NJCAAE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

THE LEADER IN 2-YEAR COLLEGIATE ESPORTS

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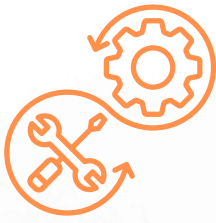
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NJCAAE member institution teams must play their specified number of matches to qualify for Division 1 and Division 2 levels of play.

You can find the number of matches each of your teams are required to play by going to the **official NJCAAE website**, logging in, clicking **institution in the right side of the header menu**, clicking on the 'Competition' tab, and then selecting an activity under the Game Title Qualifier Requirements section.

VIEW THE QUALIFIER SCHEDULE

Match Preparation Process

1.12. Match Preparation Process

For matches to start by the listed match time, teams must start all pre-match preparations, selections, bans, lobby set-up, network tests, patching, and hardware tests, at least thirty (30) minutes before the listed match time. All pre-match preparations must be complete with all participants being present in the match lobby ten (10) minutes, defined as the Scheduled Lobby Load-in Time, before the listed match time. The **1.13. Delay of Game Process** will begin for any team that is not fully present in the match lobby and ready to start the match by this time. If the **1.13. Delay of Game Process** is not continued four (4) minutes before the listed match time, it can not be used for the start of the match, but can be used for other delays.

- Teams applying the **1.13. Delay of Game Process** at any time must have verifiable proof, any form of timestamps pertinent to this match, as to the delay.

- If a team chooses not to progress the **1.13. Delay of Game Process** for the start of the match, but their opponent is still not in the lobby ready to play thirty (30) minutes past the match start time, the violating team will receive a match loss.

- The **1.13. Delay of Game Process** can not be used for a bracketed match that is not considered round robin if the previous rounds match is going long. Teams just follow the guidelines for **5.7 Round Progression** instead.

VIEW THE RULE

RECRUITING BEGINS NOW

Its time to start recruiting for your future teams! As many of you know, recruiting new students to your institution will help your program continue to grow to new heights!

Be creative when recruiting!

- **Advertise beyond campus.**

- **Hold specialty events.**

- **Visit High School campuses.**

- **Seasonal training camps.**

- **Connect with your local community.**

- **Be consistent with your messaging.**

- **Utilize social media.**

- **Engage them in NJCAAE Division 3 activity!**

NJCAAE & PlayVS

The NJCAAE and PlayVS have partnered! Through this partnership, PlayVS will take over the duties as the official NJCAAE platform partner starting August 2025. Since 2018 PlayVS has been a long-standing leader in High School esports! PlayVS is the official high school esports partner of the NFHS Network, the Special Olympics, and 40+ state and regional organizations across the U.S. and Canada.

View the full welcome package here!

Learn more about the partnership: **Competition Platform Information**
All PlayVS Help Articles: **PlayVS Help Center**
View NJCAAE on PlayVS: NJCAAE PlayVS Landing Page

The NJCAAE National Office will host a live platform training on **Wednesday, August 20th at 4:00 pm ET**. This training will be available as a video after the session. **Join the training!**

Start your PlayVS signup here! **https://app.playvs.com/signup**

How to join as a coach:

The NJCAAE National Office and PlayVS have created institution profiles for every member institution. All you need to do is create your profile and request to join your institution!

- **Create a Coach Account on PlayVS | PlayVS Help Center**

Creating and Managing Teams:

In this guide, you'll find the steps to create and enroll a team, as well as the process to verify and add players to your teams.

- **Enrollment Steps | PlayVS Help Center**

PlayVS Match Page Functionality:

Each title has its own walkthrough articles, these can be found from the Resource Page when logged in. Example: **VALORANT Match Instructions | PlayVS Help Center**

- **Match Assistant Overview | PlayVS Help Center**
- **Introducing Match Lobby Chat | PlayVS Help Center**

How participants join:

Participants can create an account and join your institution easily!

- **Create a Student Account on PlayVS | PlayVS Help Center**
- **Making Game Connections | PlayVS Help Center**

Register for the competitions here: njcaaesports.org/game-titles

SEND US YOUR COMMERCIAL

Does your esports program and/or institution have a commercial?

Send it to

esports@njcaa.org

The NJCAAE is looking to put your commercials and media into the NJCAAE media pipeline for broadcasts, postings, and more to drive eyes on you and your students!

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REGISTRATION COUNTDOWN

Membership Registration is open!

Competition registration is OPEN!

DIVISION 1

11 days
until registration ends!

DIVISION 2

11 days
until registration ends!

DIVISION 3

OPEN
Rolling Enrollment

NJCAAE MEDIA WEEK

All posts must contain the following hashtags:

#njcaaemediadays; #njcaaemediaweek

The NJCAAE Media Week for Fall and Spring will be composed of the member institutions promoting their program as a whole and bringing attention to their teams going into the new season of activity. The National Office will support these initiatives by reposting, creating additional materials, and helping members understand what they can do to tackle the NJCAAE Media Week!

FALL 25 MEDIA WEEK

September 14th 2025 - September 20th 2025

SPRING 26 MEDIA WEEK

February 8th 2026 - February 14th 2026

SEND INTEREST TO PARTICIPATE

NJCAAE MEDIA WEEK OUTLINES

We're looking to coordinate with institutions to post the following on both the National Office socials and your institution's socials:

- Team Player Cards (Template provided by NJCAAE, but feel free to make your own!)
- Team & student pictures, videos, interviews
- Pull student stories (Returning students, new students, graduated students)
- Coach statements, predictions, interviews, articles
- Clips & Hype reels
- Facility videos
- President statements
- "How we Practice" - video, or article of how your teams practice
- Closing Hype Reels / statements
- Recruitment Calls
- Etc….

Send your 30 second commercial to esports@njcaa.org!

PLAYER CARD EXAMPLE

The New Administrator Onboarding Program (NAOP) is available!

Members who are new to the association, or have a new program lead in place are required to complete the NAOP before being eligible for Division 1 and/or Division 2 activity.

The Association Update Program is available!

Complete both programs by going to njcaaesports.org/join then click on Stage 2 – Program Education Requirements.

Be sure to complete both programs before September 20th!

IMPORTANT ACTIVITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EA FC will be played using EA FC 26 this season.
To host a full regular season, the start of EA FC will be delayed by at least on week due to the games September 27th launch date. This means the first round of competition is expected to be September 29th.**

To make up for the delay, there will be a week with a double-header matchup. This date will be released as a later time.

MADDEN will be played on the MADDEN 26 version of the game title.

NBA2k will be played on the NBA2k 26 version of the game title.

Call of Duty 4v4 & Gunfight will be played on the CoD: Black Ops 6 version of the game title for fall.

VIEW THE INFORMATION HERE

AT RISK ACTIVITIES

The following Activities are at risk of reductions or removals going into the Fall 25 - Spring 26 year of activity. If you want to see these games stick around, bring in as many participants for them as possible!

Possible Reductions

Hearthstone - *Reduction to D3 only.*

Removals

None

ACTIVITY ADVANCEMENT

The following Activities are moving to new divisions of competition.

Advancing

Apex Legends - Advancing to new format testing in Fall 2025

Tekken - Advancing to Division 1 & Division 2 in Fall 2025 on Mondays

Marvel Rivals - Advancing to Division 1 & Division 2 in Fall 2025 on Mondays

Additions

Counterstrike 2

NBA 2k 26

College Football

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!

**View us online at
njcaaesports.org!**

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