

ARTICLE 42

ESPORTS

- 42.1 ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – The Esports Advisory Committee shall be an ad hoc advisory committee of the AIA Executive Board.
- 42.1.1 The Esports Advisory Committee will provide recommendations on Esport games to be included for competition and post season play.
- 42.1.2 Members of the Esports Advisory Committee will include Athletic Directors and Esports Coaches.
- 42.2 PURPOSE** – To establish the framework which will provide the opportunity for AIA member schools to participate in Esports competition with the following core values in mind:
- 42.2.1 Character Development
- 42.2.2 Increased participation
- 42.2.3 STEM Engagement
- 42.3 MEMBERSHIP** – Any member school is eligible to participate in AIA sponsored Esports activities with the contracted partner of the AIA.
- 42.4 TEAM REGISTRATION** – Coach and player registration will be handled by the contracted partner of the AIA.
- 42.5 SEASON** – the season(s) of competition will be determined by the AIA and its contracted partner and may include a fall and/or spring season.
- 42.5.1 Only matches schedule by the AIA contracted partner will be included for post-season tournament qualification.
- 42.6 APPROVED GAMES** – All games for AIA sanctioned Esports competition must be approved by the AIA Executive Board. The approved games can be found at www.aiaonline.org/activities/esports and www.azpreps365.com/esports
- 42.6.1 Games to be approved will only be considered if rated T for Teen or lower by the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB).
- 42.7 RULES** – All game rules will be determined by the contracted partner with the AIA.
- 42.8 GAMEDAY PROCEDURES**
- 42.8.1 A coach or administrator must be present during team competition.
- 42.8.2 All participants must be in the same room to compete as a team
- 42.8.3 All other game day procedures will be determined by the contracted partner with the AIA.
- 42.9 POST-SEASON TOURNAMENTS**
- 42.9.1 The number of state championship tournaments per game will be dependent on the number of teams/players competing and will be determined by the contracted partner with the AIA.
- 42.9.2 Qualification to the state championship tournament will be determined by the contracted partner with the AIA.

