



NJCAAE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A dark blue background image featuring three young adults: a man on the left smiling, a woman in the center, and a man on the right with his hand near his face. They are set against a dark blue background with a subtle grid pattern.

THE LEADER IN 2-YEAR
COLLEGIATE ESPORTS



IMPORTANT INFO

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Join the National Office for a series of helpful Ask Me Anything (AMA) sessions aimed at informing members!

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FALL 2024 ALL-ACADEMICS

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IMPORTANT INFO PG1

Addition of Marvel Rivals

After much consideration, the NJCAAE National Office, in major part due to the committees, will be offering Tier 3 - Open Series activity for Marvel Rivals this spring. Gather your hammers, armor, and shields for the exciting activity! We look forward to seeing you on the battle field.

[**GET INTO THE BATTLE HERE!**](#)

Rainbow Six Siege Changes

The R6 Sub Committee, in coordination with and R6 coaches from last season, R6 post season play will be moving to a Best of Three (Bo3) format for all matches, including the entire length of postseason, starting with this Spring 2025 semester.

Game Title Subcommittees

With the introduction and expansion of Game Titles to the association and different tiers of competition, we are in dire need of engaged program leads and coaches on our Game Title Subcommittees! Game Title Subcommittee members will help to set the future of their assigned Game Title.

IMPORTANT INFO PG2

CVal & CLoL Schedule Changes

The CVal and CLoL schedules will now be as follows.

CLoL:

Round 1 - January 27th @ 7pm ET
Round 2 - February 3rd @ 7pm ET
Round 3 - February 10th @ 7pm ET
Round 4 - February 17th @ 7pm ET
Round 5 - February 24th @ 7pm ET
Round 6 - March 3rd @ 7pm ET

CVAL:

Round 1 - January 30th @ 7pm ET
Round 2 - February 6th @ 7pm ET
Round 3 - February 13th @ 7pm ET
Round 4 - February 20th @ 7pm ET
Round 5 - February 27th @ 7pm ET
Round 6 - March 6th @ 7pm ET

Spring 25 Season AMA's

Session 1

Session 5.1 - 01/23/25 12:00 pm ET
Session 5.2 - 01/23/25 3:00 pm ET
Session 5.3 - 01/24/25 12:00 pm ET
Session 5.4 - 01/24/25 3:00 pm ET

Session 3

Session 7.1 - 02/06/25 12:00 pm ET
Session 7.2 - 02/06/25 3:00 pm ET
Session 7.3 - 02/07/25 12:00 pm ET
Session 7.4 - 02/07/25 3:00 pm ET

Session 2

Session 6.1 - 01/30/25 12:00 pm ET
Session 6.2 - 01/30/25 3:00 pm ET
Session 6.3 - 01/31/25 12:00 pm ET
Session 6.4 - 01/31/25 3:00 pm ET

Session 4

Session 8.1 - 02/11/25 12:00 pm ET
Session 8.2 - 02/11/25 3:00 pm ET
Session 8.3 - 02/12/25 12:00 pm ET
Session 8.4 - 02/12/25 3:00 pm ET

At Risk Game Titles

The Following Game Titles are at risk of reductions or removals.

Reductions:

Hearthstone - Reduction to T3 only.

Removals:

None

Game Title Advancement

The Following Game Titles are moving to new tiers of competition.

Advancing:

Apex Legends - Advancing to Tier 1 in Fall 2025
Tekken - Advancing to Tier 1 in Fall 2025

REGISTRATION COUNTDOWN

Registration is open!

Keep up with the countdown to the end of registration on the NJCAAE website!

**Tier 1
Premier
Series**

**Tier 2
Contender
Series**

**Tier 3
Open
Series**

**29 days
until registration
ends!**

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**Open
rolling enrollment
is now open!**

FALL 24 ALL-ACADEMICS

It's time to submit students with exceptional academic records for the NJCAAE's Fall 2024 season's All-Academic recognitions!

Complete all of your submissions by February 7th, 2025 at 11:59 pm.

SEND YOUR SUBMISSIONS IN!

2025 - 2026 PREPARATIONS!

Have you filled your teams for the Fall 2025 - Spring 2026 year of activity?

There's still time!

While most recruiting for collegiate esports teams happens starting in early fall, the spring semester offers you plenty of time to fill vacant roster slots for the next year of activity.

More than competition

Even with esports programs being founded through competitive teams, there are many opportunities to expand your recruiting through extended program roles!

Click here to begin your recruiting journey!

STAFF WELCOME - LEO SORIANO

The NJCAAE welcomed Leonardo Soriano as the Operations Associate in January 2025. Soriano has worked in the Esports Industry (Collegiate, Amateur, Professional) for 10 years.

Before Soriano's role at NJCAAE, he was the League Operations Manager for Wisdom Gaming where he compiled rulebooks and formats for over 100 tournaments at Wisdom Gaming. Some of the biggest tournaments he had worked on were Riot Games' Wild Rift North American Series Season 0 & 1 and Riot Games' North America Teamfight Tactics Esports Set 5-9. Soriano has also worked at various organizations such as GGTech North America, Unified Esports Association, and Upsurge Esports working on tournaments such as College League of Legends (CLOL) and College Valorant (CVAL).

Outside of work, Soriano enjoys playing Dota 2 and JRPG games such as the Final Fantasy series and the Shin Megami Tensei series. He also enjoys spending time with his fiancée and two grey tabby cats named Nala and Cinnamon.

Born and raised in San Antonio, Texas, Soriano graduated from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in Biology.

“I am thrilled to join the NJCAAE and contribute to the growth of collegiate esports while enhancing the experience for current and future member institutions and their communities.”



WEEKEND RECAP- SCHOLASTIC ESPORTS AWARDS

This past weekend, Mia White represented the NJCAAE at the first-ever Scholastic Esports Awards, hosted by Esports Foundry and VOICE. The ceremony recognized individuals and groups within the community in 20 categories, including some of our very own member schools. In fact, there were 132 finalists from both K-12 and collegiate sectors.

The Scholastic Esports Awards team put it best: "Scholastic Esports is so much bigger than what it has been, and our communities have evolved in so many ways over the years. Hundreds of thousands of students play, compete, and take part in local, regional, and national communities, conversations, and competitions... This event is by us and for us."



"I feel so elated to have been part of something like this. This is the beginning of history," White said. "I've said it before, and I'll say it again: The Scholastic Esports Awards have been years in the making and will be around for many more years to come."

SPRING 25 SCHEDULE UPDATE

After reviewing timelines for postseason activity, the NJCAAE 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 NJCAAE Welcome Package (njcaaesports.org/season-information) and on each tier page (njcaaesports.org/tiers).

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

Looking to send a proposal for the NJCAAЕ 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 NJCAAЕ hosts activity for. Chairs of each subcommittee make up the NJCAAЕ Competition Committee.

[Submit interest today!](#)

Subcommittees

The NJCAAЕ subcommittees advise the NJCAAЕ 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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