Massachusetts Recreational Esports League
Fall and Winter Seasons
2020
Fall and Winter 2020 Leagues

**What is GGLeagues?**

GGLeagues is a recreational esports tournament and league management platform. Our mission is to provide esports leagues for everyone. We work with recreation agencies and organizations as well as corporations and schools across the United States. GGLeagues will oversee all tournament and league operations for the Fall and Winter 2020 season.

**How GGLeagues Works?**

GGLeagues provides communities a turnkey solution to easily launch esports leagues to engage and reach their audiences. We understand the esports industry and will provide the tools to help you reach your audience effectively and authentically. GGLeagues handles the logistics of running the leagues taking care of every step of the process. Our platform is built for a streamlined user experience and to provide organizations with a new revenue stream.

**Who can participate?**

The Massachusetts Recreational Esports League is open to anyone from the state of Massachusetts or nearby surrounding states (if the statewide league hasn’t launched, yet).

**What are details about the league?**

The Fall Season will run for 6 weeks for each of the game titles and the Winter Season will run for a total of 5 weeks.

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The Fall Season will have 5 weeks of regular season with 1 week of playoffs. The Winter season will have 4 weeks of regular season with 1 week of playoffs.

All leagues will be broken down based on skill level to provide an even playing field for all players.
Teams that sign up will be representing your community as they try to take home the gold. We will track your communities' individual teams and standings on a weekly basis.

**What are the costs for participants?**
The cost of the league will be $10 a person per league.

**What are the dates of the league?**

**Fall Season (Fall I)**

Matches will be played on Saturdays at 2 PM EST, September 12th - October 17th.
- Each week players will be scheduled to play one match. Weekly matches will last approximately 45 minutes.
- On October 17th, the top 4 teams will play a single elimination bracket. Playoffs typically run for 3 hours for the winning teams, so please plan accordingly.

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Winter Season (Fall II)

Matches will be played on Saturdays at 2 PM EST, November 7th - December 19th.
- Each week players will be scheduled to play one match. Weekly matches will last approximately 45 minutes.
- On December 12th, the top 4 teams will play a single elimination bracket. Playoffs typically run for 3 hours for the winning teams, so please plan accordingly.

Winter Season Breakdown:

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<td>Week 3 [Match 3]</td>
<td>November 21st: 2 PM EST</td>
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<td>Thanksgiving - NO MATCHES</td>
<td>November 28th: 2 PM EST</td>
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What is the competitive format?

Regular season will be played in a round robin format. Round robin format is when each team will have an opportunity to play a different team each week.

Playoffs will be a single elimination bracket. The top 4 teams from each division will play in a single day, single elimination bracket. Single elimination means that if you win, you will move onto the next round. Once you lose in the playoffs, you are eliminated.

Games Offered

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<th>Game</th>
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<td>Rocket League</td>
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**How Our Leagues Are Broken Down**

Each game title will be broken down into the following leagues and divisions:

Rocket League 3v3 Division A (Advanced Division)
Rocket League 3v3 Division B (Intermediate Division)
Rocket League 3v3 Division C (Beginner Division)

Rocket League 1v1 Division A (Advanced Division)
Rocket League 1v1 Division B (Intermediate Division)
Rocket League 1v1 Division C (Beginner Division)

Overwatch Division A (Advanced Division)
Overwatch Division B (Intermediate Division)
Overwatch Division C (Beginner Division)

League of Legends Division A (Advanced Division)
League of Legends Division B (Intermediate Division)
League of Legends Division C (Beginner Division)

Valorant Division A (Advanced Division)
Valorant Division B (Intermediate Division)
Valorant Division C (Beginner Division)

**How does registration work?**

You can choose to have players register through your own internal system or just have them register directly through us!

- Register on GGLeagues
  - Players and teams will be able to register on the GGLeagues website. [www.ggleagues.com](http://www.ggleagues.com) or using the following links!
  - Registration will be open until September 2nd, 2020 for the Fall Season.
  - Registration for the Winter season will be open until October 28th, 2020.

- Registration: $10 per player/$30 per Team
Massachusetts

Rocket League 1v1

Beginner: https://www.ggleagues.com/leagues/773
Intermediate: https://www.ggleagues.com/leagues/772
Advanced: https://www.ggleagues.com/leagues/771

Rocket League 3v3

Beginner: https://www.ggleagues.com/leagues/770
Intermediate: https://www.ggleagues.com/leagues/769
Advanced: https://www.ggleagues.com/leagues/768

Valorant

Beginner: https://www.ggleagues.com/leagues/761
Intermediate: https://www.ggleagues.com/leagues/760
Advanced: https://www.ggleagues.com/leagues/759

League of Legends

Beginner: https://www.ggleagues.com/leagues/767
Intermediate: https://www.ggleagues.com/leagues/766
Advanced: https://www.ggleagues.com/leagues/765

Overwatch

Beginner: https://www.ggleagues.com/leagues/764
Intermediate: https://www.ggleagues.com/leagues/763
Advanced: https://www.ggleagues.com/leagues/762
Tell me more about the Recreational Esports league!

- The Fall season will be 6 weeks long, teams will compete in playoff matches the last week.
- The Winter season will be 5 weeks long, teams will compete in playoff matches the last week.
- Rocket League will be played in a 1v1 format or 3v3 format
- Valorant and League of legends will be played in a 5v5 format.
- Overwatch will be played in a 6v6 format.
- Matches will be held on Saturdays at 2 PM EST
- Players will be able to see and access the league bracket on GGLeagues.com.
- Players will submit the scores and report wins and losses through GGLeagues and will need to upload a screenshot of the endgame score report.
- All games will be played online
- If you still have questions, reach out to our sales team to learn more: erich@ggleagues.com.
The Playoff Schedule

Who: Top 4 teams from each division make the playoffs.

What: Playoff Breakdown:

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Fall Season

Saturday, October 17th. This will be a one day playoff with a single elimination bracket. Playoffs will last roughly 3 hours.

Playoffs will begin at 2 PM EST on October 17th, 2020.

Winter Season

Saturday, December 12th. This will be a one day playoff with a single elimination bracket. Playoffs will last roughly 3 hours.

Playoffs will begin at 2 PM EST on December 12th, 2020.
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is Rocket League?

Rocket League is a family friendly game where you play soccer as cars. Players aim to score the most goals within the time limit.

Rocket League is an easy game to pick up, you can learn the basics and controls within two minutes of playing. Within 10 minutes of starting you'll already think you're able to compete. The more you play, the more you improve and understand the controls.

Rocket League is rated E for everyone.

Learn more about Rocket League: https://www.rocketleague.com/
What is League of Legends?

League of Legends is a team-based strategy game where two teams of five powerful champions face off to destroy the other’s base. Choose from over 140 champions to make epic plays, secure kills, and take down towers as you battle your way to victory.

League of Legends is rated T for Teen.

Learn more about League of Legends: https://play.na.leagueoflegends.com/en_US
What is Overwatch?

Overwatch is a colorful team-based shooter game starring a diverse cast of powerful heroes. Travel the world, build a team, and contest objectives in exhilarating 6v6 combat. Each player gets to choose a hero to play. Each hero has their own signature skills and abilities.

Overwatch is rated T for Teen.

Learn more about Overwatch: [https://playoverwatch.com/en-us/about/](https://playoverwatch.com/en-us/about/)
Learn more about Overwatch Heroes: [https://playoverwatch.com/en-us/heroes/](https://playoverwatch.com/en-us/heroes/)
What is Valorant?

This tactical first-person shooter consists of two teams of five players each taking turns either planting the spike (offense) or defusing the spike (defense). The first team to 13 wins. Each agent has their own special abilities and signature styles.

Valorant is rated T for Teen.

Learn more about Valorant here: https://playvalorant.com/en-us/
View all the agents here: https://playvalorant.com/en-us/agents
What are the rules?

GGL Leagues aims to create a positive gaming environment for everyone involved. Because of this, we have a strict No Toxicity policy. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Profanity and Hate Speech
- Disruptive Behavior/Insults
- Abusive Behavior
- Any form of Harassment
- Discrimination and Denigration

Rulebooks

Valorant Rulebook:

Overwatch Rulebook:

League of Legends Rulebook:

Rocket League Rulebook:

Am I able to control who my player communicates with?

- In-Game Chat (Text/Voice): It’s helpful to communicate with teammates in game. Titles like Rocket League have a feature that allows players to communicate using only preset messages called Quick Chat. This eliminates the risk of seeing inappropriate language from other players in game.
- Both text and voice chat can be disabled from the Options menu in the Gameplay tab.
- For Rocket League, use the Quick Chat Only or Team Quick Chat Only in order to allow your child to communicate with players using preset messages. These messages can be customized in the Chat tab of the Options menu. https://support.rocketleague.com/hc/en-us/articles/360039907693-Howcan-Iprotect-my-child-from-online-interactions
Who oversees the league and handles game disputes/issues?
- GGLLeagues will appoint league managers and referees to oversee the league and handle
- Any disputes or issues during the scheduled game times.
- GGLLeagues staff will monitor all games and the win/loss reporting.
- The City will be able to see scores and brackets using the league webpage and will have the ability to communicate with GGLLeagues staff with any questions.

Do you need to have a specific gaming device to play?
- Rocket League is a cross-platform game that gives players the ability to compete across different gaming platforms. Example: PlayStation, Xbox, PC, and Switch.
- League of Legends is a PC game.
- Valorant is a PC game.
- Overwatch is a PC game.

What will players need to participate?
- The players will need to own a console (PlayStation, Xbox, Nintendo, or PC)
- The player will need to purchase the gaming console being used for the league.
- The player will need an online access pass for their console to play others online (PlayStation Plus, Xbox Live, Nintendo Online).
- WIFI or LAN/Ethernet Cable internet access
- One teammate will need access to Discord, a communication platform to communicate with GGLLeagues and other teams on game days. This is a free application online and moderated by GGLLeagues staff.
How do I create a team?

- Recruit fellow gamers and register individually! “Team Captain” should register and create the Initial team!

- Click on create a team
- Fill in the team information and create your team! The next screen should look like this

- Your team is now ready to join any of the open leagues!