

ESPORT



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**NOTE: ALL NEW RULES, REGULATIONS, AND POLICIES ARE UNDERLINED.**

**EDUCATION-BASED ACTIVITY PROGRAMS**

The National Federation of State High School Associations and the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association recognize the numerous potential benefits of participation by students in education-based activities. While education-based activities may differ between the stakeholder groups, all should be centered on optimizing the student’s scholastic activity experience. Students will change, develop and expand abilities over time; coaches, administrators and parents should not only be cognizant of the fluid process, but also foster a safe, positive environment in which development can occur. Education-based activities must always be viewed as an evolving and unpredictable path.

The NFHS and the OSSAA recognize the influential role played by coaches and directors in all activities, and therefore emphasis should be placed on those individuals to instill and reinforce fundamentals and best practices, not only to minimize risk but also to promote an environment in which a student has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential. The common goal for all the stakeholders involved with education-based activities should be to make the experience enjoyable and rewarding for the all.

While our position is not intended to squelch dreams of achieving a college scholarship or professional or Olympic glory, we do place emphasis on the student’s entire scholastic activity experience with the goals of enhancing participation, reducing injury risk, and optimizing performance and success (however defined) during the student’s high school career. The ultimate goal; Producing an individual who is competent, confident, connected to his or her peer group and community, and of high character. This essential principle is at the core of the scholastic activity experience and is fundamental to the mission of the OSSAA and NFHS.

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### **DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI)**

Promoting education and the understanding of groups that have social and cultural differences is an integral part of education-based activities. Every student participating in activities at an OSSAA member school is entitled to participate in a safe school environment that is free from bias. Any form of bias (including demeaning comments, racial, ethnic, or homophobic slurs) based on social or cultural differences will not be tolerated in education-based activities.

#### **A. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

All OSSAA member schools, shall provide opportunities for educating and promoting the understanding of social and cultural differences on an annual basis. Opportunities can include intentional dialogue between groups and/or individuals, group and/or individual on-line courses, speakers and conferences.

The OSSAA Staff and Board of Directors will make resources available to member schools for the purpose of promoting diversity, equity and inclusion education.

1. The OSSAA Staff and Board of Directors will participate in diversity, equity and inclusion training annually.

2. Each school year, each activity is required to engage the respective participants in diversity, equity and inclusion training.

#### **B. OSSAA BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE**

A sub-committee (DEI Committee) of the Board of Directors, will engage annually with school administration, students and coaches/directors for the purpose of reviewing the DEI Policy and to explore educational opportunities available to create a better understanding of social and cultural differences.

#### **C. OFFICIALS**

All contest officials shall be required to view the *Implicit Bias* course annually. The course is available at NFHSLearn.com.

Other educational resources will also be made available including intentional dialogue, speakers, workshops and conferences.

#### **D. PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCERS AND BROADCAST CREWS**

Any person or persons making public address announcements at a regular season or post season contest; and any person associated in any manner with a broadcast crew, including but not limited to regular season or post season contests being streamed, televised or broadcast over the radio must provide in writing they have completed an educational opportunity in the form of on-line classes, speaker led workshops or conferences prior to being a part of any OSSAA activity.

### **Rules Meeting 2021 ESport Rules Meetings**

State Rules meetings are mandatory for head coaches and must be completed by September 1. Failure to comply will result in the suspension of the head coach from all interscholastic competition until the coach is in compliance.

**The Rules meeting was conducted via ZOOM on September 20, 2021 at 10 a.m. If you were unable to attend the meeting via ZOOM, you may view the meeting on the Homepage of OSSAA.com.**

## ESPORT

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### I. SIGN-UP

#### ENROLL YOUR TEAM

Log into Play VS; if you do not have a login create one; go to your school's page. When you are an active coach, you will see a list of "pending" students. Verify your team.

#### CREATE YOUR TEAM

Select "Create Team" and select the Title(s) for your team. Complete the drop down menu.

#### ADD PLAYERS

Go to your "Team Management Page" and add players. Select the role for that player, repeat for each member of your team.

[How to Enroll your Team\(s\)](#) - step by step instructions on how to complete enrollment.

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$64.00 per player. Your school will be invoiced for the number of players by the OSSAA.

#### COMPETITION DATES:

Exhibition season opens October 4, 2021; exhibition season ends November 18, 2021.

Spring season opens January 18, 2022 and Championships will be held on April 23, 2022.

State Championships will be held at one site. The OSSAA will notify schools of the site upon entering an agreement with a host facility.

### II. TITLES:

GAMES ARE PLAYED TUESDAY – THURSDAY AT 4 PM CENTRAL TIME

- TUESDAY: LEAGUE OF LEGENDS, FIFA 21 AND SPLATOON 2
- WEDNESDAY: SMITE, SUPER SMASH BROTHERS ULTIMATE
- THURSDAY: ROCKET LEAGUE, MADDEN NFL 21

### III. PLAYING RULES: FOR TITLE SPECIFIC PLAYING RULES CLICK THE APPROPRIATE LINK BELOW:

- [League of Legends](#)
- [Rocket League](#)
- [Splatoon 2](#)
- [Super Smash Bros.™ Ultimate](#)
- [FIFA 21](#)
- [Madden 21](#)
- [SMITE](#)

### IV. ELIGIBILITY FOR OSSAA ESPORT COMPETITION

- A. All non-athletic eligibility standards adopted by the OSSAA apply to ESport.
- B. A student's current scholastic eligibility status would not change if an OSSAA play-off contest was delayed into the next week due to inclement weather or other extreme circumstance.

**V. AWARDS**

One State Championship trophy, individual medals (see chart below) and a Coaches' Achievement plaque will be awarded to the champion in each title. One Runner-Up trophy, individual medals (see chart below) and a Coaches' Achievement plaque will be awarded to the runner-up in each title.

TITLE	NUMBER OF MEDALS PER TITLE
LEAGUE OF LEGENDS	8
ROCKET LEAGUE	5
SPLATOON 2	6
SUPER SMASH BROTHERS ULTIMATE	5
FIFA 21	2
MADDEN 21	2
SMITE	8

**VI. COACHES REQUIREMENTS**

Coaches are required to be verified by school administration as the Coach assigned to the respective school's team and entered in the OSSAARankings.com website as the ESport Coach. The school administration has the login to enter coaches into the site. Coaches are also required to complete the **Implicit Bias course on NFHSLearn.com**.

**VII. SPORTSMANSHIP**

The ideals of good sportsmanship, ethical behavior and integrity permeate our culture. The values of good citizenship and high behavioral standards apply equally to all activity disciplines. In perception and practice, good sportsmanship shall be defined as those qualities of behavior, which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. Further, awareness is expected of the impact on an individual's influence on the behavior of others. Good sportsmanship is viewed by the National Federation and the OSSAA as a concrete measure of the understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity.

**VIII. COACHES' ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS**

- A. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
- C. Respect the integrity and personality of the individual participant.
- D. Abide by the rules of the game in letter and in spirit, regardless of the consequences.
- E. Respect the integrity and judgment of contest officials, never baiting or taunting officials in any way, or seeking out an official during at the conclusion of a contest.
- F. Demonstrate a mastery of and continuing interest in coaching principles and techniques through professional improvement.
- G. Encourage and respect all participants and their values.
- H. Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- I. Promote ethical relations among coaches.
- J. Fulfill responsibilities to provide emergency health procedures and ensure an environment free of obvious safety hazards.
- K. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and scholastic achievement among all participants.
- L. Seek to inculcate good health habits, including the establishment of sound training rules.
- M. Strive to develop in each participant the qualities of leadership, initiative and good judgment.
- N. Achieve a thorough understanding and acceptance of the rules of the game and the standards of eligibility.

**IX. PUBLIC CRITICISM OF CONTEST OFFICIALS AND SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES**

Any school representative who publicly criticizes a contest official, or members of the OSSAA Staff or Board of Directors and any contest official who publicly criticizes a school representative, or members of the OSSAA Staff or Board of Directors in connection with a contest, meet, or tournament is subject to sanctions. The member school represented by an individual who publicly criticizes a contest official may also be subject to sanctions if the school fails to take appropriate action in response to the school representative's public criticism of the contest official. The sanctions could include warning or suspension.

**X. VIOLATIONS OF CONSTITUTION, RULES, REGULATIONS OR OSSAA POLICIES**

When a violation of OSSAA's Constitution, Rules, Regulations, or Policies has been determined to have occurred, the Executive Director is authorized to impose sanctions or remedies, which may include suspending a coach or other school personnel from coaching and/or activity program management responsibilities, or imposing limits or conditions on those coaching and/or activity management responsibilities.

**XI. EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN**

Any time a member school is hosting a planned activity at a school facility there must be an Emergency Action Plan in place. The plan must be shared with any visiting school. An Emergency Action Plan, or EAP, is a formal written plan, developed by the host site, that identifies potential emergency conditions at the event site and prescribes the procedures to be followed to minimize or prevent loss of life and property.

**XII. HAZING**

Hazing incidents have no place in the activity programs of our member schools. The OSSAA encourages each member school to develop procedures to inform their students that this type of behavior is not acceptable and should not be tolerated.

**XIII. TAUNTING**

Any form of taunting which is intended or designed to anger, bait, embarrass, ridicule, or demean others is subject to penalty.