

Mudsock Youth Esports Winter 2026 - Team League

Join Mudsock Youth Esports in our **2026** winter season team league! We are currently offering opportunities for players aged 8-14 in grades 2-9, with assistant coaching opportunities for students in grades 10-12. Players and assistant coaches must reside in the Hamilton Southeastern School District. All esports players must be registered through the Mudsock Youth Athletics Office.

We're proud to partner with Yes! Gaming located at 11447 Overlook Dr, Fishers, IN 46037 to be the home of the 2026 Mudsock Youth Esports season.

At the heart of it all, it's about youth esports. YES! Gaming was started on the foundation that every kid should get a chance to play sports and be a part of a team. We offer an exciting opportunity for kids to develop their skills in esports, compete on professional-grade gaming equipment, and prepare for future opportunities in the growing Esports industry. With a focus on teamwork, training, and competition, YES! Gaming provides a safe and inclusive environment where young gamers can enjoy the thrill of competing, build lifelong friendships, and potentially earn college scholarships through esports programs. Whether aiming for local teams or national tournaments, YES! Gaming ensures that every child has the tools and support to succeed in their gaming journey.

<u>Mission</u>

It is the mission of the Mudsock Youth Esports league to serve the Hamilton Southeastern community through the following:

- **Develop mental agility, problem-solving, resilience and gaming skills** through spirited competition in a supportive environment.
- Instill values of good sportsmanship and fair play, promoting grace in victory and resilience in defeat.

- Teach responsible digital citizenship and online etiquette, providing a safe and trusted space for young gamers to learn and grow.
- Foster a sense of community and belonging, nurturing connections among team members and creating a supportive environment for personal growth and development.

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As a family-owned company, Meijer aims to enrich the lives of families in the communities we serve and help ensure they are great places to live, work and play. Meijer is honored to partner with Mudsock Youth Athletics in its mission of bringing sports to local kids and support them in learning valuable life skills, building friendships, getting active and, most importantly, having fun!

Registration Fees

Open winter registration runs from August 1st – August 31st. Registration will be accepted online at <u>myathletics.com</u>. Winter fees (early bird pricing) will be as follows:

- \$190 for 10U players in grades 2-3. (Includes t-shirt and ALL equipment)
- \$190 for 12U players in grades 4-6. (Includes t-shirt and ALL equipment)
- \$190 for 14U players in grades 7-9. (Includes t-shirt and ALL equipment)

Early bird pricing will be available during the month of August. Beginning September 1, registration fees will increase, and divisions may begin forming waitlists at anytime.

Refund Policy

For the winter 2025-2026 season, the refund policy will be as follows: August 1 – September 15: Refund after the \$44 non-refundable fee September 16 – September 30: 50% refund after the \$44 non-refundable fee October 1 – October 15: 25% refund after the \$44 non-refundable fee After October 15: No refunds

Any additional fees incurred for registration completed after August 31 are also non-refundable.

It is the intention of our league to offer a quality esports gaming experience for all players. Please keep in mind that registration prices may vary in future seasons in response to player and equipment needs. Registration will be capped at 240 players this season, with a goal of 80 players per age bracket division.

Winter 2026

This season will run for 8 weeks beginning January 12th, 2026, through March 7th, 2026. The season schedule will consist of an hour-long, single weeknight practice (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday) with weekly tournaments on either Saturday or Sunday as scheduled. All practices and tournaments are currently scheduled to occur at and be hosted by Yes! Gaming. Any changes in scheduling will be communicated as far in advance as possible. Matches for practice games and tournaments will consist of team battles and focus on improving cooperative team-play skills. The league reserves the right to restrict or modify gameplay in any way necessary in order to maintain fair and balanced play.

After registration closes, families will receive information about the day and time of practice with their team for the entire season. Weekend tournament structure and times will also be communicated once the registration period has closed, and the number of participants has been finalized. **Meet the Team day will be Saturday, January 10th, 2026**.

Special Requests

Teams are formed by Mudsock Youth Esports Board Members. To be fair and ensure teams are balanced, **requests will not be guaranteed** and cannot be accommodated after teams are formed. Requests may include sibling information, social/emotional needs, and gaming experience. **Requests will not be accepted after registration has closed.**

Coaches may choose one assistant coach and one player to be included on their team. If your child participates in more than one activity or sport, Mudsock Youth Esports cannot guarantee the absence of scheduling conflicts as each league operates independently.

Divisions

All teams are co-ed, based on the player's current grade level in school. Please register your player for the division that matches their grade for the 2025-2026 school year.

Division	Eligibility	Players	Titles	Platform
10U	Grades 2-3	4v4	Mario KartSplatoon	Nintendo Switch
12U	Grades 4-6	4v4	Mario KartSplatoon	Nintendo Switch
14U	Grades 7-9	4v4	Rocket LeagueFortnite	Personal Computer (PC)

Coach Information

All of our teams are coached by volunteers; most are parents of players. Being proficient in video games is not a requirement for coaching. Each team will also be connected with a high-school volunteer or knowledgeable staff member from Yes! Gaming as assistant coach. Volunteers are not required to be familiar with video games but should be enthusiastic and willing to learn. Individuals who are interested in coaching should mark their intent to coach on their participant's registration form or contact the Mudsock Youth Athletics office. The team coach's responsibility is to be present and emphasize each week's education focus and to facilitate keeping the team focused during practices and games. Each practice will have a gaming coach present to explain the game being practiced, to demonstrate mechanics, and to help focus on specific areas of improvement each week. Volunteers for gaming coach should be familiar with video games, or willing to learn. All coaches are required to submit a background check and attend a pre-season coach meeting on January 9th, 2026. Please also list on the online registration form if you are interested in being a league sponsor or volunteering on the esports board. Head coaches and assistant coaches receive a complimentary coach shirt, access to practice plans, and league support.

Student Assistant Coaches:

- High school assistant coaches may participate for free in exchange for official accredited volunteer hours toward Service-Based Learning Experience according to new <u>Graduation Pathway Diploma requirements</u> established in 2023.
- Student Assistant Coaches are encouraged to register at myathletics.com during the early bird registration period, Aug 1 – Aug 3

Player Equipment

Yes! Gaming will provide the equipment for the league. Players will be permitted to bring their own equipment to practices or games, but it will be the responsibility of the player to bring any personal equipment to and from the facility. Mudsock Youth Esports and Yes! Gaming are not responsible for missing or damaged equipment that is brought by individual players.

Players are expected to abide by the equipment use rules set forth by Mudsock Youth Esports above and beyond any standards held by Yes! Gaming. While reasonable wear and tear is expected during gameplay, any abuse or intentional destruction of gaming equipment and accessories will be the sole responsibility of the offending player and their family.

All players should abide by the dress-code set by Hamilton Southeastern school district. Players will be asked to wear their provided Mudsock Youth Esports T-shirt for games and tournaments.

League Information:

Website: https://www.myathletics.com/Default.aspx?tabid=1952638

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MudsockYouthEsports
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/mudsockesports/

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