



NJCAA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



THE LEADER IN 2-YEAR COLLEGIATE ESPORTS



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COMPETITION REPORT

View important announcements, adjustments, and changes to the current season of competition here.

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**THE ONLY WAY TO
ACTIVATE AND
CHOOSE YOUR
QUEUE SLOT IS
THROUGH YOUR
DASHBOARD!**

Game titles we're testing with for now:

- Valorant
- Rocket League
- Overwatch 2
- Super Smash Bro's: Ultimate
- Mario Kart

Starting **10/03/24** these game titles will all be queued at **6:30 pm local time for eastern, central, and pacific time.**

- As we add more titles to this time, they will follow the same structure.

Open Series Automatic Queues:

To join into multiple queues of the same game, your team needs to be DEACTIVATED before the next queue starts. We've taken the liberty of forcing all Valorant teams that were ALREADY ACTIVE to be queued for the first queue. We will only do this for Valorant this week (10.3.24). We will not force queue/activate for any of the other test titles or Valorant after today.

- [CLICK HERE TO LEARN HOW TO QUEUE](#)
- If you've already activated or deactivated your Valorant and Rocket League team for this week, we urge you to go in and check to see that you have a queue time selected.
- Valorant will start at 7:30, 8:30, & 9:30 this week.

Your teams will also have a specific amount of time to queue in the near future.

- **EXAMPLE: This would mean a team has to activate anytime between 7:00 and 7:30**

OPEN SERIES QUEUE GUIDE

WEEK 1 COMPETITION REPORT

! WEEK 1 NO-SHOWS

Tier 1 - EAFC

- Crowder FC - Central Group 1 - T1 - EA FC

Tier 1 Fortnite No Build

- Murray State Fortnite 2 - Central Group 1

Tier 1 - SSBU

- Gordon State SSBU PS 2 - East Group 1

Tier 1 - Madden

- Carl Albert State College - Central Group 2

Tier 1 - CoD Gunfight

- Coastal Bend College White - Central Group

Tier 1 - Mario Kart

- Heartland CC Miss 24/7 - East Group

Tier 1 - Street Fighter

- Hill College - East Group

Tier 1 - Rainbow 6 Siege

- Murray State - Central Group 1

Tier 2 - Mario Kart

- Coastal Bend College - Ravyn - East Group
- Northeast Oklahoma - Central Group
- State Tech - Zeb - Central Group
- State Tech - Tidus - Central Group

Tier 2 - SSBU

- Ocean County - Ghostflame - East Group 2
- Hill CS4/Hill CS 5 - Central Group 1
- Hill CS2/Hill CS 3 - West Group 1
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UPDATES

9.30 - Tier 1 & Tier 2 competition begins!

[10.3 - Tier 3 - OS Smart Queueing!](#)

No other updates.



ITS TIME TO BEGIN RECRUITMENT FOR THE 25-26 ACADEMIC YEAR!

With students returning to your campus for another year of exciting competition, academics, and connection, their excitement acts as a reminder to how esports programs can create positive impact.

This impact is important for not only the institution, but the current and potential students who attend the institution to further their education. As we all know, esports programs exist for and by students. In other words, without students the program would not exist. This is why **recruitment of new full-time students is imperative** for an esports program to thrive.

While it may seem early, now is the **best time** for institutions to begin recruiting for the next year of esports program activity!

As the only association taking active steps to promote its member institution's esports program success, the NJCAA has created a recruitment course aimed at helping you build your program! Now is the perfect time to start the course and begin practicing what you learn by recruiting for this upcoming year of academics and competition.

[1. Introduction to Recruitment](#)

Successful recruiting efforts will lead to a program that not only positively impacts the institution as a whole, but the individuals who participate in any level of the esports program.

[Click here to learn more...](#)

RECRUIT NOW FOR 25-26!

NJCAA E BROADCASTS

A new year of competition and activity is upon us! With this comes exciting content and broadcasts.

Everyone is invited to watch the NJCAA E broadcasts!

[VIEW THE SCHEDULE AT njcaaesports.org/broadcasts/](https://njcaaesports.org/broadcasts/)



TIER 3 - OPEN SERIES

The NJCAA E Tier 3 - Open Series is a powerful tool that all NJCAA E members should use for their programs. Tier 3 activities are open to students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, parents, and even general community members! That means you can build teams and create wider engagement through esports without student eligibility requirements, because there are none for Tier 3.

This makes Tier 3 activity the perfect tool to recruit, engage, and educate your community!

Tier 3 Rolling Registration is open!

[REGISTER HERE](#)



JERSEY DESIGN CONTEST



Follow These Steps:

- 1** NJCAAE members sign up on the [CRIT Discord](#) and make a jersey design for their institution!
- 2** NJCAAE members create social media posts of the jersey they designed with CRIT APPAREL, tagging @njcaae & @critapparel.
- 3** Submit your social media metrics by end of business on November 15th, 2024 to [THIS FORM](#).
- 4** 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place all win Crit Cash to use for their gearing needs with CRIT APPAREL!



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Contest opened
Sept. 17th 2024 &
closes on
Nov. 15 2024!



COMPETITION SCHEDULES

All NJCAAE members are able to find the competition schedules for current and upcoming seasons not only in the [NJCAAE Welcome Package](#), but also under each [tier page](#). Both the NJCAAE Welcome Package and tier pages can be found on the NJCAAE website.

Tier 1 - Triple-Headers

The following game titles will have triple-headers during the Premier Series season

- Street Fighter - East Region - October 17th
- CoD Gunfight - Central Region - October 24th
- Rocket League - East and Central Region - October 25th

Welcome Package

This package covers all of the information members need in hand for the start of the current year of NJCAAE membership!

[Click here to view...](#)

Competition Schedules

You can view the planned schedules for the current membership year here.

[Click here to view...](#)

COMPETITION CHANGES

As always, a number of changes have been implemented to keep up with the ever-changing environment within collegiate esports. Below are a few of the major changes that have been implemented through the NJCAAE Committees and National Office.

Round Robin Check-in Requirement:

No longer twenty-four (24) hours in advance. The requirement is now twelve (12) hours in advance.

No-shows:

One verified No-show in Tier 1 and Tier 2 competitions may lead to complete removal from the competition, and possibly further sanctions.

Tier 1 - Team Limitations:

Game titles with only two (2) players on a team are no longer limited to one (1) team for the Tier 1 - Premier Series. This means you can field as many teams as you'd like for Tier 1 competition for these game titles. Our suggestion is that each team you field in Tier 1 competition have at least one person filling a sub slot.

INSTITUTION SPOTLIGHT - HOCKING COLLEGE

Last week, Mia White, NJCAA's Digital Marketing Manager, visited Hocking College for a behind-the-scenes tour of its esports arena. During the tour, she spoke with co-coaches Jared Belin and Owen Gaddis, along with players Dalton Evans and Logan Vincent. Hocking College, located in Nelsonville, Ohio, has been a member of the NJCAA since 2020.

The program is currently undergoing renovations.

"I have been part of the NJCAA since spring 2022. This is my last semester, and I'm more excited than ever because of the renovations, the new coaches, and the big things happening here," Vincent said. "I look forward to this place being complete. Soon, it will feel like a whole new space, and I hope it attracts more people. I want to see this program excel."

Coach Belin has served as co-coach for the past eight months and has big dreams for the program. As a gamer himself, he understands the importance of creating a comfortable and inviting space for players.

"Few people outside the industry understand this generation of esports students. It's important to educate people on why esports are valuable and worth students' time," Belin said. "The students count on us. When my co-coach and I first took our roles, we sat down with Logan to develop a game plan, and his face lit up. Seeing the progress we've made has been incredibly meaningful to us. The students are the best part of this job."

Hocking College, home of the Hawks, is preparing for a season of transformation with new blue walls, fresh coaching talent, and eager players. As renovations continue, excitement builds within the program.

"We can't wait to see this space completed," Vincent said.

With all these changes on the horizon, stay tuned for the revitalization of not just the arena, but the entire team as they enter this exciting new chapter.



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Did you know NJCAAE is a member institution driven association? This is primarily accomplished through committees. NJCAAE committees are manned by coaches, leads, administrators, and directors from member institutions. Learn more about the committees below!

Looking to send a proposal for the NJCAAE and committees to review?

[Send in a proposal form today!](#)

Game Title Subcommittees

Game Title Subcommittees advise on rules, expectations, and schedules for games the NJCAAE hosts activity for. Chairs of each subcommittee make up the NJCAAE Competition Committee.

[Submit interest today!](#)

Committees

The NJCAAE committees advise the NJCAAE National Office on proposals, rules, operations, and much more! We're currently looking for Athletic Directors, Deans, Administrators, and Decision Makers from institution's to join the Advisory Committee.

[Submit interest today!](#)

NJCAA ESPORTS

In 2019 the National Junior College Athletic Association formed NJCAA Esports to better serve their existing community of member institutions who wanted a competitive association focused on their unique needs and the groups they serve. To date, NJCAA Esports serves over 6,000 students and is working with over 230 institutions.

With a focus on breaking down barriers to entry for member colleges and their students, we have created the only association capable of thoroughly meeting the needs of 2-year and community colleges. The NJCAA Esports offers many program solutions through the association and our partners. These offerings range from program development, competition, media, broadcasting, gearing solutions, and much more!

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