



2022 NMAA ESPORTS RULES CLINIC



Welcome

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NMAA Bylaws & Policies



COVID Guidelines

- ▶ Mask wearing
 - ▶ Must be worn at all times while indoors
- ▶ Social Distancing
 - ▶ In effect to the greatest extent possible
- ▶ No sharing of personal equipment
- ▶ Frequent Sanitization

COVID Guidelines

▶ Travel

- ▶ Must wear masks when traveling for school-based events

▶ Hotel Accommodations

- ▶ Vaccinated can share rooms
- ▶ Unvaccinated cannot share rooms unless in “suites” that offer separate living spaces

COVID Guidelines

▶ Quarantine

- ▶ Vaccinated students/coaches do not have to quarantine when exposed to someone with COVID-19
- ▶ Unvaccinated students/coaches are subject to a 5-day quarantine if exposed to someone with COVID-19
 - ▶ But can “Test to Stay/Play” – Days 1, 3, & 5

COVID Guidelines

- ▶ On-Campus vs. Remote Participation
 - ▶ Students shall compete in-person either on campus or at another site designated by the school.
 - ▶ Schools that move to remote/virtual learning may request for students to participate from home as was done in 2021 (if approved by administration)

COVID Guidelines

- ▶ On-Campus vs. Remote Participation
 - ▶ Students forced to quarantine due to COVID-19 infection or exposure will not be allowed to participate from home unless their school is already in remote learning.
 - ▶ Use substitutes or move students up from sub-varsity teams.
 - ▶ Special exceptions may be granted on a case-by-case basis if a lack of participants will lead to a cancellation.

Scholastic Eligibility

- ▶ A Student who is scholastically eligible at the end of the 1st semester of the 2021-2022 school year shall remain eligible for the entire spring semester.
- ▶ A Student who is scholastically ineligible after the 1st semester of the 2021-2022 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 4th 6-week period must also have their 5th 6-week grades checked to maintain eligibility throughout the remainder of the spring semester

Important Dates/Schedule

Tuesday, January 18th	Optional Preseason Start Date
Tuesday, January 25th	Regular Season Start Date (Week 1)
Week of April 11th	Playoffs Begin
Week of April 18th	Playoffs Continue
Thurs-Sat, April 21st-23rd	In-Person Final Rounds (Albuquerque, NM)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE BY GAME

Tuesday	League of Legends
Wednesday	Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, SMITE***
Thursday	Rocket League, Madden NFL 22, Mario Kart 8 Deluxe

Schedule Information

- ▶ Regular Season Length
 - ▶ Maximum 11-weeks/matches
 - ▶ NMAA to create full schedule
 - ▶ Classification
 - ▶ Spring Break
- ▶ Postseason
 - ▶ Dependent on Classification/School Numbers
 - ▶ Two Week Event
 - ▶ Finals & 3rd Place Match in Person
 - ▶ 4 to 16 qualifiers; dependent on schools/title

School Teams

- ▶ One Varsity Team per Game in League of Legends, Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, SMITE, Rocket League, & Mario Kart 8 Deluxe – only this team is eligible for the postseason
 - ▶ Unlimited Sub-Varsity teams in these titles
- ▶ Madden NFL 22 is a 1 v. 1 game so schools can have multiple varsity teams in this title only
 - ▶ A maximum of 2 students from each school can qualify for the postseason
- ▶ Team Numbers by Game impact scheduling

Rosters

- ▶ Dependent on game but allows for starters and substitutes
- ▶ 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

State Championships

- ▶ Overall Esports Champion
 - ▶ Class A-3A, Class 4A, & Class 5A or Class A-4A & 5A
 - ▶ Based on points accumulated for participation and success in each game title
 - ▶ Trophies to top 3 schools in each class
- ▶ State Championships by Game
 - ▶ Class A-3A, 4A, & 5A if enough schools; could be combined
 - ▶ Bracket Size
 - ▶ Dependent on number of schools; 4, 8, 12, or 16

Game Titles

- ▶ League of Legends
- ▶ Rocket League
- ▶ SMITE***
- ▶ Madden NFL 22
- ▶ Super Smash Bros. Ultimate
- ▶ Mario Kart 8 Deluxe

League of Legends

▶ Roster Size

- ▶ Five (5) starters & up to two (2) subs

▶ Roles

- ▶ New changes regarding roles to be discussed by PlayVS.

Rocket League

- ▶ Roster Size

- ▶ Three (3) starters & up to two (2) subs

SMITE***

▶ Roster Size

- ▶ Five (5) starters & up to two (2) subs

Madden NFL 22

▶ Roster Size

- ▶ 1-person; no substitutes
- ▶ Can have multiple varsity teams since one person makes up the squad for the 1 v. 1 match

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate

- ▶ Roster Size

- ▶ Three (3) starters & up to two (2) subs

Mario Kart 8 Deluxe

▶ Roster Size

- ▶ Four (4) starters & up to two (2) subs

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.

Q & A

Questions

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