

2025-2026 MPA CO-ED ESPORTS BULLETIN

(11/20/25)

FALL SEASON 2025

May 6, 2025	Enrollment Opens
August 4 – August 17, 2025	MPA “Hands-off Period”
September 8, 2025	Preseason
September 22, 2025	Regular season begins
October 3, 2025	Late Registration deadline
November 10, 2025	Regular season ends
November 19, 2025	Super Smash Bros – Round of 16
November 20, 2025	Mario Kart Quarterfinals / Rocket League Semifinals
December 1, 2025	Smash Trio Quarterfinals
December 3, 2025	Smash Trio Semifinals
December 4, 2025	Mario Kart Semifinals
December 6, 2025	State Championships at Maine Central Institute opens at 9:30. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Finals – 11:00 a.m.• Rocket League Finals & Smash Solo Semifinals – 12:00 p.m.• Super Smash Solo Finals – 1:30 p.m.• Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Trio Finals – 2:30 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 *All match times are 4:00 pm EST

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,

Madden Youth Championships

PlayVS is excited to be co-hosting the Madden NFL Youth Championship in partnership with the NFL and EA! This initiative is a first-of-its-kind Madden competition exclusive to middle and high school students. With the scholastic season underway, we wanted to highlight the Open Tournaments that are still taking place.

Open Tournaments -- PlayVS is hosting four (4) tournaments across the year, two this fall and two in the spring. Registration for the first virtual tournament is **open now** and students are competing for a chance to go to the NFL Pro Bowl Games or 2025 NFL Draft to compete for the MYC Championship!

- Tournament Dates:
 - 2025 Pro Bowl Games Qualifier 1 - Oct 25th - Oct 27th
 - 2025 Pro Bowl Games Qualifier 2 - Nov 22nd - Nov 24th
 - 2025 NFL Draft Qualifier 1 - Feb 21st - Feb 23rd
 - 2025 NFL Draft Qualifier 2 - Mar 28th - Mar 30th
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The NFL is thrilled to be offering this unique opportunity in partnership with PlayVS, and we'd love to get more of your students involved. Additional information and registration can be found [here](#). Thank you!

PlayVS contact information:

- For new schools – bill.heuer@playvs.com

SPRING SEASON 2026

January 12, 2026	Preseason Begins
January 16, 2026	Registration deadline
January 19, 2026	Regular season begins Maine teams
February 16-20, 2026	February Vacation – Bye week for all Maine Schools
March 20, 2026	Regular season ends
March 23, 2026	Round of 16 – Super Smash Bros.
March 25, 2026	Quarterfinals – Super Smash Bros.
March 26, 2026	Quarterfinals - Mario Kart
March 31, 2025	Semifinals - Super Smash Bros.
April 1, 2026	Semifinals - Rocket League & Mario Kart
April 4, 2026	State Championships – TBA

State Championship Schedule

- Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Finals – 11:00 a.m.
- Rocket League Finals & Smash Solo Semifinals – 12:00 p.m.
- Super Smash Solo Finals – 1:30 p.m.
- Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Finals – 2:30 p.m.

May 16, 2026	New England Esports Championship – Location and Times TBA
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*Titles will include Mario Kart 8, Rocket League, and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate.

Two Maine schools will qualify and the order is Spring Champion, Fall Champion, Spring Runners-up if the same Fall/Spring Champion, then Fall Runners-up if any previous decline.

Match Days/Times

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*All match times are 4:00 pm EST

MANDATORY RULES CLINICS AND EDUCATION

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, April 5, 2025.

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 2025-2026 all Maine schools will compete in one class per game.