

2023-2024 ESPORTS BULLETIN



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Esports Coaches:

On behalf of the Colorado High School Activities Association, welcome to the second year of Esports as a fully sanctioned activity! This is going to be a great year for Esports, and a great deal of credit must be given to our early adopters- Ryan Casey, Rhonda Blanford-Green, and Shawn Collins (to name a few). This year will be about recognizing the efforts of our coaches and players, as they are setting the bar for what it means to go from pilot to sanctioned.

With the help of our partners at PlayVS, I am sure that we have all the resources needed to cover anything that our coaches and schools will need to get their seasons off to a great start. Be sure to pay close attention to the calendar, as preseason games will start just after the school year begins.

This bulletin will help you navigate the CHSAA bylaws, view the current season schedule and it also contains contact information for our Esports Advisory Committee, some of the smartest minds in the esports arena.

Our championship site will continue to be Localhost, in Lakewood, which is always open for your teams to take part in different contests throughout the year. We are proud to partner with them to celebrate our top teams.

As you prepare for the upcoming season, please be sure to add our website (www.CHSAANow.com/sports/esports) to your browser favorites and refer to it often. This is where you will find updates on scheduling, webinars, tutorials, and other pertinent information. We will also use this page to share information on players and teams from across the state.

In the future we will be adding a coach's test to the rSchool registration platform, so look forward to more information on that. Again, we are looking forward to a great season and a fantastic year.

Sincerely,

Rashaan Davis
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CHSAA Mission Statement

"Seeking Excellence in Academics, Activities, and Athletics"

In pursuit of excellence, the Colorado High School Activities Association strives to create a positive and equitable environment in which all qualified student participants are challenged and inspired to meet their highest potential.

To fulfill this mission the Colorado High School Activities Association will:

- Act as an integral component of the educational process.
- Administrate, interpret, and seek compliance with the CHSAA By-laws as needed to promote fair play within Colorado activities and athletics.
- Provide diverse and equitable opportunities for participation that encourages all qualified students to take part in the activity/athletic experience.
- Provide an environment that enhances personal development through sporting behavior, character education, teamwork, leadership, and citizenship while increasing values that partner the educational standards of the State of Colorado.
- Recognize the outstanding accomplishments of Colorado athletes, teams, coaches, and administrators through our academic and activity awards programs.

CHSAA Esports Calendar

Key Dates for Fall 2023

Coaches Summit: August 11th, 2023

First Scrimmage: September 11th, 2023 – September 23rd, 2023

Season Starts: September 25th, 2023

State Championship: December 4th, 2023

Key Dates for Spring 2024

State Championship: May 2nd, 2024

2023-2024 CHSAA Esports Committee

Thank you to our Esports Committee!

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CHSAA COMMITTEE MEETING
September 12th, 2023 at 4:00 PM

This meeting will be a virtual meeting via ZOOM. If you plan on presenting a proposal or a topic for discussion, please contact Rashaan Davis, Assistant Commissioner at CHSAA. Changes made at the meeting, pending the legislative council process, are in effect for the 2024 season.

COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

If you plan on bringing a proposal to the committee you must submit a [CHSAA Committee Proposal Form](#) that has been proposed by a league and signed by the league president. This form is due one week prior to the committee meeting. Please email this form back to Nikki Jimenez (njimenez@chsa.org).

HOW TO GET RECOMMENDED FOR A COMMITTEE:

Contact your league president, athletic director, or Legislative Council Representative in February for a recommendation.

CHSAA Esports Bylaws

BYLAW CHANGES

No active bylaw changes

4800. SEASON OF ACTIVITY

Esports will have two competitive seasons.

4810. ELIGIBILITY

A student shall be eligible to represent their school as part of an esports team, as sanctioned by the CHSAA, if such student meets the following requirements:

CHSAA Bylaws 1720 (Stricter Standards), 1720 (Conduct), 1790 (Co-op Programs), with the requirement that during the period of participation the student must be enrolled in courses that offer, in aggregate, a minimum of 2.5 Academic units per semester, shall apply to students participating in esports.

4810.1 NOT REQUIRED - Schools are not required to include the names of esports participants on semester eligibility lists submitted to CHSAA.

4820. AWARDS

No school or representative shall be allowed to give or to receive an esports award for their individual efforts that exceeds the value of over \$20.00 (excluding engraving).

4830. AMATEUR STANDING

Esports competitors must adhere to the following bylaw regarding amateur status:
CHSAA Bylaw Article 20 (Amateur Standing)

CHSAA Esports Committee Report

CHSAA LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT

January 24, 2023

ESPORTS

Shawn Collins, Arvada West

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Chair

I. MAJOR CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR'S REPORT:

- a. None

II. RATIONALE:

- a. None

III. FINANCIAL IMPACT:

- a. Localhost (championship site rental fee)
- b. Trophies for runner-up and state champion

IV. DATES:

Spring Season (2023) Preseason: 1/30-2/10 Regular Season- 2/13-4/7 Playoffs- 4/10-4/21
State- April 21, 2023

Fall Season (2023) Preseason- 9/8-9/12 Regular Season- 9/19-11/11 Playoffs- 11/13-11/28
State- December 1, 2023

V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- a. Committee meeting was held on September 12, 2022
- b. The 22-23 CHSAA Esports season recognizes eSports as a fully sanctioned competitive activity.
- c. Fall Games- League of Legends and Rocket League
- d. Spring Games- Super Smash Bros. and Mario Kart
- e. There are fees associated with PlayVS

VI. SPORT POLICY/PROCEDURE:

- a. N/A

VII. POST-SEASON INFORMATION AND FORMAT:

Qualifying Format

The number of teams that qualify for the playoffs is based on the total number of teams enrolled in a particular league. As a result, larger leagues will have larger playoff brackets. To keep playoffs competitive, we allow, at most, the top 50% of the enrolled teams in the league.

State Championship Format

Teams that qualify for the post-season are placed on the bracket and the first two rounds are played virtually. Depending on the game title and allowable time at the championship host facility, the final two rounds, to include the finals, are played in person.

VIII. 2022-2023 COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Shawn Collins, Arvada West, Chairperson; **Ginia Gutierrez**, Strasburg; **Jose Martinez**, Bear Creek; **Brian Davenport**, Regis Jesuit; **Tim Roettgen**, Wray; **Alexandra Bak**, Cherry Creek; **Thomas McCartney**, Harrison; **Ed Manzanares**, KIPP Denver Collegiate

SPORTS MEDICINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

For all CHSAA sports medicine policies, procedures, and protocols, please visit the [Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Handbook](#).

Lightning and Tornado Policy and Procedures and Heat Acclimatization and Safety Priorities can be found in the [Sports Medicine Advisory Committee Handbook](#).



SPORTSMANSHIP

CHSAA [Game Management & Sportsmanship Expectation Guide](#)

The Americans with Disabilities Act Statement (ADA)

All rules and policies contained within this bulletin are subject to the ADA's requirement to provide reasonable modifications for a disabled student(s). A reasonable modification(s) shall provide a disabled student with equally effective access [to the activity] unless the provision of such reasonable modification would constitute a fundamental alteration of the essential elements of the activity involved. Please refer to CHSAA bylaw 500 for more detailed information.