



# NJCAA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



**THE LEADER IN 2-YEAR COLLEGIATE ESPORTS**



## FALL POSTSEASON

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## TIER 3 OPT-IN TOURNAMENT

Its the time of the year to begin opting in for the Tier 3 Opt-in Tournament!

Members must only fill out this form for teams that:

- Will/have attended AT LEAST TWO (2) regular season matches during the NJCAA Tier 3 - Open Series.
- Wish to compete at the Open Series (T3) level for the game....

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## SPRING REGISTRATION

Spring 25 registrations are now open!

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[Postseason  
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## T3 OPT-IN TOURNAMENT

**Tier 3 Opt-in tournament registration closes on 11.23.24 so hurry and get your teams registered!**

**Members must only fill out this form for teams that:**

- Will/have attended AT LEAST TWO (2) regular season matches during the NJCAA E Tier 3 - Open Series.
- Wish to compete at the Open Series (T3) level for the game titles listed below.
- You MUST be registered to the Tier 3 activity you are opt-ing in for on the leagueOS platform.
- This form MUST be finished no later than 11.23.24!

## T3 Opt-in Tournament Submissions

[SUBMIT HERE](#)

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**SPRING 25  
REGISTRATION IS  
OPEN**



[Click here  
to register!](#)

**League of Legends  
& Valorant  
registrations close  
DEMEBER 9th!**

**Register for Tier 1 Premier Series  
Valorant & League of Legends  
Here**

**The Fall 25 - Spring 26 NJCAA  
Schedule has been released!**

**[View the schedule here!](#)**



# WEEK 7 COMPETITION REPORT



## SEASON REMOVALS

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## WEEK 7 NO-SHOWS

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## UPDATES

9.30 - Tier 1 & Tier 2 competition begins!

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

[10.13 - OS Teamfight Tactics](#)

[10.22 - Fall Postseason Schedules](#)

10.14 - OW2 Sombra is banned for 2 weeks

[10.29 - Spring Schedule Updates](#)

[11.1 - Spring registration is open!](#)

No other updates.



# SPRING 25 SCHEDULE UPDATE

After reviewing timelines for postseason activity, the NJCAA National Office and Committees have decided to adjust **Spring 25 postseason schedules** to create a more friendly postseason schedule.

## Spring 25 Super Regional Postseason:

4.6.25 - 4.12.25  
(Removed one week)

## Spring 25 National Postseason:

4.13.25 - 4.26.25  
(Added one week)

This change has been reflected in the NJCAA Welcome Package ([njcaaesports.org/season-information](http://njcaaesports.org/season-information)) and on each tier page ([njcaaesports.org/tiers](http://njcaaesports.org/tiers)).

## Tier 3 Queue Updates

After a review of early data on queue usage, the Competition Committee and NJCAA National Office are applying changes to the following games to assist with matchmaking. This will be effective starting Monday, October 28th.

MK4v4 will now be only Timeslot 2 and 4  
FC25 will now be only Timeslot 2 and 3  
COD Gunfight will now be only Timeslot 1 and 3  
TFT will now only be Timeslot 2

## **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - LARAMIE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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**The National Junior College Athletic Association Esports (NJCAAE) connects gamers, coaches, and administrators at two-year, technical, and community colleges worldwide. But for the Kerkshaw family of Wyoming, it has also brought them closer together.**

**Coach John Kerkshaw leads the Laramie County Community College (LCCC) esports team, which includes his daughters, Victoria and Kiara. John, who has also coached his daughters in soccer, said he enjoys the unique experience of working with them in esports.**

**“We have a good relationship where we can turn off the family switch when it's time to compete and switch back to being father and daughters afterward,” John said.**

**While the Kerkshaws all share a love for gaming, they are also dedicated students. Victoria is studying marketing at LCCC, while Kiara is pursuing nursing. John, meanwhile, is working toward a doctorate in Business Administration with an emphasis in Data Analytics at Grand Canyon University.**

**Victoria's main game is Fortnite, and Kiara enjoys a variety of games, including Rainbow Six Siege, Fortnite, Assassin's Creed, Call of Duty, and the occasional Roblox.**

**When asked how they got involved in esports and why it's important to them, both sisters shared their thoughts:**

**“I got involved with esports because I was competitive in Fortnite, which made me want to play at the collegiate level,” Victoria said.**

**“Playing with my family is one of the best things I could have asked for. It's fun but also competitive. The NJCAAE is a great program that offers a lot of opportunities for those who want to take gaming seriously.”**

**Kiara shared similar thoughts, explaining, “I got involved because I enjoy the competitiveness and the chance to play against people who take it seriously too. Playing with my family is the greatest thing I can do. It's fun to play with my sister and have my dad as a coach again. It's very different from playing on a women's soccer team. The atmosphere is friendlier, and we support each other, no matter which game we're playing.”**

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John reflected on the experience of coaching his daughters in esports: “Having two of my daughters on the team is incredible as they compete and grow together. The NJCAA is the place to be for junior college esports. It’s giving students opportunities they might never have had to be collegiate athletes. I’m excited to be part of it as it grows into the powerhouse I know it can be.”

John places a strong emphasis on practice, encouraging his team to replicate real-game conditions as much as possible. Whether through scrimms or playing with the same handicaps—such as duos versus quads—he believes in sharpening skills through consistent effort. “As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend,” he often says, fostering both a competitive and supportive environment. His teams regularly scrimmage against other teams in the league, aiming not only to improve themselves but also to help others grow. While defeating rivals is satisfying, John’s ultimate goal is to strengthen the entire esports community.

“There is a whole litany of stereotypes that surround gamer culture, from the ‘angry gamer nerd’ to ‘girls can’t game’ and ‘gamers live in their mom’s basement,’” John said. “Our team is proof that those stereotypes are far from the truth. We have a ‘girl gamer’ who captained her Rainbow Six Siege team to two national championships. We have players who own their own homes, work full-time jobs, and still compete at a high level. We have players who are active in their communities, helping build people up whenever they can. Esports is often dismissed as ‘just a video game,’ but I can assure you that the Golden Eagles are the hardest workers in the room. The teamwork required for a Valorant team or Warzone squad is no different than what’s needed to succeed in soccer or basketball. It’s time the world recognizes that.”

The Kerkshaw family’s journey through esports highlights the power of passion, competition, and family. For John, coaching the LCCC esports team is about more than just leadership—it’s about sharing the experience with his daughters and creating an environment where everyone can thrive. Whether through practice, scrimmages, or supporting one another, the Kerkshaws show that in esports, as in life, it’s not just about winning—it’s about lifting each other up.

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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!](#)**

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## **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

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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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