



Overcooked Code of Conduct

HPAC takes pride in creating a fair and welcoming environment for all. This Code of Conduct helps facilitate that environment. All participants are required acknowledge reading & adhering to this code. Violation of the Code of Conduct will result in immediate disqualification from the tournament (if applicable) and/or ejection from the space without refund.

Please see the parents/supporters section for more information and advice if looking to better understand the world of gaming and esports.

Behavior Rules for fans & competitors

1. HPAC upholds and requires of its patrons behaviors of integrity towards both the spirit of gameplay, the tournament, staff, judges, other players, audience members and anyone else within the space.
2. No offensive language, no derogatory or offensive wording of any kind will be permitted, before, during and after the event within the HPAC space or digital content posted online.
3. No obscene or profane outfits, team names, discussions or equipment coverings allowed including but not limited to controller skins, graphic t-shirts, patches, and other iconography.
4. No Violence or Aggressive behavior of any kind will be tolerated. Games can be frustrating but we require you handle the situation with maturity.
5. Team forfeits must be unanimous if they are proposed.
6. No sore losers, no sore winners. We all like to play games but sportsmanship is key to a great environment and we require adherence to create a welcoming environment now and in the future.

Tournament Rules & conduct

1. The tournament will feature the hit game “Overcooked!” for the Nintendo Switch
2. This will be a single-elimination tournament, in the game’s versus mode, with additional scoring by the judges panel.
3. Participants should bring their own officially licensed nintendo switch controller. Joycon or pro controller are acceptable
4. Punctual Timing is required during the event, if any member of a team is more than 5 minutes late they will automatically forfeit their match.
5. This is an In-person event at HPAC, and all COVID protocols will be mandatory. This may include face masks, social distancing, and other precautions required, see HPAC’s website for up to date information.
6. Initial seed game matches will be randomly assigned team matchups, the remaining will be determined by previous winners.



7. No rule changes after the start of the tournament. HPAC will uphold its own integrity policy by posting all rules by the start of the tournament and they will remain immutable until the tournament has ceased.
8. HPAC Retains the right to correct match outcomes if foul play is found to have occurred, this could be for a number of reasons such as interference, cheating, controller modifications, etc.

HPAC will work proactively to create a welcoming environment where everyone feels safe, regardless of gender, gender identity, origin, physical ability, sexual orientation or religion. And age where applicable.

A goal of HPAC is to encourage a more open and welcoming approach to competitive gaming. Highlighting the most positive examples and rewarding them, sets the tone for our events and online presence. Players will be rewarded for good sportsmanship and behavior.

For parents and supporters

Esports/Competitive gaming is a relatively new phenomenon that became firmly established in the early 2000s. It is about individuals or teams competing against each other in computer or video games. Competitive gaming is also one of the fastest growing sports in the world. It is now a natural part of the lives of many young people, where they spend a lot of time playing the games and on the social platforms where they are discussed.

Despite their enormous popularity, parents can often find it difficult to understand how the games work or what the attraction of them is. This document strives to support esports to build positive norms and to help fulfill the great potential that exists for it to be an inclusive space. The structure of esports is somewhat unique, in that people from very different backgrounds have the opportunity to participate, to a much greater extent than other sports.

- **One of the challenges facing esports is the lack of parental presence.** It is much more difficult for a young sport to build positive frameworks without help from the adult world, so it is therefore important that you as parents get involved in your child's competitive gaming interest. Here are some practical tips on how you as a parent can increase your knowledge of Esports/ Competitive gaming and support your children.
- **Ask about the game.** As a parent, it can sometimes be difficult to come across as vulnerable or lacking in knowledge to your children – most of us expect to be able to answer most of the questions our child asks. It might even feel frustrating that we do not understand much of the child's main interest. The solution may sound simple - ask questions! Genuinely curious questions will often go a long way towards deepening your understanding. Many young people are more than willing to talk about their last game, or

the character they play at the moment, but few get the chance to talk about it with a parent who really engages with them. Dare to give them the time and attention to share their world with you – the payback is truly worth it

- **Show that you value their interest.** Previously the primary meeting points for young people were physical locations such as the local recreation centre, but nowadays a lot of social interaction has moved to online environments. Games and social media are genuinely important for young people's social interaction and the building of self-esteem. There are many opinions on this development, but the fact remains - digital social interaction is important to adolescents and esports is an example of this. As a parent, you need to show that you value the interest and the time your child spends on esports, the same way as you encourage and value other hobbies. Doing so is a prerequisite for being able to talk about competitive gaming in a constructive way - if you do so, your children will talk to you about things that happened in the game environment, both positive and negative, in a natural way.
- **Learn the basics of the game.** You do not need to be an expert on your child's game, but a basic knowledge of it will help your communication with them immensely. A common example of a conflict surrounding the game is mealtimes. Matches vary in time, but they can often take 45 minutes or longer. If a parent knows roughly how long the games are, it becomes easier to set the deadline for when the last game before dinner will start. Of course, everyday life cannot only be guided by the game, but having to leave in the middle of a game in League of Legends, is comparable to being taken from a football match before it is finished. A player who leaves before the end of the game also suffers a penalty, such as a temporary suspension. It also causes problems for the team - it is very difficult to win a game with too few players. Compare that situation with a basketball team that must play a full game with only four players on the court
- **Play together.** For some parents, it might sound far-fetched to sit down at the computer or TV and engage in Video gaming with their child. It may seem complicated or difficult. But it is no different than playing football or reading a book with them. The energy you put into mastering the game will be repaid many times over when you share your child's favorite interests, and when you together experience all the emotions that competitive gaming creates. As a bonus, you increase your knowledge of the game, which makes it much more likely that your child will spontaneously bring up the events in and around the games - they know that you already understand
- **Go to a LAN party.** Take your kids or go yourself. To be at a LAN party, where people get together over a weekend to play games, as a curious onlooker or even as a participant, will go a long way to enhancing your understanding of competitive gaming. It will give you a chance to meet everyone involved in esports, from the organizers to the players, fans and commentators. There is no better way to get an overview of what esports is all about. Get involved in esports events View the LAN party or tournament like any other sporting event! You've probably driven your children to practice for other



sports, or sold hot dogs or coffee when they played a game - why should esports be different? So, help by carrying chairs at the LAN party, by carrying computers or by going with them to a tournament in another town. Parental presence in esports is extremely important when it comes to creating positive norms!

- **A good way to ensure that your children get the most out of esports/competitive gaming, is to contact a club that conducts esports activities.** There are a lot of associations that organize weekly online and physical events. Being part of a club gives your child a chance to meet others to play with, helps them develop their skills and, perhaps most importantly, teaches them about the democratic nature of clubs and federations.