or 5-0). GROFAZ contenders may play any one opponent only ONCE in a GROFAZ match, unless specifically permitted otherwise by the tournament director. There are no set starting times or "rounds" (EXC: optional Friday Grofaz Mini round #1 @ 8:00 AM Friday), although it is recommended players select scenarios and sleeping schedules which allow time to complete 4 or 5 games by Friday night and 6 or 7 by Saturday night, leaving only 1 or 2 more to play Sunday. For those in GROFAZ contention it is

not wise to get too far ahead or behind this pace, and these individuals must remain in CC (Close Contact) with ASLOK TD's.

Players competing in GROFAZ who win their first games must play their second games vs. other GROFAZ winners; winners of two games must play other two-game winners and so forth unless explicitly matched by a TD. (Thus, 1-0 plays 1-0, 6-0 plays 6-0, 1-1 plays 1-1, 4-1 plays 4-1, etc.)

FRIDAY GROFAZ MINI'S: GROFAZ contenders who are 2-0 (**ONLY!**) can enter one of the special FRIDAY GROFAZ MINI events, competing in both GROFAZ and a Friday MINI concurrently. To ensure play in one of these events, players **MUST** e-mail the TD before 8:00 AM Friday, once they have attained a 2-0 GROFAZ record to sign up. See the ASLOK TD Thursday night once 2-0 to sign up for a Friday Grofaz mini.

THE WINNER OF GROFAZ: that player with the best record (probably undefeated) after 8 rounds, or that player who is the only one to reach 7-0, 6-0 or 5-0. All ties will be resolved by: 1) previous head-to-head GROFAZ game, 2) a playoff game (only if time is available for both players), or 3) that tied player who played the toughest opponents [based on records **in that GROFAZ event** at the time they played – the ASLOK TD will be final judge of that elucidation, but here is how it works: if your opponents' total W/L record was 22-3 **when you played them** (.880 PCT) you would finish ahead of a player with like record whose opponents were 14-2 when he played them (.875 PCT)]. Cash prizes (to be determined) and plaques will be awarded for at least the top four finishers.

THURSDAY THEME MINI TOURNAMENTS

Eight unique three-round single elimination mini-tournaments, each based on a WWII THEME, will begin promptly at 8:00 AM Thursday. Each is open to 8 players. Sign up for these is based on first come, first served basis at pre-registration. Unlike OPEN play and GROFAZ, these THEMES are designed to begin promptly at 8:00 AM and to be completed Thursday. **First round games must be completed by 2PM** or both players will be eliminated. Scenario selection is AVALONCON style, with three choices available per round from which each player picks the two he would most like to play. Lists of scenarios will be available at least a week prior to the Thursday minis kicking off.

Because only two scenarios played Thursday can apply towards GROFAZ, the winner and runner-up of THEMES count two wins and no losses for GROFAZ, and may report immediately to the TD to arrange a **FRIDAY GROFAZ MINI** entry. (The theme mini winner will have actually won three scenarios, but does gain bragging rights, \$10 and a plaque for winning his THEME, and also gains one leg-up on the all-important third tie-breaker for GROFAZ, as he will have defeated opponents with combined 3-0 records in GROFAZ, whereas the THEME runner-up will have defeated opponents with only 1-0 record at this point.) Losers of round #1 can forget their one loss and losers of round #2 **count their win** but drop their one loss. Thus, THEMES provide a chance to win a small event as well as to pile up some GROFAZ wins, all at no risk of suffering any GROFAZ losses. Losers of rounds #1 and #2 are free to immediately play up to 2 GROFAZ games on Thursday or jump into OPEN play. THEME winners and runners-up are finished with GROFAZ games for Thursday but can still play OPEN games at their discretion.

“MARK NIXON” MINI-TOURNAMENT (SAT)

Similar to Thursday THEME Tournaments in style, ASLOK “Mark Nixon” MINI-Tournaments are designed for those who prefer a small one-day event on Saturday as opposed to Grofaz play. Events begin promptly at 8:00 AM, are 8 players each, three round, single elimination AVALONCON style events. Winners get \$10 and a plaque. **Note – 1st round game must be completed by 2PM or both players are eliminated.**

Except for FRIDAY GROFAZ MINI's, NON-THURSDAY MINI-TOURNAMENTS ARE N/A FOR GROFAZ!!

FRIDAY GROFAZ MINI'S

Friday Grofaz Minis allow GROFAZers to also compete in Friday Mini action. Only GROFAZers who are 2-0 by Friday 8:00 AM can compete. Sign-up starts Thursday; as soon as you attain 2-0 GROFAZ status you can sign-up. You will be paired with a 2-0 GROFAZer for a Friday morning showdown. Friday GROFAZ Minis count both for GROFAZ and for the single elimination GROFAZ Mini. The kicker? This guarantees you an 8:00 AM Friday GROFAZ start time! Minis are: **Best Of The Best** and **Best of 2020** (new scenarios released in 2020).

- Before October 8th send \$20.00 to Bret Hildebran to pre-register for vASLOK. All figures are in US dollars. To pay via PayPal go to the web site's "vASLOK Pre-Reg" page, including payment via Credit Card. Do make sure to email your mini choices if paying via PayPal.
- Be sure to request Mini-Tourneys you would like to enter. You will be able to pre-register for only one per day but give a rank priority each day to receive your topmost pick which is still open.
- Include your full name, address, phone number and email. All pre-reg's are confirmed via email.

Be sure to check out the ASLOK web page at: <http://www.aslok.org/> for who's pre-registered, late changes, additions, etc. You may email Bret Hildebran at BretHildebran@gmail.com if you have any questions.

vASLOK I - YEAR 2020 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME : _____

ADDRESS : _____

CITY : _____ STATE/PROVINCE/COUNTRY : _____

POSTAL/ZIP CODE : _____

PHONE : _____ EMAIL : _____

Make your check payable to: Bret Hildebran and mail pre-registration and T-shirt funds to address below, OR pay via PayPal (see www.aslok.org “pre-reg” page for PayPal payment buttons) & register for minis via email:

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PRE-REG: (\$30 EACH) _____	\$ _____

“Mark Nixon” MINI & THURSDAY THEME TOURNAMENTS

(Rank your choices on each day: For example, 1=what you want, 2=next choice, 3, 4... etc. and then rank what you want the next day, and so on. Many of these will run more than once each day, based on demand. Note: 2 PM time limits for round 1 games – **both** players will be eliminated if time limit exceeded.

THURSDAY THEMES (10/8)

- ___ Night
- ___ Pacific
- ___ Deluxe
- ___ Tincans & Poppuns
- ___ It’s Like Being There! (HASLs)
- ___ Hawkeye & Hot Lips (Korea)
- ___ Viva La France
- ___ The Friendliest of Fire

SATURDAY Mark Nixon MINIs (10/10)

- ___ New Kid in Town (New designs)
- ___ Fool in the Rain
- ___ Squad Bleeder VII (Fog of War – 2 rounds)
- ___ The Emperor’s Finest
- ___ The Italian Stallion
- ___ Wrongway’s Ready or Revise? (Pete Playtest)
- ___ Start Me Up (ASLSK rules)