



NJCAA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



THE LEADER IN 2-YEAR COLLEGIATE ESPORTS



REGULAR SEASON REPORT

The regular season report for week one is now out. Check in on the institution's that have been removed from competition so you can plan accordingly.

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TIER 1 ROUND ADJUSTMENTS

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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.

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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!

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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!](#)

COACH SPOTLIGHT - KYLE MURTO

Kyle Murto (he/him) is the head esports coach at Blinn College. Before taking on this role, Murto served as the assistant coach and has been with Blinn since the college launched its esports program in 2020.

“My goal is to continue growing the program, increasing community involvement, and ensuring Blinn remains a powerhouse in collegiate esports,” said Murto.

Murto’s journey into esports is unique. He was approached in a hallway by a stranger while discussing League of Legends. Within a week, Murto was the highest-ranked player on his campus. He quickly became the starting jungler, then the team captain, and soon after, the head coach. The rest is history.

Murto was born to compete. He played soccer for a large majority of his life until career-ending lung surgeries in high school. Esports gave him another way to fulfill that competitive drive. He later co-founded the esports club at his college, which eventually became a full-fledged varsity sport after he graduated. Seeing how competitive gaming impacted students fueled his passion for growing the esports community.

Murto said the best part of his job is watching his players grow both in-game and personally. “Watching them improve, succeed, and move on to bigger opportunities makes all the long hours worth it,” he said.

“As for challenges, retention is a big one. Since Blinn is a two-year school, we don’t have the luxury of keeping students for four years like many other programs. It’s a revolving door at times, especially with our reliance on walk-ons. Building consistency and long-term program growth while dealing with this cycle can be tough,” said Murto.

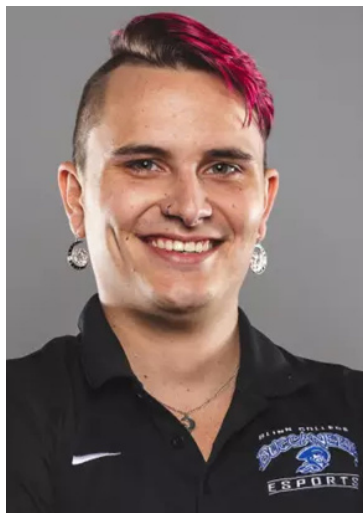
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“I think the NJCAAE is very well-run. It’s great to have an organization like the NJCAA backing esports. They run a tight ship, enforce eligibility standards, and create a good competitive environment for two-year schools. Their communication with the community is often appreciated, which isn’t always the case with other collegiate leagues.”

Murto’s advice for those pursuing a career in esports is simple: network. He explained how with any job, getting into esports is often about who you know rather than just experience alone. Previously he had been passed up for roles because someone else was an alumnus or had a prior connection.

He encourages those interested in the space to go to conventions, meet-and-greets, and develop a social network. Murto says the key in this industry is to put yourself out there while also developing key skills in coaching, streaming/production, social media, and software like Excel and Microsoft Word.

“Esports coaches are often expected to be more than just coaches, we handle streaming, marketing, and program operations too. Being multifaceted makes you stand out. Learn everything you can,” Murto said.



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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