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## **Committee Background:**

The Tournament of Elements is a legendary competition in Ninjago, summoning a group of people that all possess a mastery of a powerful element. Hosted on a remote island, the tournament is framed as both a celebration of elemental heritage and a rare opportunity for warriors to test their skills against others like them. For some participants, this tournament represents a chance for them to display their powers and make themselves recognized on the global scale. For others, it's a chance to find the answers to burrowing questions and truly realize the meaning behind the elements.

With carefully designed challenges and duels, the tournament encourages not only strength and creativity in battle but also adaptability and strategic thinking. As the tournament begins, it's important to consider the potential of alliances, the possibilities of competition, and the shady background of Master Chen. The gathering marks a pivotal moment in Ninjago's history—one where the future of elemental cooperation and identity may be shaped by those who choose to rise to the challenge. There's no real indication of what could happen in the tournament, or why this tournament is even happening. But one thing's certain: nothing about this tournament can be taken for granted.



## **Topic A: Creation of Member Alliances**

The creation of alliances during the Tournament of Elements is a natural yet significant outcome of the unique circumstances surrounding the event. For many of the elemental masters, the tournament marks their first real exposure to others who possess similar levels of power, and it becomes clear early on that strength alone is not always enough to succeed. The tournament's structure—isolated on a remote island, filled with unpredictable challenges, and driven by individual competition—quickly encourages fighters to look beyond solo victory and toward strategic collaboration.

Some competitors form alliances out of necessity, seeking protection, information, or tactical advantage; others align based on shared values, mutual respect, or the recognition of complementary abilities. These alliances shift the balance of the tournament, as groups begin to dominate or defend themselves more effectively than lone fighters. However, the temporary and competitive nature of the tournament makes these alliances inherently fragile—loyalties are tested, betrayals occur, and strategic partnerships often collide with personal ambition.

Still, the creation of alliances is one of the most lasting impacts of the tournament, as it sets a precedent for future cooperation among elemental masters who may have once viewed each other as rivals or strangers. The alliances also pose as a route to identify the movements of Chen and the tournament organizers, giving the players a chance to question the legitimacy of the tournament.

Additionally, beyond the immediate goal of surviving or winning the tournament, these alliances raise larger questions about what the elemental community could look like after the competition ends. The alliances formed during the Tournament of Elements—whether lasting or short-lived—represent the first step toward a broader shift in how elemental power is viewed, shared, and organized across the realm.



**Questions to Consider:**

1. How long should elemental masters maintain alliances for?
2. To what extent should these alliances be used to look into the tournament, if at all?
3. How helpful can these alliances be in the future of Ninjago?



## **Topic B: Investigating Master Chen**

The Tournament of Elements, recently announced and hosted by the well-known figure Master Chen, has drawn considerable attention—not just for its prestigious assembly of elemental masters, but for the mystery surrounding its organizer. Master Chen, once a respected leader of his own followers, has largely remained out of the public eye for years. His sudden reappearance and ability to gather so many elemental masters in one location spark some debate over his true role in the scope of Ninjago.

Although no wrongdoing has been formally identified, the unusual secrecy of the tournament's location, its invitation-only policy, and the lack of outside oversight have prompted a handful of fighters to enter the tournament with a dual purpose: to compete, but also to investigate. These fighters are watching Chen's operations closely, gathering information, and quietly coordinating with one another to uncover what, if anything, lies beneath the surface of the tournament. The growing presence of unspoken alliances and cautious behavior among participants hints at an undercurrent of distrust, even as the tournament proceeds with ceremony and flair.

While Master Chen maintains a public image of hospitality and honor, not all fighters are convinced—and for some, winning the tournament may be secondary to uncovering the truth about why it exists at all.

### **Questions to Consider:**

1. How can the elemental masters gather information on the tournament?
2. Do Chen's henchmen know anything about the tournament that the players don't?
3. What has Chen done in the past and why is the tournament happening in such a remote island?



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