

Club Sports – COVID-19 Response Plan – University of Arkansas esports

Practices

- As esports, we largely participate in group activities from our individual residences.
- Practices are treated the same way, and are held entirely online.
- The infrastructure is largely already there -- all of our players have personal access to their respective game at home that allows them to safely social distance while practicing and playing in scheduled activities.

Competition

- Many tournaments that were held in-person are now held entirely online and can be participated in from the comfort of our home.

Recruiting/Retention

- The ability to contact new players and grow is essential for us to pursue our mission.
- During this fall, the most important thing for us is to continue to grow.
- To mitigate some of this risk, we plan to hold more meetings to get more comfortable with everyone and use video chat to help grow that connection.
- Though this does reduce in-person experiences, this largely does not affect the group as a whole as this kind of interaction was not irregular in the first place.
- When it comes to building a community, a lot of our interactions were already online vs in-person, so that largely does not change going into this Fall semester.
 - We plan to approach this the same as we usually do, with the exception that there will be no in-person events this semester.
- The steps we take this semester in response to the COVID-19 guidelines will be messaged to all of our players to make sure they are aware, though largely this has already been going on without us taking any action (again, this kind of thing was already a regular occurrence and most organizations holding tournaments have already responded in kind).
- If any player and/or manager is found to be willfully breaking guidelines, they will be removed immediately.