

2023-2024 MPA CO-ED ESPORTS BULLETIN

(1/8/24)

FALL SEASON 2023

March 28, 2022	Enrollment Opens
July 31 – August 13, 2023	MPA “Hands-off Period”
September 11, 2023	Preseason
September 25, 2023	Regular season begins
October 2, 2023	Late Registration deadline
November 16, 2023	Regular season ends
November 27, 2023	Smash Quarterfinals
November 29, 2023	Smash Semifinals
November 30, 2023	Mario Kart Semifinals / Rocket League Semifinals
December 2, 2023	State Championships at Thomas College (Ayotte Auditorium)
	Building opens at 9:30.

- Mario Kart 8 Deluxe – 11:00 a.m.
- Rocket League – 12:00 p.m.
- Super Smash Bros. Ultimate – 1:30 p.m.

*Teams should bring their own unlocked Switches for Mario Kart and Super Smash Bros. and controllers for Rocket League.

*Teams should bring their own headsets.

Championships streamed on the PlayVS Youtube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/PlayVS>

Rocket League Bracket: [The bracket with dates and team standings is available here.](#)

Match Days/Times

No MPA competition is permitted on Sundays

- Tuesdays: League of Legends, Splatoon 3
- Wednesdays: Super Smash Bros.™ Ultimate, NBA 2K
- Thursdays: Rocket League, Madden, Mario Kart™ 8 Deluxe,

*All match times are 4:00 pm EST

SPRING SEASON 2024

February 5, 2024	Preseason Begins
February 16, 2024	Registration deadline
February 19-24, 2024	Regular season begins and Bye week for Maine teams
April 12, 2024	Regular season ends
April 15-19, 2024	April Vacation for Maine teams
April 24, 2024	Round of 16 – Super Smash Bros.
April 25, 2024	Quarterfinals - Rocket League & Mario Kart
April 29, 2024	Quarterfinals – Super Smash Bros.
May 1, 2024	Semifinals - Super Smash Bros.
May 2, 2024	Semifinals - Rocket League & Mario Kart
May 4, 2024	State Championships – Central Maine Community College, Auburn

State Championship Schedule

- Rocket League – 11:00 am
- Mario Kart – 12:00 pm
- Super Smash Bros. – 1:30 pm

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MANDATORY RULES CLINICS AND EDUCATION

PlayVS will host a webinar for new coaches/schools on January 4 or 5, 2023. There will be a Coaches Forum on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88191205397?pwd=UDZHTmRwRk5XMGRTdzQ4MnZOR2czZz09>

1. All coaches must meet the MPA Coaching Requirements.
2. Each coach must complete the NFHS “*Concussion in Sport – What You Need to Know*” video that is available at the NFHS website (www.nfhslearn.com).
3. Each coach must complete the NFHS “*A Guide to Heat Acclimatization and Heat Illness Prevention*” video that is available at the NFHS website (www.nfhslearn.com).
4. Each coach must complete the NFHS “*Sudden Cardiac Arrest*” video that is available at the NFHS website (www.nfhslearn.com).

Resources

For schools:

- [MPA Esports Overview with Links \(Fall '22\).pdf](#)
- [Why esports](#)
- [Pricing](#)

For coaches:

- [Help Center](#)

High School Competition Rulebook

- [League of Legends](#)
- [Rocket League](#)
- [Splatoon™ 2](#)
- [Super Smash Bros.™ Ultimate](#)
- [Mario Kart™ 8 Deluxe](#)
- [Madden NFL 22](#)
- [Hearthstone](#)

Play VS Support

- [Help Center](#)
- For new schools → sean.goodman@playvs.com
- For returning schools → adilene.venegas@playvs.com

- Jason Lund from Cape Elizabeth High School is a PlayVS Supercoach for Maine and is available at jlund@capeelizabethschools.org.
- Sean Stackhouse from Maine Central Institute is a PlayVS Supercoach for Maine and is available at sean.stackhouse44@gmail.com.

Authorization: the MPA ESports Committee authorizes PlayVS to administer all games for the Fall and Spring seasons for MPA member schools.

Team Rosters: Teams are coed. Teams are comprised of a variety of team members depending on the game played.

Equipment: Equipment for each game varies.
FIFA and Madden – Console only
Super Smash Bros. Ultimate is played on Switch

Hands-off Period: Esports played under the MPA through PlayVS do not follow the MPA Sports Season Policy. Coaches are restricted from organizing play in the state titles until two weeks prior to the PlayVS preseason for registration, tryouts, and organization. The season would end with the MPA/PlayVS championship. Summer is open to all activity until the MPA two-week Hands-off Period prior to fall sports.

Post Season: The Maine Principals' Association post season will be scheduled with PlayVS.

The MPA/PlayVS will host an in-person State Championship for fall Rocket League, Mario Kart, and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate at Central Maine Community College in Auburn on Saturday, May 4, 2024.

Awards: The Maine Principals' Association will award a Champions plaque and a Runner-up plaque in each PlayVS league that has 20 or more schools participating or PlayVS sponsors a Maine State Championship with the MPA.

ESPORTS CLASSIFICATION

For 2023-2024 all Maine schools will compete in one class per game.