



1st Annual New England Interscholastic ESports Championships

Monday, May 11th thru Saturday, May 16th, 2026

In Person Finals

Saturday, May 16th, 2026

Southern New Hampshire University

E Sports Complex

2500 North River Road

Manchester, NH 03106

Presented by the Council of New England Secondary School Principals' Association
19 Golden Meadow Rd., Hampstead, NH 03841

Executive Director: Jim Davis, jim.davis@cnesspa.org

President: Michael Bisson, MPA

The event will be held regardless of weather conditions.

Rocket League: Check In begins at 11:00 am.
Competition begins at 12 Noon

Super Smash Check In begins at 12:00 pm
Competition begins at 1:00 pm

Mario Kart Check In begins at 1:30 pm
Competition begins at 2:30 pm

**Meet and Site
Directors:**

Tournament Director:

Richard Pearson
(508) 241-5170
rpearson@miaa.net

Site Director:

Tim Fowler SNHU ESports
(603) 626-9351
t.fowler1@snhu.edu

Number of Entries: Each state will be permitted to enter up to two (2) State Qualifying teams in each of the following titles: Super Smash Bros, Mario Kart and Rocket League. The selection of the State Qualifying teams will be determined made by each state's Athletic Association.

Filing of Entries: One representative from each state athletic association must submit the entries. All team rosters, including the coaches email address should be emailed via Word or Excel no later than **noon, Monday, May 4, 2026** to Richard Pearson at: rpearson@miaa.net. Teams who do not provide this information by the scheduled deadline will result in names not appearing on the back of the t-shirts.

Coaches Meeting:	There will be a mandatory online coaches meeting held on Tuesday May 5th at 5pm . All participating schools must attend. The meeting link will be sent out by the Tournament Director once all registrations have been received.
Participation & Administration Fee:	A participation fee of \$150.00 per team is required to support event operations and logistics. Teams participating in two or more game titles will incur an additional \$75 administrative fee per additional title . All fees are non-refundable . Participating schools will be invoiced accordingly. Checks should be made payable to CNESSPA and sent to CNESSPA 19 Golden Meadow Rd. Hampstead, NH 03841 . Purchase Orders/PO's cannot be used. (Please note: Access through the competitor gate will be limited to registered team members listed on the official entry submission and up to two designated coaches per team.)
Rules:	All competition will be played in accordance with the currently established PlayVS rules. Rule Links: Mario Kart: https://help.playvs.com/en/articles/5872507-mario-kart-8-deluxe-rulebook Super Smash Bros: https://help.playvs.com/en/articles/4919168-super-smash-bros-ultimate-rulebook Rocket League : https://help.playvs.com/en/articles/4919221-rocket-league-rulebook
Tournament Format:	Titles: • Rocket League: Best of 7 • Super Smash Bros: Best of 5 sets (3 games per set) • Mario Kart: Best of 3 (6 races per set) Brackets: • 12 team bracket • Single Elimination throughout the Tournament Prelims, Quarterfinals, Semifinals & Finals • Straight Bracket, no reseeding Seeding: Seeding of #1 through 6 random draw of State Champions Seeding of #7 through 12 random draw of State Runner-up
Registration:	The facility will open for athletes and coaches at 11:00 AM. Teams should check in at the SNHU E-Sports Arena located in the <i>William S. and Joan Green Center for Student Success</i> . The CNESSPA website will provide the final schedule once all the entries have been collected, as well as the online program. Packets will contain CNESSPA pins and certificates for all competitors.
Program:	There will <u>not</u> be printed programs. A program will be posted online at www.cnesspa.com a day or two prior to the event.
Video Access:	The New England ESports Championship can be viewed on SNHU Twitch. The link for access is: https://www.twitch.tv/snhuesports

Video Copyright:

CNESSPA shall own the copyright of all broadcasts (live and delayed, film, videotapes, web casts, other electronic reproductions and recordings). Any broadcast or rebroadcast in any form without written consent of CNESSPA is strictly prohibited.

Schedule:

Preliminary & Quarter Final Rounds Monday May 11,2026 (Remote)

2 Sessions:

Session # 1 @ 3:00pm

Session #2 @ 4:30pm

No remote play from home is permitted. All teams must compete together as a team, on-site at their school

Prelim's (8v9, 7v10, 6v11, 5v12) 1 through 4 have bye

Quarter Finals #1 seed plays winner of #5 vs #12 (Match#5)

#2 seed plays winner of #6 vs #11 (Match#6)

#3 seed plays winner of #7 vs #10 (Match#7)

#4 seed plays winner of #8 vs #9 (Match#8)

Semi Finals Wednesday, May 13, 2026 (Remote)

2 Sessions:

Session # 1 @ 3:00pm

Session #2 @ 4:30pm

No remote play from home is permitted. All teams must compete together as a team, on-site at their school

Winner of (Match #5) vs Winner of (Match #7)

Winner of (Match #6) vs Winner of (Match #8)

Finals Saturday May 16th

Southern New Hampshire University, Hookset, New Hampshire

Rocket League 12:00 pm

Super Smash Bros 1:00 pm

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Mario Kart 2:30 pm

All teams must bring their own Switch device, controllers, USB cable and power cord for each team member.

For Rocket League: Headsets & Keyboards will be provided by SNHU E-Sports. Players cannot use their own headsets or keyboards.

Awards:

Plaques will be awarded to the team champion and runner-up in each title. Individual medals will also be awarded to those teams.

Information for Teams:

Teams will be provided space for their belongings in a common area. CNESSPA and SNHU are not responsible for lost or stolen items or valuables.

Concessions:

Concessions will not be available. There are numerous dining establishments in the area where you can grab a bite to eat before or after the event.

T-Shirts:

Official New England Esports Championship apparel will be sold at the meet. Apparel can be pre-ordered at <https://www.grrteensmp.com/> until the Thursday before the Meet and post-ordered beginning on Monday after the Meet.

Internet Address:

Information and results will be posted at www.cnesspa.com

Hotel:

Overnight accommodations and all meals are the responsibility of the entering schools and individuals. There are no agreements with local hotels for special rates.



New England Interscholastic Esports Tournament Entry Form for State Officials Only

Instructions:

The full name and school of each contestant must be listed per title. **Please type** so the names are easily legible.

Each state may enter up to 10 names per title

Entries must be submitted to Tournament Director, Richard Perason, no later than noon, on Monday, May 4, 2026.

Email: rpearson@miaa.net

Telephone: (508) 241-5170

This is an entry form from the state of: _____

School: _____

Person submitting this entry: _____

Telephone _____ email: _____

Rocket League	Name	Gr.	School	State	Screen Name
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Super Smash Bros.	Name	Gr.	School	State	Screen Name
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Mario Kart	Name	Gr.	School	State	Screen Name
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