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APEX LEGENDS



Apex Legends is a free-to-play online battle royale game where users drop into a map in the hunt for weapons and equipment. The users then hunt each other down in the hope to become number 1. Players can either play by themselves, in pairs or in a squad of three.

Apex was released for Microsoft Windows, PlayStation 4, and Xbox One on February 4, 2019 and registered 25 million players in their first week; Fortnite taking two weeks to reach that same number. Apex Legends is similar to Fortnite in the way that the game is free to download and available for everyone. Users also have the choice to buy cosmetic items (micro transactions) which allow their character to look unique to others.

Challenges

Users are able to connect with other random users around the world through their in-game voice chat feature. This poses potentially inappropriate contact between users.

Be aware if your child has access to a bank card, or bank card details that have been previously saved onto a device as they may be able to purchase in-game cosmetic items through the games in-game micro transaction store.

How do I report / unfriend another user?

Users can report other users for harassment, inappropriate language, bullying and hacking but it has to be done externally.

To Report

Due to no in-game reporting system, Apex players must file a report through EA's website (<https://help.ea.com/en/contact-us/>) and file a claim with whatever evidence they are able to provide. EA will then contact them after their assessments.

A few helpful tips when reporting players:

Make sure to include the player(s) full in-game name, spelled as accurately as possible! If it looks like the player is using unusual or uncommon characters in their in-game name, screenshots are totally acceptable documentation. Screenshots & video are incredibly useful tools for validation.

Understanding the in-game store:

Apex Legends is free to play, but it's monetized with a loot box system that is similar to that of Overwatch. The biggest difference, for now, is that the loot boxes in Apex Legends cost more, and they're not as good.

The loot boxes of Apex Legends are called Apex packs, and each one contains three items. Loot can be of common, rare, epic or legendary quality, and at least one item in each pack will be rare or better.

Each Apex Pack offers the following kinds of loot; character skins, weapon skins, banner frames (a frame around the character

on the load screen and on the box that drops when a player dies), banner poses, stat trackers, quips (voice lines), finishing animations and crafting metals (metals that drop in small amounts as loot, crafting a legendary weapon or skin costs 1,200 Crafting Metals).

None of these items will affect in-game performance; they are purely cosmetic. The legendary characters skins arguably give the coolest visual upgrades, while weapon skins, finishers, and banner frames offer a descending amount of in-game prestige among opponents.

You can only get a total of 45 free boxes from levelling up in the game, and if you want more, you have to buy them with Apex Coins, a premium currency that you buy with real money. You can also get extra currency for buying in larger increments, which is a common tactic used by games with premium currency to make players spend as much as possible as quickly as possible.

EA and Respawn sell Apex Coins in these bundles:

- 1,000 AC for \$10 (100 coins per dollar)
- 2,150 AC for \$20 (107.5 coins per dollar)
- 4,350 AC for \$40 (108.75 coins per dollar)
- 6,700 AC for \$60 (111.66 coins per dollar)
- 11,500 AC for \$100 (115 coins per dollar)

Please note: dollars are US, Australian conversion will apply in-game.

You can also buy skins a la carte from a rotating selecting screen that offers one legendary character skin and two legendary gun skins per week. You'll pay for the privilege however: Each skin costs 1,800 Apex Coins, which is roughly equivalent to \$13.

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