

JCAAE WEEKLY EWSLETTER





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Additions:

- In-depth registration process.
- Ability to add a Logo and Header image to your institution's profile.
- Track your current registration status on the "JOIN" page, and on your Institution's profile page.
- Review information to make sure it's current.
- Complete the Annual Sign-up form.
- Much more to come!

The first step is to use the invite code that will be sent to your email address, starting **Tuesday March 18th, 2025**, to create your account at <u>njcaaesports.org</u>.

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This form MUST be finished no later than 4.12.25!

REGISTER HERE



24-25 MEMBERSHIP YEAR WRAP-UP FORM

While there are many more weeks left of Regular Season and Postseason activity, we're quickly approaching the end of the 24-25 membership year!

As you may be aware, the NJCAAE is a membership driven association. The following form is a great way for you to share your input to help the association continue improving so that we can better serve you, students, participants, and your fellow members!



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T1 & T2 POSTSEASON DATES FINALIZED



Postseason activity is quickly approaching! The National Office and Committees have worked hard to put together the postseason schedule so you and your students can prepare for the change in scheduled games for postseason!

VIEW THE POSTSEASON SCHEDULE

REGULAR SEASON REPORT



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UPDATES

TIER 1 ROUND ADJUSTMENTS

For those who've been in the association for a few seasons, you know that we do our best to create seven (7) week Regular Seasons for all of our Tier 1 tournaments. While we do our best to keep tournaments to either 7 rounds for single-header game titles or 14 rounds for double-header game titles, our tournament breakdown is dictated by team registrations.

Rarely do registrations result in perfect numbers, leading to rebalancing and adjustments to group numbers. This sometimes leads to the use of extra rounds, or reducing rounds of regular season competition.

Additional Rounds:

PS Street Fighter - Central - Central teams will have an additional round of matches that are currently on April 3rd at 9:00 pm CT.

Teams can reschedule this match to any time in the season!

PS Fortnite - Central 2 - Central Group 2 teams will have two additional round of matches on March 24th at 7:30 pm CT and March 31st 2025 at 7:30 pm CT. Teams can reschedule this match to any time in the season!

PS SSBU - East 2 & West - East Group 2 teams will have one additional round on April 4th at 6:00 pm ET for East 2 and 6:00 pm PT for West. Teams can reschedule this match to any time in the season!

Reduced Rounds:

PS Rocket League - East & West - Both groups have had their season reduced to 5 weeks.

PS R6 Siege - East - East Group has had their season reduced by one week.

PS CoDGF - Central - Central Group has had their season reduced by one round.

PS MK - Central 2 - Central Group 2 has had their season reduced by one round.



PLAYER SPOTLIGHT - JASMINE GREEN

Jasmine Green (she/her), 23, is a business administration student at Brookdale Community College. Green described Brookdale as an incredibly warm and inclusive atmosphere where every student feels like they truly belong. Since her time at Brookdale, she has participated in their esports program as a support player on the League of Legends (LoL) team.

Green first got involved in esports as a way to build a stronger bond with both of her sisters, sharing something fun and competitive that brought them closer together. When she got to Brookdale, she discovered the college's incredible esports arena, and from the moment she stepped inside, she was welcomed with open arms.

"It immediately felt like a place where I truly belonged, offering not just a space to compete, but also a sense of community and connection with others who shared my passion," Green said.

When asked about her biggest accomplishment in esports so far, Green highlighted making the Brookdale varsity LoL team. This achievement meant a lot to her, as she faced many challenges as a woman in a maledominated space. Despite doubts from others who told her she wouldn't secure a place on the team, she pushed through the negativity and proved them wrong. This accomplishment represents more than just personal success, but demonstrates that dedication, skill, and determination can break barriers and inspire others to pursue their passions, regardless of gender.

To continually improve her skills, Green has committed to coaching sessions, watched educational videos, and spent hours practicing. Through this dedication, she has refined her in-game skills, decision-making, and overall strategy. But for Green, the lessons learned in esports extend beyond LoL.

She applies the same strategic mindset to her everyday life, believing that success comes from dedication and perseverance. By staying committed to her goals even when the motivation isn't quite there on some days, she has overcome challenges both in and out of gaming.

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Being part of Brookdale's esports team has been an incredibly rewarding experience for Green, not just for the competition, but for the relationships she has built along the way.

"The best part has been the memories I've made with my teammates. The bond we share goes beyond just playing together; we've become a second family, supporting each other on and off the game," Green said. "The esports arena has truly become a second home, where I feel inspired, motivated, and connected to something bigger than myself."

Since her time on the Brookdale team, Green has also participated as a member of the NJCAAE.

"My most memorable moment while competing in the NJCAAE was our first win as a team. The excitement and joy in the atmosphere were electric. It was a true testament to our hard work, teamwork, and dedication. Celebrating that victory together, knowing all the effort we had put in to reach that moment, was an experience I'll never forget. It solidified our bond as a team and fueled our motivation to keep pushing forward," Green said. "I think the NJCAAE is an amazing organization that brings students and gamers closer together by creating opportunities for collaboration, competition and growth in the esports community. The NJCAAE helps to create a sense of unity among students, helping them to build meaningful connections with others who share the same passion for gaming."



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When asked about stereotypes in gaming and esports, Green spoke to the misconception that all gamers are antisocial or lack "real-life skills". She emphasized that esports requires a lot of teamwork, communication and strategy. According to Green, competitive gaming helps students develop valuable skills such as leadership, problem-solving and collaboration. Another common stereotype she disagrees with is the notion that gaming is a waste of time. She believes that for many, gaming is entertaining, a way to connect with others, and even a potential career path. From her point of view, many people often overlook the depth, skills and community that esports fosters.

Discussing her experience as a woman in esports, Green acknowledged the challenges of facing toxicity online. She pointed out that LoL has a reputation for having a particularly toxic player base, where female players often experience harassment and sexism. While this environment can feel intimidating and unwelcoming, she believes that women should never be discouraged from participating. She stressed that their presence and voices are crucial in shaping a more inclusive and positive gaming community.

"Brookdale Esports harvests a safe environment for everyone. Thanks to the hard work and dedication from our esports director Chris Boehmer, I've had the amazing opportunity to meet many empowering women who share the same passion and experiences, and we've built strong, supportive bonds that have made the experience even more meaningful," Green said.

When offering advice to young female gamers, Green encouraged them never to let others dictate their place in the gaming world. She urged them to push past negativity and pursue their passion with confidence and determination. No matter the challenges, she believes that if they stay true to what they love, they will achieve their goals. She described esports as an incredible community and emphasized that no one should ever feel discouraged from being part of it.

As the NJCAAE celebrates Women's History Month, we are proud to feature an inspiring member like Jasmine Green. Her words of wisdom and encouragement remind us all: esports is for everyone.

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Did you know NJCAAE is a member institution driven association? This is primarily accomplished through subcommittees.

NJCAAE subcommittees are manned by coaches, leads, administrators, and directors from member institutions. Learn more about the subcommittees below!

Looking to send a proposal for the NJCAAE and subcommittees 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!

Subcommittees

The NJCAAE subcommittees 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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