

Frequently Asked Questions.

Digital Schoolhouse Splatoon 3 Tournament 2023-2024



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Registration.

How do I register for the esports tournament?

Schools and colleges can sign up via the dedicated Eventbrite page. [Access the Eventbrite page for the esports tournament.](#)

How much does the esports tournament cost?

Registrants are required to pay a refundable commitment deposit of £80.00, in addition to a non-refundable administration fee of £79.99 + VAT upon registration (£159.99 + VAT in total). [Read the Terms and Conditions for more information.](#)

Why do I have to pay to participate in the esports tournament?

The tournament entry fee contributes towards the cost of running the Digital Schoolhouse Splatoon 3 Tournament 2023-2024 and all Schools/Colleges that register to participate within the tournament are required to pay the refundable commitment deposit and admin fee.

I'm a Schoolhouse, do I have to pay to enter the tournament?

You do not have to pay to enter the tournament if you are a certified Schoolhouse appointed by Digital Schoolhouse. Free tournament entry is a benefit of being a certified Schoolhouse.

Supporting resources.

When will I receive my tournament starter pack?

All registrants will receive their esports tournament starter pack upon registration via the dedicated Eventbrite page.

How will I receive my tournament starter pack?

Once you have registered on the dedicated Eventbrite page, you will receive your Joining Instructions via email from Eventbrite. In this email you will find a link to download your tournament starter pack.

Where can I find more information on playing games safely and responsibly?

- **AskAboutGames** - provides advice on how to play games safely and responsibly, answers questions parents and players have about video game age ratings and offer families helpful tips to ensure they get the most out of the games they enjoy together.
[Read more on AskAboutGames.](#)
- **Get Smart About P.L.A.Y** - encourages more parents and carers to use tools that manage screen time and in-game purchases on video game consoles.
[Read more on the Get Smart About P.L.A.Y campaign.](#)
- **PEGI age ratings** - the Pan-European Game Information (PEGI) age rating system was established to help parents make informed decisions on buying computer games. Age ratings are systems used to ensure that entertainment content, such as games, but also films, tv shows or mobile apps, is clearly labelled with a minimum age recommendation based on the content they have.
[Read more on PEGI age ratings.](#)

Logistics.

What do I need to take part?

To run the tournament, educational institutions will need a minimum of the below equipment:

- 8 x Nintendo Switch console (standard, not Lite version)
- 1 x monitor or TV screen with HDMI input
- 8 x copies of Splatoon 3
- 8 x Nintendo Switch online accounts

Is there a limit to the number of participating students?

The greater the number of students participating, the better experience your school or college will have. However, it is important that you declare the name and members of your winning team by the deadline stated by Digital Schoolhouse. You may wish to apply a cap to the number if the competition becomes oversubscribed.

The number of participating students may also depend on how you choose to deliver the school heats.

When do I run the school-heats?

This is designed to be an extra-curricular activity, so we envisage you may have one or more lunch times or after school club sessions devoted to this.

To integrate esports into the classroom, you can use our free esports resources that are curriculum-aligned. These are sent to participants alongside tournament starter pack.

If you have not yet received these resources, please contact dsh@ukie.org.uk.

How many teams per school/college can enter the regional qualifier?

One team of four students (plus one substitute) can enter per school/college.



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Important dates.

As per the Terms and Conditions, Digital Schoolhouse reserves the right to change tournament format, dates, and schedules. Details of the amended schedule(s) will be sent to all registered Schoolhouses and Schools/Colleges at the earliest possible time.

Where and when do the school heats take place?

The school heats will take place from **10am on Friday 8th September 2023**. Please review your esports starter pack for more information on how to deliver heats in school/college.

Where and when do the regional qualifiers take place?

The regional qualifiers are scheduled to take place in Belong Arenas across the UK in **February 2024**. Further information on the organisation of this stage of the tournament will be made available nearer the time.

Where and when do the semi-finals take place?

The semi-finals are scheduled to take place in **March 2024**. These events are planned to take place face-to-face. Further information on the organisation of these events will be made available nearer the time.

Where and when does the grand final take place?

The grand final is scheduled to take place in **April 2024**. This event is planned to take place face-to-face. Further information on the organisation of this event will be made available nearer the time.

Careers coaches.

How do I arrange a careers coach for my school?

If you are interested in receiving the support and guidance of a careers coach in this year's competition, you are required to connect with your industry expert via the Video Games Ambassador network.

[Read more on the Video Games Ambassadors \(VGA\) network.](#)

- Please register your school or college on the Video Games Ambassadors platform. [Access the Video Games Ambassadors platform.](#)
- Once you have registered, you will receive an email from the VGA (Video Games Ambassadors) network explaining how to connect with hundreds of UK game staff looking to make a difference.
- To request the support of a careers coach for the Digital Schoolhouse Splatoon 3 Tournament 2023-2024, you are required to post an 'opportunity.'
 - Please feel free to use any of the [example copy](#), in your opportunity post.
 - This opportunity post will be accessible to all VGAs on the platform. If a VGA would like to volunteer to coach at your school, they will connect with you.
- Once they have connected to your opportunity, you are required to contact them with further information on how they can volunteer.

Are there any restrictions on how we work with the careers coach?

There are no restrictions by Digital Schoolhouse on how your school or college chooses to work with the assigned coach, or how much input they have. This will be for the educational institution and the coach to mutually agree. Likewise, talks, content, arrangements, and organization should be mutually agreed between both parties. For example, your coach may agree to give 1-2 careers talks and provide ongoing mentoring support to students in job roles throughout the school heats.

Example copy

We are looking for a careers coach who is passionate about providing our students with an insight into careers in video games and esports.

You will help coach *[schools/college name]* in the Digital Schoolhouse Splatoon 3 Tournament 2023-2024 by sharing your own careers experiences in industry.

We would like you to *[delete as applicable]*:

- Deliver *[number]* x careers talk via Zoom/in-person
- Provide ongoing mentoring support throughout the *[delete as applicable]*: school heats/ regional qualifiers/ semi-finals e.g., give tips to our players, provide guidance on any of the student job roles listed below
- Participate in a written interview for our school blog

We are looking for online support.

To help deliver the tournament at *[school/college]* and for students to gain insight into real job roles, students will participate in the following job roles *[delete as applicable]*:

- Player
- Team Manager
- Community Manager
- Event Manager
- Commentator/Host
- Tournament Admin
- Production Crew
- Observer

Ideally, you will have a keen interest in esports or work within one of the above job areas. We appreciate your time and support.

Thanks!

Enquiries.

How can I contact a member of the Digital Schoolhouse team?

Please contact dsh@ukie.org.uk for any enquiries.

Regular updates will also be available via [Twitter \(@DigSchoolhouse\)](https://twitter.com/DigSchoolhouse).

How can I become a Digital Schoolhouse?

Digital Schoolhouse applications will open in January 2024.

You can [express your interest](#) to join the programme now or stay tuned by following us on [Twitter \(@DigSchoolhouse\)](https://twitter.com/DigSchoolhouse).