



# 2024 NMAA ESPORTS RULES CLINIC



# Welcome

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# Esports Provider



# PlayVS

# NMAA Bylaws & Policies





# Virtual / In-person Competition

- ▶ Although all regular season and most postseason matches will be held virtually, students shall compete in-person either on campus or at another site designated by the school.

# Scholastic Eligibility

- ▶ A Student who is scholastically eligible at the end of the 1st semester of the 2023-2024 school year shall remain eligible for the entire spring semester.
- ▶ Eligibility Guidelines
  - ▶ 2.0 GPA with zero F's
  - ▶ Cumulative Provision (2.0+)
    - ▶ Can use during 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade if the student has no more than one F
    - ▶ All semester grades are used to determine cumulative GPA



# Scholastic Eligibility

- ▶ A Student who is scholastically ineligible after the 1st semester of the 2023-2024 year, and is unable to utilize the cumulative provision, is subject to the following guidelines for regaining and retaining eligibility for the remainder of the spring semester:
  - ▶ A Student may regain his/her eligibility at the next regular grading period (3rd quarter or 4th 6-weeks).
    - ▶ A Student who regains eligibility at the 3rd quarter will retain his/her eligibility for the remainder of the spring semester
    - ▶ A Student on a 6-week grading period who regained eligibility after the 4<sup>th</sup> 6-week period must also have their 5<sup>th</sup> 6-week grades checked to maintain eligibility throughout the remainder of the spring semester

# Important Dates/Schedule

**Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Official Start Date / Preseason Matches

**Week of January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Preseason Matches / Schedules Released

**Week of January 29<sup>th</sup>**

Regular Season Matches Begin

**Week of March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Last Regular Season Matches

**Week of April 1<sup>st</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>**

Playoffs Begin/Continue

**Thurs-Sat, April 18-20**

In-Person Final Rounds (Albuquerque, NM)



# Game Titles

- ▶ League of Legends (5 players – PC)
- ▶ Rocket League (3 players – PC)
- ▶ Super Smash Bros. Ultimate (3 Players – Switch)
- ▶ Mario Kart 8 Deluxe (4 Players – Switch)
- ▶ Madden NFL 23 (1 Player – PS4/PS5; PS4 Version)
- ▶ Splatoon 3 (4 Players – Switch)
- ▶ NBA 2K23 (1 Player – PS4/PS5; PS4 Version)
- ▶ Hearthstone (3 Players – PC)

# Weekly Schedule by Game

League of Legends	Tuesday
Splatoon 3	Tuesday
Super Smash Bros.	Wednesday
NBA 2K23	Wednesday
Rocket League	Thursday
Mario Kart 8	Thursday
Madden NFL 23	Thursday
Hearthstone	Thursday



# School Teams

- ▶ One Varsity Team per Game in League of Legends, Super Smash Bros., Rocket League, Mario Kart 8, Splatoon 3, & Hearthstone – only this team is eligible for the postseason
  - ▶ Unlimited Sub-Varsity teams in these titles
- ▶ Madden NFL 24 and NBA 2K24 are 1 v. 1 games so schools can have multiple varsity teams in these titles only
  - ▶ A maximum of 2 students, however, from each school can qualify for the postseason
- ▶ Schedules Created by Title Based on Numbers

# Rosters

- ▶ Dependent on game but allows for starters and substitutes (not for solo titles)
- ▶ Schools can move students between varsity & sub-varsity in accordance with PlayVS guidelines
- ▶ Students can participate in multiple games
  - ▶ Schools are encouraged to limit this, however, in an effort to increase student participation



# Schedule Information

- ▶ Regular Season Length
  - ▶ 9 Week Season
  - ▶ NMAA to create full schedule for team/varsity titles
    - ▶ Classification
    - ▶ District
    - ▶ Spring Break
    - ▶ Matches vs. Schools Outside of Classification
      - ▶ Will occur in LoL, MK, Smash, & Sp3
        - ▶ League of Legends – 5A vs. A-4A
        - ▶ Mario Kart – 4A vs. 3A
        - ▶ Super Smash Brothers – 5A vs. JV
        - ▶ Splatoon 3 – 5A vs. A-4A
      - ▶ Set up as “scrimmage” in PlayVS
        - ▶ Results need to be reported to PlayVS
        - ▶ One team will receive a “BYE” win, the other a forfeit loss due to system limitations for “out of league” matches

# Schedule Information

- ▶ Regular Season Length
  - ▶ 9 Week Season
  - ▶ PlayVS “Smart Scheduler” used for solo titles and JV
    - ▶ Madden NFL 24
    - ▶ NBA 2K24
    - ▶ Rocket League JV
    - ▶ Mario Kart JV
    - ▶ Super Smash Brothers JV
  - ▶ NMAA scheduled JV matches for Hearthstone\*, League of Legends, and Splatoon 3

*\*Hearthstone JV teams added to Class A-4A league but are not eligible for state*



# Reschedules

- ▶ Matches can be rescheduled but must be completed no later than one week after the original date.
- ▶ Communication is vital! Check and reply to messages in the PlayVS system and/or via e-mail, phone, NMAA Coach Discord.
- ▶ Reschedules matches that are not completed may lead to a forfeit pending circumstances.
  - ▶ Typically, a team that does not communicate or make an effort to complete the match will be given the forfeit loss.
  - ▶ The NMAA will mediate these situations as need.

# State Championships

- ▶ Overall Esports Champion
  - ▶ Five Classifications
    - ▶ 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A
  - ▶ Based on points accumulated for participation and success in each game title
    - ▶ Exact breakdown to be communicated but there will be changes to points acquired for regular season play – including only the top two students in Madden/NBA2K can score.
    - ▶ Trophies to top 3 schools in each class



# State Championships

- ▶ State Championships by Game

- ▶ Hearthstone

- ▶ 2 Classifications

- ▶ 5A – 2 Districts; A-4A – 2 Districts

- ▶ League of Legends

- ▶ 2 Classifications

- ▶ 5A – 2 Districts; A-4A – 3 Districts

- ▶ Rocket League

- ▶ 4 Classifications

- ▶ 5A – 2 Districts; 4A – 2 Districts; 3A – 2 Districts; A-2A – 2 Districts

# State Championships

## ▶ State Championships by Game

### ▶ Mario Kart

#### ▶ 4 Classifications

▶ 5A – 2 Districts; 4A – 2 Districts; 3A – 2 Districts; A-2A – 2 Districts

### ▶ Splatoon 3

#### ▶ 2 Classifications

▶ 5A – 2 Districts; A-4A – 3 Districts

### ▶ Super Smash Brothers

#### ▶ 4 Classifications

▶ 5A – 3 Districts; 4A – 2 Districts; 3A – 2 Districts; A-2A – 4 Districts



# State Championships

- ▶ State Championships by Game

- ▶ Madden NFL 24

- ▶ 2 Classifications – 4A/5A & A-3A

- ▶ No Districts

- ▶ NBA 2K24

- ▶ 2 Classifications – 4A/5A & A-3A

- ▶ No Districts

# State Championships

- ▶ State Tournament Qualifiers (Team Games)
  - ▶ Based on District\* Finish
    - ▶ Top 4-8 in each district go to state pending size
    - ▶ One “wild card/at-large” qualifier may be selected based on overall standings if top district finishers lead to an odd number
  - ▶ Varies by Title/Classification
  - ▶ 8 to 16 teams in each bracket
  - ▶ Pre-determined match-ups for each bracket
    - ▶ i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> place in District 1 vs. 4<sup>th</sup> Place in District 2

*\*District Alignments available on NMAA website*



# State Championships

- ▶ State Tournament Qualifiers (Solo Games)
  - ▶ Based on final regular season standings
  - ▶ 16 teams in each bracket
  - ▶ Seeded 1-16 based on final regular season standings
  - ▶ Only two students per school are eligible to qualify

# Sportsmanship

- ▶ “Compete with Class” is a New Mexico sportsmanship program designed to help better understand the true value of interscholastic athletics and activities – to educate and prepare our youth for the future.
- ▶ The NMAA defines sportsmanship as, “the act of treating others in a respectful manner; taking personal accountability for one’s actions and responding with integrity while engaged in competition” and is rooted in three core values: Respect, Integrity and Responsibility.
- ▶ Esports players and coaches will be held to these high standards in addition to the codes of conduct and rules as set by game publishers and the NMAA’s Esports provider.
- ▶ Violations to any of these policies shall result in sanctions as determined by the NMAA Executive Director. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to, warnings, probation, suspensions, forfeitures, and/or fines.



# Sportsmanship

## ► Examples of Unsportsmanlike Actions

- **Smurf Account:** Slang term used in online video games, where a fake account or profile is created by an experienced player to pose as an inexperienced one in order to gain an advantage. All players must use their highest level account when registering with PlayVS and when playing in any NMAA sanctioned Esports match. Potential violations should be reported to the NMAA.
- **Playing Under Another Student's Account:** Player A is listed as a starter or substitute for a given match. Another individual then plays the match under this account. This is a form of deception and potential violations should be reported to the NMAA.

# Important Links



- ▶ NMAA Website – [www.nmact.org](http://www.nmact.org)
- ▶ Esports Page - <https://www.nmact.org/activities/esports/>
  - ▶ Class/District Breakdown  
[http://www.nmact.org/file/2024\\_Esports\\_District\\_Alignment.xlsx](http://www.nmact.org/file/2024_Esports_District_Alignment.xlsx)
  - ▶ 2024 Regular Season Schedule  
[http://www.nmact.org/file/2024\\_NMAA\\_Esports\\_Schedule.xlsx](http://www.nmact.org/file/2024_NMAA_Esports_Schedule.xlsx)
- ▶ NMAA Handbook - <https://www.nmact.org/nmaa-handbook/>
- ▶ Coach Discord - <https://discord.gg/cS9AE2uC5k>



# PlayVS Information



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# Reminders and Spring Updates

## Pre-Match Procedures

# Match Creation

Each game has a unique matchday setup. Confirm the lobby settings prior to matches starting.

**League of Legends** PC, 5v5, Summoner's Rift, Draft

**Rocket League** PC or Console, 3v3, DFH Stadium

New Match Assistant includes Auto-invites for in-game lobby & match results

**Super Smash Bros Ultimate** Nintendo Switch, 3 stocks, 8 min

New Match Assistant - Guides through stage selection, character selection, and match result submission

**Mario Kart 8** Nintendo Switch, 4v4, Random

**Madden 22** Playstation 4 or 5, 5 min quarters, All-Madden

**Splatoon 3** Nintendo Switch, 4v4, any Stage (*except Shifty Station*)

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# Substitutions

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Each game has unique rules for substitutions. Game rulebooks outline the substitution window. All substitutions must be updated on the PlayVS official roster.

**League of Legends** Prior to match time and in-between games

**Rocket League** Prior to match time and in-between games, mid-match substitutes require a pause and both teams confirmation

**Super Smash Bros Ultimate** Prior to match time (not between games)

Players are declared during Match Assistant prior to Match Start

**Mario Kart 8** Prior to match time

**Splatoon 3** Prior to match time and in-between games

**Hearthstone** Not after a Game of Record is established, then allowed in-between games

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**\*Madden & NBA 2K** No Substitutions allowed

\*1v1 Esport Rosters are locked after week 4

# '23-'24 Rule Changes

## Highlights:

- **Updated Updated 3.1 Roster Requirements** - Details exceptions available for teams that are missing a player on day of competition.
- **Updated 6.2.7 Connected Accounts** - Added Section detailing impact of Game Account Connection on match day and requirements around connectivity.
  - **\*\*Ensure all game accounts are connected. Especially for Rocket League, where auto-invites will not work otherwise.** [More on Game Connections.](#)
- **Updated 6.4 In-Game Content Updates** - Added Section detailing impact of In-Game content updates and how they impact the PlayVS Competitive Format.
- **Preseason:** Teams that successfully completed 1 preseason match without forfeiting their last preseason match will be placed into the PlayVS Smart Scheduling system in order to receive a Scheduled opponent for Week 1 of the regular season. Teams that did not complete a match during Preseason (either last week or this week) will not receive a forfeit, but will need to use the PlayVS Match Queue for their first Regular Season Match. **This applies to Madden, NBA2K, and JV Leagues only.**



# ‘23-24’ Rule Changes (cont)

- Updated **3.3 Roster Submission** - Added clarity around Solo & Team Esport Substitution standards.
- Updated **6.1 Game Day Protocol** - Clarified that teams must join the PlayVS Match Queue to find a new opponent if their match page shows “TBD”.
- Updated **9.1.5 Lack of Match Results** - Clarified that matches without results submitted are subject to forfeiture once the allotted time has lapsed.
- Added section **10.4 Match Communications** (formerly Coaching During a Live Game).
- Updated **1.4.2 Regular Season in Smash Ultimate Rulebook** - Updated “Best-of-3 Set” to reflect new “Best-of-5 Series” format.
- Added **7.8 Unforeseen Uncontrollable Circumstances** - Added section detailing the process for schools to receive help when impacted by an uncontrollable circumstance or situation.
- **Standings: Each league standings this season will only reflect teams enrolled in the given league, so are a reliable source for the Spring ‘24 season rankings.**

Please see full list of rule changes in “[High School Summary Of Changes & Additions \(Fall ‘23 & Spring ‘24\)](#)”

**Helpful Reminder:** Coach Notes are sent every Monday with important updates and reminders for the season. Reach out to [support@playvs.com](mailto:support@playvs.com) if you are not receiving these.

# Team Management




# Match and Roster Details

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2d 23h 42m

3:00pm | 08.28.2019



3-2-0

**Hawkins Tigers**  
HAWKINS HIGH SCHOOL



3-2-0

**Rydell Ravens**  
RYDELL HIGH SCHOOL

MISSION CONTROL

OVERVIEW

GAME 1

GAME 2

**Ready to join?**  
Copy the game one code and join [Blue Side](#)  

VIEW INSTRUCTIONS

COPY GAME 1 CODE


**Scout your opponent**  
Get an in-depth look at their players & match history  

VIEW OPPONENT

**Prepare for the match**  
Prior to the first game, please run through this checklist to ensure your team is set up correctly


- ☒ Say Hello 🗣️ to Coach Rayburn
- ☒ Check the [IT Setup Guide](#)
- ☐ Review the [Join Match Manually Guide](#)
- ☐ Run roll call
- ☐ Assign your Teams Roles

**My Coaches**









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Coach






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- Not connected

ROSTER				BENCH		COACHES	
PLAYER				GAME ACCOUNT		POSITION	
	Monica Morris				Nintendo Account Not Connected ⓘ	player1	⋮
	Cidney Test				Nintendo Account Not Connected ⓘ	player2	⋮
	Ginny Potter				Nintendo Account Not Connected ⓘ	player3	⋮


# League Standings

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## Overall KDA

1		<b>Jerald Arnold</b> Southside High School	51.00
2		<b>Kelly Stewart</b> Nettleton High School	43.00
3		<b>Roland Sharp</b> Southside High School	26.00
4		<b>Barbara Rodriguez</b> Nettleton High School	22.00
5		<b>Johnathan Hudson</b> Van Buren High School	13.60

## Gold Per Minute

1		<b>Veronica Mack</b> Hot Springs High School	500.83
2			
3			
4			
5			

## Regional Standings

POS	TEAM	WON	LOST	TIEBREAKER POINTS	PCT	WIN STREAK
1	 <b>Creek Varsity LoL</b> CHERRY CREEK HIGH SCHOOL	13	1	820	92.86%	8
2	 <b>Bear Creek Bears (Gold)</b> BEAR CREEK HIGH SCHOOL	13	1	798	92.86%	8
3	 <b>Wolves</b> WESTMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL	11	3	692	78.57%	6
4	 <b>RMHS Varsity League</b> ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL	10	4	654	71.43%	-
5	 <b>Cedaredge Bruins</b> CEDAREEDGE HIGH SCHOOL	10	4	618	71.43%	-
6	 <b>Smoky Hill Buffs</b> SMOKY HILL HIGH SCHOOL	10	4	605	71.43%	2



# Team Profiles


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ROSTER

SUBS


PLAYER

POSITION




Justin Pearson  
AppleSmiles

Attack-Damage-Carry




Rosemarie Ramirez  
ValkyrieQueen

Support




Orlando Chandler  
OPsqwid

Jungle



Owen Mendez  
Reaper

Top




Chris Floyd  
ElephantRosie

Middle


UCF KNIGHTS MATCH HISTORY

SCORE




Wolfpack  
North Carolina State University (NC State) - Oct 24

2 - 0 W




UTA Esports  
University Of Texas At Arlington - Oct 24

2 - 0 W



UNCCH League of Legends  
University Of North Carolina At Chapel Hill - Oct 20

2 - 0 W




Crimson League of Legends  
University Of Alabama - Oct 17

2 - 0 W


SHOW MORE

Top Performers




Orlando Chandler  
Avg. KDA

5.1




Justin Pearson  
Avg. Most Kills

11.5



Rosemarie Ramirez  
Avg. Most Assists

22.2



Owen Mendez  
Avg. Gold Per Minute

441

RANK

PLAYER

TOTAL

1

Orlando Chandler

5.1

2

Owen Mendez

4.9

3

Justin Pearson

4.8

4

Chris Floyd

3.1

5

Rosemarie Ramirez

2.6

PLAYER	POS	KDA	K	A	KP	CS	GPM	TK	MPC
<div><div></div><div>Justin Pearson AppleSmiles</div></div>	ADC	4.8	12	15	63%	534	416	5	
<div><div></div><div>Chris Floyd ElephantRosie</div></div>	MID	3.1	10	13	58%	489	386	2	
<div><div></div><div>Owen Mendez Reaper</div></div>	TOP	4.9	9	16	63%	572	441	4	
<div><div></div><div>Rosemarie Ramirez ValkyrieQueen</div></div>	SPT	2.6	2	22	58%	70	234	0	
<div><div></div><div>Orlando Chandler OPsqwid</div></div>	JNG	5.1	9	20	73%	340	363	4	

# Season Details



# NMAA Esports Schedule



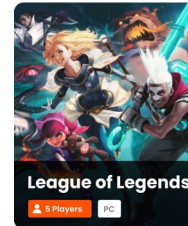
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## Spring '24 Championships:

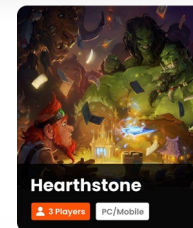
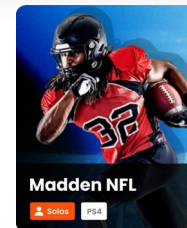
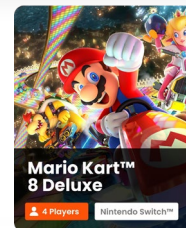
- League of Legends
- Super Smash Bros
- Rocket League
- Mario Kart
- Madden NFL
- NBA 2K
- Splatoon 3
- Hearthstone

Tuesday

Wednesday



Thursday



# NEW THIS SEASON

Starting this Spring, we will be utilizing the Smart Scheduler Queue

## Varsity Leagues

### Super Smash, Mario Kart, Splatoon, League of Legends, Rocket League, and Hearthstone

- Weekly scheduled matchups will be available for the season on your PlayVS account by 1/27
- If your opponent forfeits or drops from the league, still enter the match queue for that week and you will be given a BYE or matched against another team in the same situation.
- If you see a scrimmage on your schedule for a future week, this is a match against a team in another division. Complete the scrimmage as normal and communicate the results to PlayVS Support. **These matches do count towards regular season standings.**
  - The winning team will keep their BYE for the week
  - The losing team will receive a Forfeit Loss for the week (basically a loss, but can only be called Forfeit Loss in product)

## Varsity Leagues

### NBA 2K and Madden

- If you played during preseason, you will have your week 1 opponent 5 days prior to your normal match day
- If you did **not** play during preseason, enter the match queue on game day and you will be paired against another team also in match queue
- For the rest of the season, as long as you continue playing your matches weekly, you will have an opponent 5 days prior to your normal match day
- If you skipped a week of matches, the following week you will have to enter the match queue for your opponent



# NEW THIS SEASON (cont)

## JV Leagues

### All Titles

- If you played during preseason, you will have your week 1 opponent 5 days prior to your normal match day
- If you did **not** play during preseason, enter the match queue on game day and you will be paired against another team also in match queue
- For the rest of the season, as long as you continue playing your matches weekly, you will have an opponent 5 days prior to your normal match day
- If you skipped a week of matches, the following week you will have to enter the match queue for your opponent
- Unlike Varsity leagues, JV leagues will have the option to self select a BYE (break) week
  - Coaches: please do so for your teams on your PlayVS account

# Scrimmaging

Enrolled or not enjoy our Scrimmage tool at no cost!

- All titles included
- Competition available with all schools in the PlayVS Community
- Filter by:
  - Weekday
  - Game title
  - State
  - *NEW!* Skill Rating

## Create Scrimmage

Practice against another team in your league without changing your standings.

Esport  
League of Legends

Team  
The Legends

Skill Rating

Beginner

Casual

Competitive

Cancel

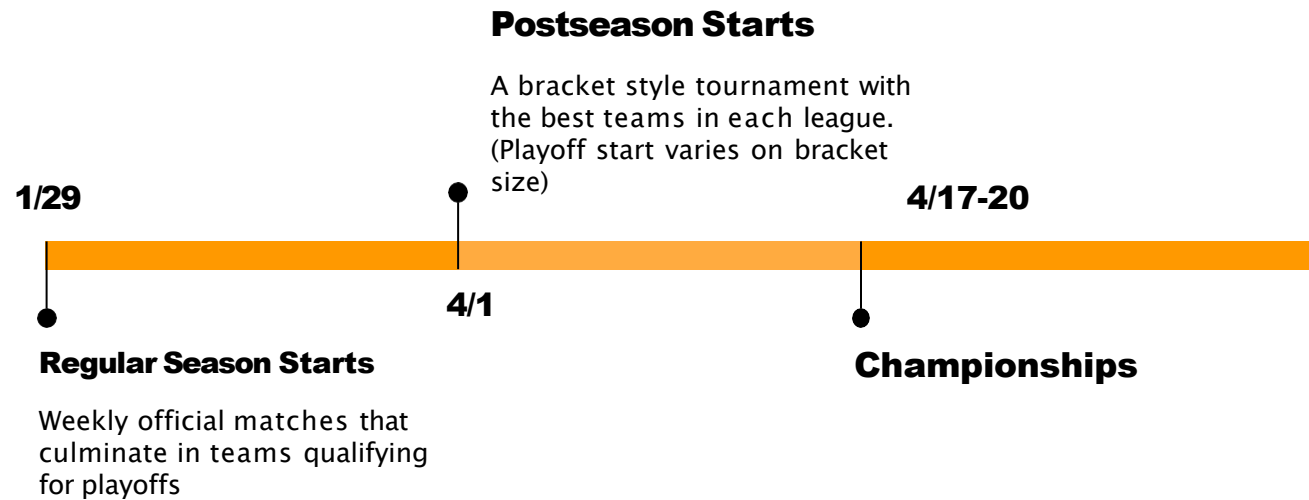
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# Spring Season Key Dates



## **Join Our Discord!**

Our PlayVS Discord server is available to all coaches as a free resource to connect with other Coaches on our platform, quickly access information and updates from PlayVS, and share feedback directly with the team.

Create a Discord profile, connect your profile to your PlayVS account, and then join the server at [discord.gg/playvs!](https://discord.gg/playvs)





# Questions?



**Returning Schools:**  
[success@playvs.com](mailto:success@playvs.com)

**New Schools:**  
[sales@playvs.com](mailto:sales@playvs.com)

**Need to chat? Scan this QR code, fill out the form, and we will connect with you to set-up time.**



# CREDIT FOR ATTENDANCE



<http://nmact.powermediallc.org/athletic-directors/online-rules-clinics/>