

Terms & Conditions

Digital Schoolhouse Splatoon 3 Tournament 2023-2024.

Please read these Terms and Conditions (“Terms,” “Terms and Conditions”) carefully before participating in the Digital Schoolhouse Splatoon 3 Tournament operated by Digital Schoolhouse (“DSH,” “us,” “we” or “our”) and Ukie. Your participation within the tournament is conditioned on your acceptance of and compliance with these Terms.

“Schoolhouse” (“Certified Schoolhouse”) refers to an academic institution that has been officially appointed to join the programme by the Digital Schoolhouse team, following the application of said academic institution. External Schools/Colleges (“School/College,” “Schools/Colleges”, “External Schools/Colleges”) refers to academic institutions that *have not* been officially appointed to join the programme by the Digital Schoolhouse team.

By participating in the tournament, you agree to be bound by these Terms. If you disagree with any part of this, then do not register to participate within the tournament.

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TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEE

1. The tournament entry fee contributes towards the cost of running the Digital Schoolhouse Splatoon 3 Tournament and all Schools/Colleges that register to participate within the tournament are required to pay the refundable commitment deposit and admin fee.
2. Certified Schoolhouses are exempt from paying the refundable commitment deposit and admin fee.
3. Schoolhouses are eligible to receive a hardware/software loan to enable their participation within the tournament should they require it, so long as the Schoolhouse has registered via the dedicated Eventbrite by **17.00 BST on Friday 13th October 2023**.
4. External Schools/Colleges that are not part of the programme, will be 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**).
 - 4.1. The refundable deposit can be claimed back after School/College participation in their allocated Regional Qualifier event.
 - 4.2. The refundable deposit must be claimed back by Schools/Colleges before **17.00 BST on Friday 29th March 2024**. If a School/College does not claim back the refundable deposit before the deadline of **17.00 BST on Friday 29th March 2024**, they are no longer eligible to claim back their deposit.
 - 4.3. School/College deposits that are not claimed back before the stated deadline of **17.00 BST on Friday 29th March 2024** will go back into the programme to enable Digital Schoolhouse to continue to provide similar careers opportunities.
 - 4.4. The deposit will not be refunded if the School/College does not attend their Regional Qualifier.
 - 4.5. School/College registration closes at **17.00 BST on Friday 20th October 2023**.
5. Payment of the refundable commitment deposit and admin fee is required upon registration via the dedicated Eventbrite page.

RULES

6. Game: **Splatoon 3**
7. Platform: **Nintendo Switch**
8. Format: **4v4 teams (this means 4 people in each team)**
9. Peripherals allowed: The game can easily be played using the Nintendo Joy-Cons that come with the Switch. Students are also allowed to use [GameCube Controllers](#) or [Pro Controllers](#).
10. Age of student participants: **12-18 years old** (this is a strict age limit and DSH has the right to withdraw participants that are not within this specified age range)
11. Each team needs a team **nickname** (these will remain constant throughout the tournament). The team nickname must be appropriate.

RESOURCES

12. All Certified Schoolhouses and Schools/Colleges upon the start date of the tournament (**10.00 BST on Friday 8th September 2023**), will also be eligible to receive the following items:
 - 12.1. Lesson plans and curriculum resources
 - 12.2. Esports Tournament Starter Pack
 - 12.3. Free careers information & guidance
 - 12.4. Real industry expertise and experience
 - 12.5. Dedicated staff support from the DSH team
 - 12.6. Careers coach
 - 12.6.1. Schoolhouses and Schools/Colleges are responsible for requesting a Careers Coach via the [Video Games Ambassadors](#) network as advised by Digital Schoolhouse. Schoolhouses and Schools/Colleges are solely responsible for any Careers Coach sourced outside of the Video Games Ambassadors network.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

13. 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

HARDWARE & SOFTWARE

Certified Schoolhouses only

14. Once DSH (Digital Schoolhouse) has confirmed the participation of **Certified Schoolhouses** in the tournament, they will be eligible to receive the following items on loan:

- 9 x Nintendo Switch console
- 9 x Nintendo Switch Dock
- 18 x Left Joy-Con (colours may vary)
- 18 x Right Joy-Con (colours may vary)
- 18 x Left Joy-Con Strap
- 18 x Right Joy-Con Strap
- 18 x Joy-Con Grip
- 9 x AC Adaptor
- 9 x HDMI Cable
- 9 x Splatoon 3
- 9 x Nintendo Switch Online (NSO) accounts

15. If hardware/software is provided by DSH to a Certified Schoolhouse, and that hardware/software adheres to future tournament Terms and Conditions, said Certified Schoolhouse will not be allocated further hardware/software for future tournaments.
- 15.1. Certified Schoolhouses are responsible for ensuring that any loaned hardware is kept in good condition.
- 15.2. Upon withdrawal from the programme, Certified Schoolhouses should return any loaned hardware immediately to Digital Schoolhouse to the address specified by DSH.
- 15.3. Certified Schoolhouses are responsible for the damage and/or loss of hardware and are liable to cover the costs of any damaged or lost items.
- 15.4. Certified Schoolhouses are responsible, but not obligated to, ensure that any loaned hardware is covered by their own insurance policy.
- 15.5. Certified Schoolhouses are responsible for deep-cleaning loaned hardware in between usages.
- 15.6. Upon receipt of loaned hardware, Certified Schoolhouses are responsible for deep-cleaning loaned hardware prior to use.

External Schools/Colleges only

16. Schools/Colleges are not eligible to receive a hardware/software loan.

FORMAT

17. The “School Heats” are organised by the participating School/College and will take place in school.
18. All other stages of the tournament are expected to take place face-to-face at venues around the UK. Schoolhouses and Schools/Colleges will be informed about the final format of the “Regional Qualifiers”, “Semi-finals” and “Grand Final” before the end of autumn term 2023.

KNOCKOUT EVENTS

19. Due to the logistics of the tournament, DSH reserves the right to withdraw a Certified Schoolhouse and School/College if DSH does not receive specified details requested by DSH regarding tournament logistics up 7 working days prior to the event taking place.
20. All schools participating in the tournament must attend their regional qualifier event and subsequent events that they qualify for. If schools are unable to do so, they must inform DSH at least 7 working days prior to the event taking place.
21. All students must be accompanied by at least 1 member of staff to all Knockout Events.
22. DSH reserves the right to change tournament formats, dates, and schedules. Details of the amended schedule(s) will be sent to all registered Schoolhouses and Schools/Colleges at the earliest possible time.
23. DSH reserves the right to change venues for face-to-face Knockout Events. Details of the venue change will be sent to all registered Schoolhouses and Schools/Colleges at the earliest possible time.

WITHDRAWAL

24. Payment of fees should be made upon registration.
25. Certified Schoolhouses and Schools/Colleges may be withdrawn from the tournament for:
- 25.1. Non-payment of the refundable commitment deposit of **£80.00** and the non-refundable administration fee of **£79.99 + VAT**.
 - 25.2. Inappropriate conduct by the Certified Schoolhouse, School/College, or its students.
 - 25.3. Failure to abide by the Terms and Conditions as laid out within this document.
26. Payment of the commitment deposit of **£80.00** is only refundable if a School/College participates in a Regional Qualifier and is not found in breach of these Terms and Conditions. The **£79.99 + VAT** admin fee is non-refundable.
27. Upon withdrawal from the tournament all hardware/software that was supplied by DSH for the tournament should be immediately returned.
28. Schools/Colleges have a **7-day period to request a refund of the commitment deposit (£80.00)** which starts immediately, from the point of School/College registration on the dedicated Eventbrite page. Schools/Colleges can obtain a refund of the commitment deposit if they confirm their withdrawal from the competition within this 7-day period, up until midnight of the seventh day. The **administration fee of £79.99 + VAT is non-refundable**.
29. Schools/Colleges are required to submit a refund request by emailing dsh@ukie.org.uk to confirm their withdrawal from the tournament.

MARKETING AND MEDIA

30. DSH reserves the right to use feedback and media received by Schoolhouses and Schools/Colleges for marketing purposes.
31. There will be photography and/or videography at all face-to-face and online Knockout Events. The footage captured will be taken by the DSH team and associated colleagues. Knockout Events are also likely to have a strong press and media presence who may wish to carry out their own photography and videography of the event.
32. It is the Schoolhouses and School/College's responsibility:
- 32.1. To ensure that appropriate parental permissions have been sought prior to the Knockout Events.
 - 32.2. To ensure that appropriate parental permissions have been sought prior to sending media to DSH.
 - 32.3. To identify any members of their party that are not covered by appropriate permissions and therefore should not be included in any media footage taken at the Knockout Events.
 - 32.4. To have available at request by DSH, copies of appropriate permission forms providing evidence that parental permission has been sought and given.

SAFEGUARDING

33. Schoolhouses and schools/colleges are solely responsible for the safeguarding of participating pupils in the tournament.