



Concord Gamers: Time to Get Your Game On!

City introduces eSports program launching Dec. 28

Concord, Calif. (Dec. 11, 2020) -- Unusual times call for innovative recreation programming! Whether you're brand new to eSports or an experienced gamer, there's a spot for you in the City of Concord Parks & Recreation Department's brand new eSports program, launching this month! eSports describes the world of competitive, organized video gaming. Competitors face off in the same games that are popular with at-home gamers, such as Fortnite, Rocket League, Overwatch and Madden NFL, to name a few.

Concord Mayor Tim McGallian pitched the idea of piloting an eSports program to the Parks & Recreation staff earlier this year and is excited to see it debut this month.

"With the pandemic limiting our ability to recreate in person, eSports is the perfect venue for socializing while you social distance," Mayor McGallian said. "Gamers of all levels can compete to encourage social interaction, foster friendships, and take a break from reality. I'm thrilled that we can offer this pilot program for free to our community and explore further expansion in 2021."

The new recreation league is divided into two age groups, 13-17 years, and 18+ to encourage fair play and maintain a fun and balanced competitive environment. Players register through the City's gaming partner, Mission Control, then select their game of choice in their age category to get their next match scheduled. Players must own their own games and gaming consoles. Prizes, including gift cards to local Concord businesses, will be awarded.

Competition begins December 28 and registration is open now! The initial pilot program is FREE while we all learn together how to compete in this realm of virtual sports. Get your game on and compete! Activate that new Xbox or PlayStation you received during the holidays! Go to www.cityofconcord.org/eSports for more information, registration, and answers to many frequently asked questions.

As always, keep up with Concord Parks & Recreation by visiting the department's website at [Concord Parks & Recreation](#) or [Facebook page](#).

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