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Dear Florida Tech Students,

Thank you for your interest in competitive esports at Florida Tech. I am thrilled to be here and look forward to meeting you. I am committed to your success as a student and player – the ultimate goal of graduation, and along the way, providing a place to live out your passion of gaming and esports in healthy, organized manners. This year will bring exciting changes to our campus gaming community on all levels - the launch of a dedicated facility, new leadership, in-depth exposure to collegiate esports, and a lasting memory of your time at Florida Tech. This industry is more than a video game, it is a vehicle of learning, community and friendship.

GLHF!

Miss Dana Hustedt, Director of Esports (she/her)

**Team Benefits**

- University recognition as a member of the Esports Varsity, Junior Varsity, or Club.
- The ability to participate in sanctioned intercollegiate play as part of the official Florida Tech team.
- Coaching and analysis of your play and performance, as well as scrimmages and additional broadcast show matches when available.
- The opportunity for Esports to include you and your play in broadcasts, photoshoots, highlight packages, media guides, websites, and other official publications.
- Unlimited access to the Esports team practice facility during practices and personal play.
- Access to official team gear.
- The opportunity for travel when selected for a travel squad.
Who is eligible for Competitive Esports Teams at Florida Tech?

- Full-time, degree seeking Undergraduate or Graduate Student.
- Students with a GPA of 2.5 or better.
- Students in good standing and uphold Florida Tech Code of Conduct.

Team Levels

**Competitive:** All competitive rosters will have limited spots available. Competitive teams will have dedicated practice time, supporting staff and potential travel opportunities and receive team gear.

**Varsity:**
- Highest form of the competitive aspect of the program
- Varsity teams compete in national collegiate seasons, tournaments, and leagues

**Junior Varsity:**
- Focus on growth and development, may be lower skill level
- Any Junior Varsity only title can become a varsity title through title evaluation process.

**Club:** Club teams are separate from competitive teams.
- Student-led and organized. Anyone can join regardless of skill level.
- Play your favorite games on your own time. You will have access to a furnished facility with PCs, consoles, and gaming library.
- You WILL need to own games that are pay to play. You will be able to sign in via the respective platform on facility hardware.
- Casual gaming lets you play with friends or others who share your interests!
- No tryouts, scholarships, or full time coaching available for club teams.
What to Expect

What: One (1) interview + two (2) to three (3) days of up to three (3) hours of structured playtime and evaluation.

When: Official dates will be announced in August. We are tentatively looking at the first two weeks of September to conduct tryouts.

Where: Ruth Funk Center for Esports (Behind the Library)

Applications: The tryout application deadline is 8/27/2021 at 11:59PM EST.

We encourage students to expand their game knowledge and rank over the summer before the final applications are due. We will review applications and notify students if they have met the minimum qualifications to attend their respective game title tryout.

During tryouts, you will be observed and scored by our coaches and analysts. To best evaluate your abilities, we will ask you to play in conditions like those experienced during practice and competition. We recognize that practices and competitions may be stressful, but that these are critical components to competitive esports. Therefore, we emphasize that players focus on presenting their teamwork, technical skill, and game knowledge to the best of their abilities. Wins and losses do not matter.

Evaluation Areas

- Communication
- Technical Skill
- Play Skills
- Teamwork
- Game Knowledge
- Performance Under Pressure
- Leadership
- Flexibility
- Strategy
- Work Ethic
- Rank
- Potential
- Attitude
- Feedback
# Varsity & Junior Varsity Tryout Requirements

## League of Legends (LoL)
- Top ❖ Jungle ❖ Mid ❖ Attack Damage Carry ❖ Support ❖

### Varsity LoL
- **Rank:** Diamond 3+, Roster 5
- **Practice:** 3 – 4 x’s per week - evenings
- **Competition:** Every Saturday of the Spring semester. Other events may vary by organizer and event.
  - Collegiate League of Legends
  - Upsurge
  - Other

### Junior Varsity LoL
- **Rank:** Gold 2+, Roster 5-10
- **Practice:** 3 – 4 x’s per week - evenings
- **Competitions:** May vary by organizer and event.
  - CSL
  - Upsurge
  - GGLeagues

## Rocket League (RL)

### Varsity RL
- **Rank:** 1800+, Roster 4
- **Practice:** 3 – 4 x’s per week - evenings
- **Competition:** Weeknights or weekends. May vary by organizer and event.
  - CRL
  - Upsurge
  - LevelNext
  - Other

### Junior Varsity RL
- **Rank:** 1400+, Roster 4-8
- **Practice:** 3 x’s per week – evenings
- **Competitions:** Weeknights or weekends. May vary by organizer and event.

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*Practice times will vary. They may be weeknights as well as weekends pending competition dates. Practices for all varsity and junior varsity titles will usually take place after 5pm EST for scrimmage booking purposes with other time zones. We will determine practice times collaboratively when rosters are finalized that fit the needs of the team.*
Junior Varsity Tryout Requirements

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Competitive Title Selection Process

**Student Interest** – Even if a game is popular on campus, there may be factors that limit us to offer it as a competitive title (i.e. Staffing, financial resources).

**Developer/Publisher Support** – We rely on intellectual property holders to provide competitive leagues and tournaments that support collegiate students.

**Prize Pool** – We look at potential prize pools that could positively benefit the program and allows us to continue providing the best program and facility for students.

**Competition** – We look at titles other universities offer, if a game shows promising future and support from the industry, and if a game has beneficial competitive ecosystems and support team initiatives, strategy, and skills for our students and mission.
Competitive Team Tryout Requirements

1. You are a current Florida Tech full-time student in good academic standing
2. You own the game you're trying out for or the game is "free to play”.
3. Meet minimum rank requirements set forth.
4. Your in-game account is in good standing (no probations or banned).
5. In Game Name (IGN) is not offensive or discriminatory.
6. Understand the time commitment that comes with being on the team. Attend scheduled practices, games, events when required. Like traditional sports, you must show up and be accountable in our program.

Tryout Process Steps

1. Fill out the Tryout Registration Form:
   a. SELECT YES to Competitive Esports participation.
   b. FILL OUT Competitive information completely to be considered.
2. If you are selected to participate in competitive tryouts, an email will be sent to you from esports@fit.edu detailing tryout dates and schedule.
3. Tryouts will be conducted at the Esports Facility in Early September.
   a. Esports is located in the Ruth Funk Center - behind the library.
4. Tryouts will use our Florida Tech Esports Discord Server. Comms required.
5. After each tryout match, you will be asked to complete a feedback form and conversation from staff.
6. Upon tryout completion, you will be emailed on result. If you do not make a competitive roster, we encourage you to participate on our club teams!
7. Tryouts will be held once each semester and on an as-needed basis throughout the year.

Application to and/or participation in esports tryouts does not guarantee:
- You will be contacted by the coaches to participate in tryouts
- A place on a competitive team
Florida Tech Gaming Club Titles

❖ Apex Legends
❖ Call of Duty: Warzone (CoD)
❖ Counter-Strike: Global Offense (CS:GO)
❖ Defense of the Ancients (DOTA 2)
❖ FIFA
❖ Fortnite (Large Community)
❖ Hearthstone
❖ League of Legends (LoL)
❖ Legends of Runeterra
❖ Madden
❖ Magic the Gathering
❖ Minecraft (Large Community)
❖ NBA2k

❖ Overwatch
❖ Paladins
❖ Rainbow 6 (R6)
❖ Rocket League (Large Community)
❖ Smite
❖ Super Smash Brothers Ultimate & Melee (Large Community)
❖ Tarkov
❖ Team Fight Tactics (TFT)
❖ Team Fortress 2
❖ VALORANT

Club Titles and Gaming Communities may be added at any time.

Please submit to #suggestions in our Discord.

NOTE: Club titles may be elevated to a competitive title if it meets our competitive title selection process criteria and evaluation process. At this time, we are starting with quality vs quantity in competitive title offerings and offer a variety of club gaming options. Our goal is to be one of the best gaming clubs in the country that recognizes student needs, wants, and empower their leadership and passion!

JOIN FLORIDA TECH GAMING CLUB on ENGAGE!