



NJCAA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A blue-tinted photograph of three students sitting at a desk, focused on playing a game on a computer. The student in the foreground is looking at the screen, while the others are slightly behind him.

THE LEADER IN 2-YEAR COLLEGIATE ESPORTS



WELCOME

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REGISTRATION COUNTDOWN

Track the NJCAA registration countdown here! Membership registration is open.

Competition registration will open on August 12th!

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Welcome

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[View the full welcome package here!](#)

To-do Checklist...

- Pay NJCAAE Membership Dues.
- Finish all [Membership Registration Steps](#).
- Create your account on PlayVS.
- Register Teams on PlayVS.
 - Registration Links are here: njcaaesports.org/game-titles
 - [PlayVS Guides](#)
 - [NJCAAE PlayVS Landing Page](#)
 - [Start your PlayVS signup here! https://app.playvs.com/signup](https://app.playvs.com/signup)
 - **Fall Due Date:** D1 & D2 - 09/20/25 - Meet your Qualifier Requirements by this time!
 - **Spring Due Date:** D1 & D2 - 02/14/26 - Meet your Qualifier Requirements by this time!
- [Attend the annual member meeting! 09/10/2025 - 4:00 pm ET](#)
- Connect with your peers through the [NJCAAE Discord](#) server.
- Keep up with everything NJCAAE through email and Newsletter.
- Show up to all scheduled game days.
- Recruit for next year.
- Play to win!
- [Watch the Registration Countdown!](#)
- [Check out NJCAAE online!](#)

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!



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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](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!

~~\$149/yr~~ FREE

PRO MEMBERSHIP



(limits on certain licensed items may apply)

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

1

Jersey Design

1

Mousepad / Flag Design

2

DTF Designs

1

Sublimated Design

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REGISTRATION COUNTDOWN

Membership Registration is open!

Competition registration is OPEN!

DIVISION 1

32 days
until registration
ends!

DIVISION 2

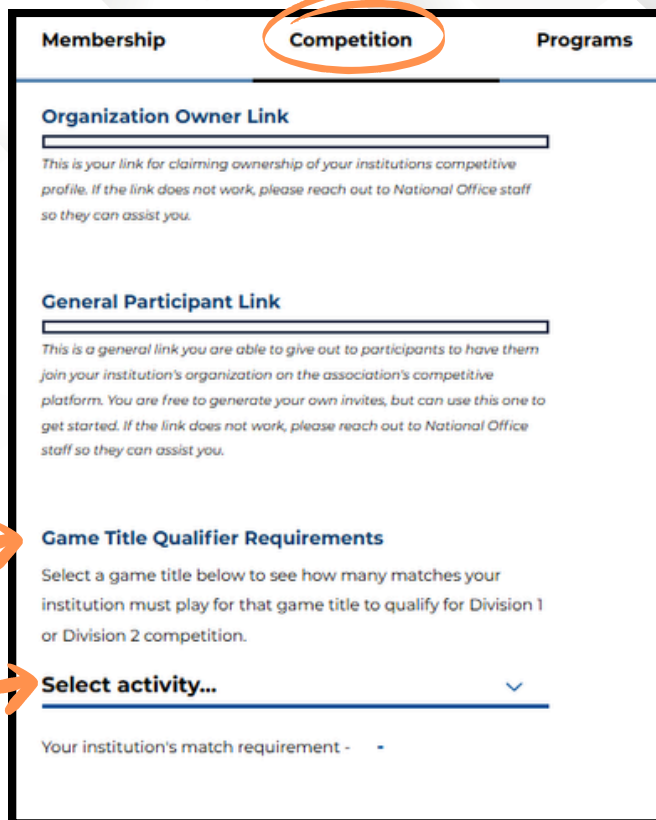
32 days
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ends!

DIVISION 3

OPEN
Rolling
Enrollment

HAVE YOU QUALIFIED?

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



The screenshot shows the 'Competition' tab selected in the header menu. The 'Competition' tab is circled in orange. Below the header, there are three sections: 'Organization Owner Link', 'General Participant Link', and 'Game Title Qualifier Requirements'. The 'Game Title Qualifier Requirements' section is highlighted with two orange arrows pointing to it. Below this section is a dropdown menu labeled 'Select activity...' and a line indicating 'Your institution's match requirement -'.

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](#)

NJCAAE MEDIA WEEK

All posts must contain the following hashtags:
#njcaamediadays; #njcaamediaweek

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 one 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 at 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 will be played on the CoD: Black Ops 6 version of the game title for fall and may move to the new version (CoD: Bo7) during the fall postseason.

[VIEW THE INFORMATION HERE](#)

D1 & D2 Fall Qualifier Schedules

Division 1 & Division 2 tentative fall qualifier schedules are now accessible!

You can access the schedule by going to <https://www.njcaaesports.org/game-titles>, selecting Division 1 or Division 2 and clicking the button labeled "Qualifier Schedule".



Click here for quick access!

D1 & D2 Activity Rule Adjustments



Division 1 and Division 2 activity rule adjustments for the year have been implemented! There may still be a few small changes being implemented before the start of the season, but major changes are currently live.

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!

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