Stonybrook Esports Player Package

What are Esports?

Simply put, it is a form of competition that centers around a particular video game. If you have expressed interest in joining Stonybrook Esports, it would be great to get you involved!

Esports Club has two components:

1. **Casual Games**
   - students will have opportunities to meet during or outside school hours for casual games with fellow club members.

2. **Competition**
   - students will also be given opportunities to participate in school, online, and LAN leagues, tournaments, and events in a variety of games. Practices, matches, and tournaments will be run both in person and through our Discord server.

As a prospective Esports club member, you would be representing our school through this outlet. Like any one of our sports teams, it is expected that all interactions and behaviours reflect you, our program, and our school in a manner that is honourable and respectful at all times.

This year there will be a fee of **$20** to participate in teams and lunch hour activities. These fees help us secure our school membership in the Manitoba Middle Years Esports Association, as well as give us the opportunity to purchase new hardware for our students this year as well as future years to help grow our program.

We hope to see you at Stonybrook Esports!

Feel free to forward any questions to **Mr. Connor Wiebe** at *cwiebe@hsd.ca*

Using Discord

Dear Parent/Guardian,

One of the tools we will be using this year is Discord. Discord is an application that you can use on your phone, tablet, or computer that allows you to communicate by messaging or voice with small communities of people. We will be using it as an Esports team for practices, matches, and tournaments.

We are choosing to use Discord as our platform because it is a very low impact program and does not require a strong internet connection to play. It allows for quick and easy breakout sessions so players can organize themselves quickly and efficiently. It is also easy to monitor and supervise using bots and other teachers. It also offers clear and crisp voice chat.

However, Discord has a restriction on accounts to those aged 13+. For parents of students younger than 13, it is suggested that you create an account and then have your child use that account. One account can be used on multiple devices, and it will allow you to see their usage and directly supervise what servers they have access to and private messages.

I (Connor Wiebe) will be running and managing our Esports Discord server. There are also server "bots" that will be moderating speech and ensuring that appropriate language and decorum is being followed. It will be treated as an extension of the school and respect will be an expectation. Attached are our server rules and we ask that both you and your student sign to show an understanding of the rules and supporting the use of the platform. When that is returned, then your child will be provided with an invitation to the Discord Server.

If you have any questions or concerns about Discord specifically, please let me know!

Sincerely,

Mr. Connor Wiebe
Esports Manager
cwiebe@hsd.ca

<u>Esports Club and Discord Server Rules</u>

You must follow the rules of the club and server at ALL TIMES. Failing to do so may lead to **removal from the server**, r**emoval from the gaming club, and potential follow-up at school.**

THIS IS A SCHOOL EXTRACURRICULAR. That means that your actions, behaviour, and language are an extension of the school. If in doubt, ask yourself "Would I do/say this if my teacher was sitting right beside me?" This should answer most of your questions about the rules.

All rules and standards already highlighted by the Student Handbook and Parent Handbook related to students and student athletes apply.

Server Rules:

1. **Current Students only**. At this point we can only run the server for current students. Friends, family members, etc. are not invited and will not be approved for membership.
2. **Appropriate Language**. No cursing in voice or chat, no calling down others, no sexual or inappropriate references. All of these will lead to warnings/bans/further discipline.
3. <u>Respect</u>. Respect yourself, your teammates, and your opponents. That includes:
    a. No self-deprecating language (I suck, I'm terrible, etc.)
    b. No teammate hate (You suck! You're terrible, etc.)
    c. No toxicity toward opponents
4. **Do not organize, participate in, or encourage harassment of others.** Disagreements happen and are normal, but continuous, repetitive, or severe negative comments may cross the line into harassment and are not okay.
5. **Do not make threats of violence or threaten to harm others.** This includes indirect threats, as well as sharing or threatening to share someone's private personal information (also known as doxxing).
6. **Do not evade user blocks or server bans.**
7. **Do not send unwanted, repeated friend requests or messages**, especially after they've made it clear they don't want to talk to you anymore. Do not try to hide your identity in an attempt to contact someone who has blocked you, or otherwise circumvent the tools we have which enable users to protect themselves.
8. **Do not send others viruses** or malware, attempt to phish others, or hack or DDoS them.
9. **In ALL situations, <u>BE KIND</u>**

When in doubt, ask yourself "Would my coach let me get away with this on the basketball court?" If the answer is "probably not", then you can imagine what it is here.

NOTE: Discord only allows students who are 13+ to register their own account. Parents, if your child is younger than 13 then I strongly suggest that you create an account and your child use the same account. You can have one account on multiple devices. This will allow you to see their usage and directly supervise it.

Esports Player Contract/Parent Agreement

I have read and understood the player contract and agree to allow my student to participate in Stonybrook Esports.

Student Name: _____   Student Signature: _____   Date: _____

Parent Name: _____   Parent Signature: _____   Date: _____

Discord Agreement

I have read and understand the **rules of the Discord Server** and agree to adhere to them.

*a student can still be involved in Esports without Discord

Student Name: _____   Student Signature: _____   Date: _____

Parent Name: _____   Parent Signature: _____   Date: _____