



SCHOOL ESPORTS HANDBOOK

VERSION 3.0

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South Africa

What's new?



HANDBOOK UPDATES

Payment info added

Individual school payment

Requesting an invoice added

Videos for above updated

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the fourth year of ASL. This year we are very excited to announce more opportunities for students and teachers in the esports field. Our focus for 2026 is to ensure schools, players and parents have as much information as possible to support, plan and play in our leagues and surrounding events. I hope you are ready for what we have in store for 2026.

Adam Thomas-James, ACGL EDU Specialist



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LEVEL UP YOUR SCHOOL ESPORTS GEAR



LAPTOPS

GAMING LAPTOPS

Dive into our lineup of Gaming Laptops that are like power-ups for your team! They'll make sure your players, coaches, or staff can crush it with all the games in the Nitro ASL 2025 Season!

ESPORTS BUNDLES

WE'LL TAKE THE LOT!

Get ready to level up! We've crafted epic esports bundles that's got everything your gaming stars need: a powerhouse PC, a dazzling monitor, a throne-worthy chair, a slick mousepad, and all the cool peripherals to make their gaming dreams come true!



FURNITURE

THE D35K

We are thrilled to let you in on our best-kept secret. Announcing our very own desk design! Crafted to be easily movable, effortlessly clean, and ergonomically tailored for the champions of esports.

Contact us if you want to find out more...

GET IN TOUCH!



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PRIZES FOR 2026

3 x R60 000

We are proud to offer three scholarships to the value of R60 000 each for North-West University.

RULES

- Students will receive points for participating in NITRO ASL. The point allocation is detailed on the following page.
- Only one game will count towards the total points.
- If opponents forfeit points will still be awarded provided there is communication.
- A written component will need to be completed at AGC.
- The award will be offered to the top three students.
- Other bursaries such as for academic performance may be added to the scholarship.
- Students can win this scholarship in multiple years and have it stack for when they matriculate.



POINT SYSTEM

POINTS AWARDED	DESCRIPTION
10*	Each online match played this year (for term 1 and 2 fixtures)
150	1st for AGC Game Title
100	2nd for AGC Game Title
75	3rd for AGC Game Title
50	4th for AGC Game Title
25	5th for AGC Game Title
15	6th for AGC Game Title
10	7th for AGC Game Title
5	8th for AGC Game Title

*Max 11 matches (11x10=110)



REGISTRATION

R100 / student
for the year

What does that get you?

- Entrance to NITRO ASL Esports Online League
- 11 online matches (minimum) in safe and competitive environments
- Certificates for each term
- Eligibility to win scholarship

Your registration also goes towards our stream, resources, weekly articles, monthly magazine and admins.

5% of your registration fee goes into a fund for disadvantaged schools.



CAN I PLAY WITHOUT THE REGISTRATION COST?

YES



Your school can still use the ASL website features such as tournament creation and play internal matches.

Your school will still be informed about events in your area.

If your school cannot afford to pay the registration fee but wishes to participate please fill out [this link](#) for disadvantaged schools.



FIRST TIME TEACHER?



LET'S GET STARTED

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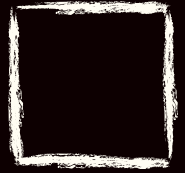
STEP 1

SIGN UP YOUR SCHOOL



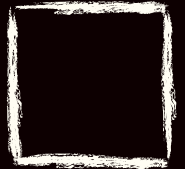
STEP 2

SIGN UP YOUR STUDENTS



STEP 3

REGISTRATION



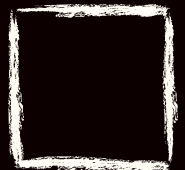
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SIGN UP FOR TOURNAMENTS



STEP 5

PLAY



YOUR MOVE!



STEP 1

SIGN UP YOUR SCHOOL

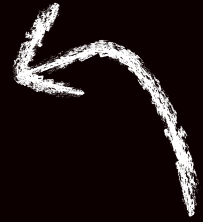


CHECK OUT THE WALKTHROUGH VIDEO

- 1 Check if your school is a participating school.
- 2 If not please click the “ADD MY SCHOOL” button on the homepage. Follow the instructions.
- 3 A page for your school will be created by an admin.
- 4 The teacher in charge or coach can then create an ACGL account.
- 5 They will need to verify their account via cellphone or email.
- 6 They will need to navigate to the ASL site by clicking the top most left icon and then “ASL”.
- 7 Please “log in” at the top most right icon. They will be prompted to link their ACGL and ASL account. Please enter as a “coach” and select the correct school.
- 8 Please send an email stating that you have created a “coach” account. Our admins will then verify it.
- 9 After verification you can mass import your students or students can start signing up. (more in step 2).

STEP 2

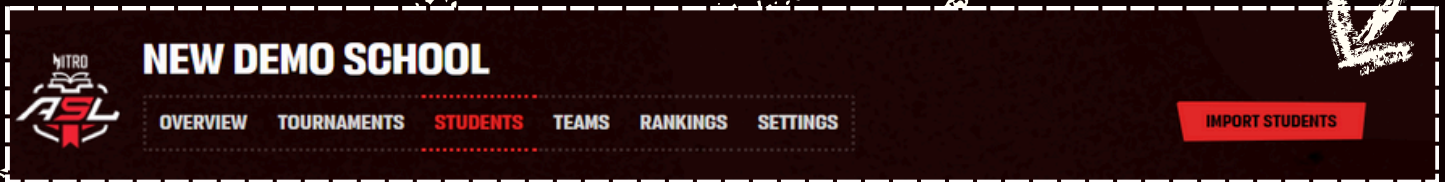
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1

A coach can mass import students in the students tab of your school. Please follow the instructions there. A random password for each account will be sent to the emails provided. Please make sure your school allows emails from external sources.



2

A coach or student can also create an ACGL account in the same manner as the fourth point in [Step 1](#).

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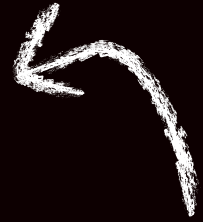
If you created a “coach” account please send an email to schools@acgl.gg. Our admins will then verify it. If you created a student account a coach from your school will need to verify you.

NEXT STEP



STEP 3

REGISTRATION



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There are **two options** to pay for registration.

Option 1: Student Payment

Option 2: School Payment

STUDENT SUBSCRIPTION

R100

Per student / year

- ✓ Online league access
- ✓ 11+ matches guaranteed
- ✓ Certificates
- ✓ Scholarship eligibility
- ✓ National events access

BUY NOW

STEP 3

REGISTRATION



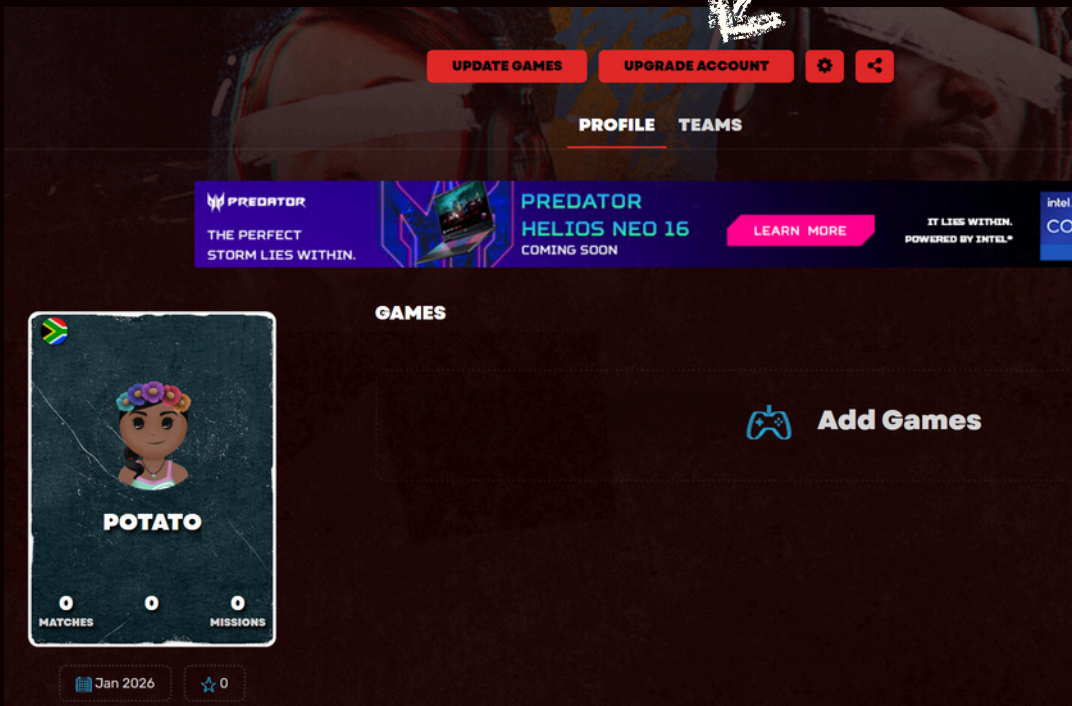
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Option 1: Student Payment

Students can purchase the registration fee through our online store or on their profile. Please follow the prompts from the shop to complete your order. If a coach is logged in they will be prompted to confirm for all students in the school.



OR



STEP 3

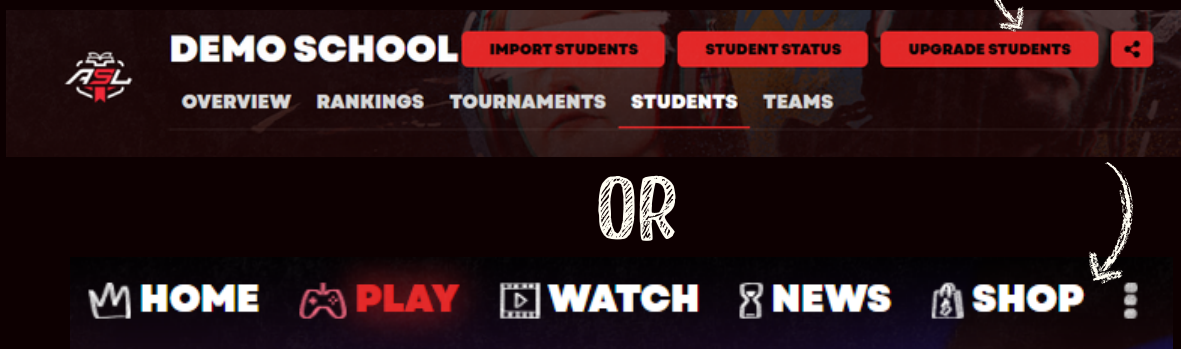
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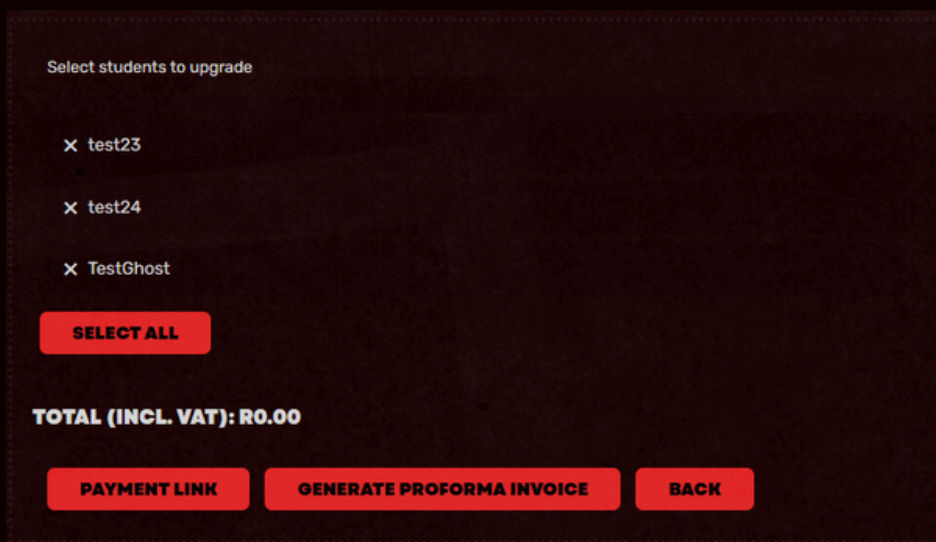
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Option 2: School Payment

As a coach you can navigate to the students tab for your school and select upgrade students or go to the shop.



You can select which students you want to register (students that have paid or are archived won't appear). You can then follow the prompts to either pay via standard online options or generate an invoice. Don't forget to send a proof of payment if you choose to pay via EFT from the invoice.



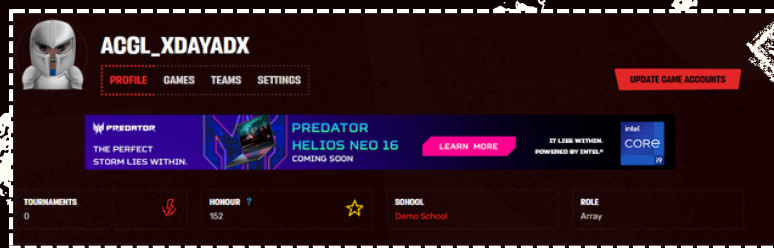
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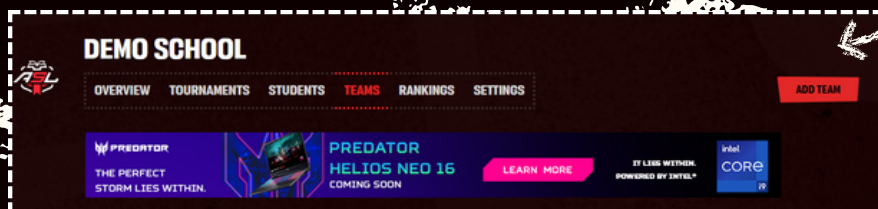
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- 1 Students need to go to their profile and click “UPDATE GAME ACCOUNTS” on the top right hand side. They will need to fill in usernames of the games they wish to play in.



- 2 Students can sign up to games for individuals in the “Leagues” tab on the left. Term 1 tournaments are linked [here](#).

- 3 If the game is a team based game an admin/coach account will need to create a team in the “teams” tab on your school page.



- 4 A coach will need to invite players into the team.
- 5 The team can then be entered into team games here.
- 6 Fixtures for ASL will be released on

STEP 5

PLAY



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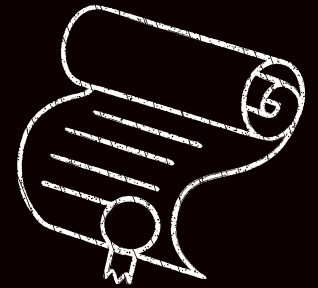
- 1 On day 1 all ASL fixtures for the term will be released.
- 2 Every Monday after, you will need to communicate when you are available your weekly match in the match page. The match page has additional information such
 - Gaming account details
 - Host (if applicable)
 - **Rules**
 - Chat box.
- 3 You are expected to message between 18:00-18:30 on Monday with your opponent.

If you cannot make that time slot please message in advance with your availability. If you have not given possible dates and times by the end of the communication window you will be forfeited for the week. The match deadline is when the game needs to be completed by.
- 4 If a time cannot be secured for the week please get permission from an admin for an extension.
- 5 After the game is played please enter the score of the match.

STEP 5

PLAY

CONTINUED



- ① At the end of the term you will be given a certificate congratulating you on where you placed in your group.
- ② If there is any issue such as suspected cheating, unsportsmanlike behaviour or incorrect score entering please click the dispute button to summon an admin. Admins check on-going matches every day at 18:00.
- ③ If you need additional support please feel free to use the ASL Discord Support Ticket System.

ACGL has a zero tolerance policy for racism, homophobia and misogyny please note that any extreme unsportsmanlike behaviour will result in a forfeit and possible ban depending on the severity.



STEP 5

PLAY (BATTLE ROYALE)



- 1 Sign up for either Fortnite or Apex Legends. You will need to play two lobbies once a week starting at 16:00.
- 2 Fortnite, due to how many participants enter, has three possible slots (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday). Please choose the day which works best for your team. In term 2 your team may be invited to play in the Premiere Division based on term 1 results. Premiere Division games take place at **17:00 on a Wednesday**.
- 3 Between an hour before the tournament starts you or your coach need to “check-in” the team. This just ensures you are present so that there are no empty slots being taken.
- 4 Follow the instructions on either the website or Discord for joining the lobby. Very detailed instructions will be on each game’s tournament page.
- 5 After you sign up in the first week you will automatically be put into the same day in the following week if your team played. If your team misses a week or wants to change days please reregister on the day you wish to take part in.
- 6 Scores are captured automatically so please make sure your ASL Fortnite details are up to date. If they are incorrect you will not receive a score.



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OVERVIEW

The 2026 Calendar will be comprised of three key segments:

1. ONLINE LEAGUES



The Nitro ASL (ACGL School League) will take place over two terms.

The leagues will be used for seeding, ranking and invitation for national events.

2. REGIONAL EVENTS



Regional events are provincial based competitions, and workshops that take place on a local level. These events allow for in-person esports competitions to take place and can act as qualifiers to National Events.

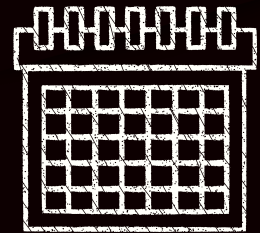
3. NATIONAL EVENTS



National Events are the culmination points for online leagues and regional events. They bring together schools from around the country to a centralized competition.



FORMAT



Dates:

Term 1 Sign Ups Open	12th January
Term 1 Sign Ups Close	2nd February

PAYMENT WEEK

Term 1 Games	9th February - 9th March
Term 2 Sign Ups Open	9th March
Term 2 Sign Ups Close	10th April
Term 2 Games	13th April - 1st June

AGC the week of the 16th-19th of July.*

*Dates tentative until venue confirms

Term 1:

4 weeks of single fixtures. Game times can be organised on the [website](#) except for [Battle Royale](#) games such as Fortnite and Apex Legends. Groups will determine seeding for second term.

Term 2:

7 weeks of single fixtures separated by skill divisions. Results for this term will directly affect LAN placements.



TERM 3

Term 3 Sign Ups Open

21st July

Term 3 Sign Ups Close

Until the tournament starts

Term 3 Games

27th July - 24th August

Term 3 is our “silly season” where alternative game modes and new titles are tested. If enough students sign up we may consider them for future competitive games in 2027.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CURRO ONLINE LEAGUE

CLICK HERE



Everyone
welcome!

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REGIONAL EVENTS



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- Nelspruit
 - Gauteng
 - Western
 - Kwa-Zulu Natal
- | | |
|-------|-----------|
| Dates | 20-21 Feb |
| | 27-28 Mar |
| | 17-18 Apr |
| | 4-5 Sep |



Tournaments hosted at Hyprop Malls across South Africa

NATIONAL EVENTS



ACGL Gaming Championships

Gaming tournament bringing universities, organisations and schools together. NITRO ASL Finals are played at this event.

Date 16th-17th July



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Grand Finale LAN

CURRO's Grand Finale LAN that is open to all schools in South Africa. Many Powered by CURRO titles will have their finals at this event.

Date 28 Sep -1 Oct



All paths converge at AGC, an event designed to nurture and promote the growth of African esports. South Africa's premiere Esports event caters to schools, universities as well as a public pro division.

PHOTOS

VIDEO

[CLICK HERE](#)

DATE: 16/07-17/07

VENUE: TBA

FEATURED GAMES*



BRAWLHALLA

FORTNITE



More information to be released closer to the time.

*These are school games not the games offered to the public division.



GAMES



Rocket League

24

Valorant

25

Brawlhalla

26

Fortnite

27

EAFC 26

28

Clash Royale

29

Chess

30

League of Legends

31

Brawl Stars

32

Marvel Rivals

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ROCKET LEAGUE



3 V 3



CROSS PLATFORM

AVAILABLE ON



TERM 1

TERM 2

NATIONAL EVENTS



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VALORANT



5 V 5



PC



16+*

AVAILABLE ON



TERM 1
TERM 2



TERM 3

NATIONAL EVENTS



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*Consent forms sent out in Term 1

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BRAWLHALLA



1V1



CROSS PLATFORM

AVAILABLE ON



TERM 1
TERM 2



HIGH
PRIMARY

NATIONAL EVENTS



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FORTNITE

 3 V 3  CROSS PLATFORM  13+*

AVAILABLE ON



TERM 1
TERM 2

NATIONAL EVENTS



Please read time and format on page 17

***Consent forms sent out in Term 1**



EAFC 26



1V1



CROSS PLATFORM

AVAILABLE ON



TERM 1

TERM 2

NATIONAL EVENTS





CLASH ROYALE



1V1



MOBILE

AVAILABLE ON



TERM 1

TERM 2

online only



CHESS



1V1



MOBILE

AVAILABLE ON



TERM 1

TERM 2

online only



LEAGUE OF LEGENDS



5 V 5



PC

AVAILABLE ON



TERM 1

TERM 2

online only



BRAWLSTARS



3 V 3



MOBILE

AVAILABLE ON



TERM 1

TERM 2

online only



MARVEL RIVALS

 6 V 6  CROSS PLATFORM  13+*

AVAILABLE ON



TERM 1
TERM 2

online only



APEX LEGENDS

 3 V 3  CROSS PLATFORM  13+*

AVAILABLE ON



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Week 1	28 March
Week 2	18 April
Week 3	16 May
Week 4	25 July
Week 5	22 August
Week 6	12 September



OVERWATCH 2

 5 V 5  CROSS PLATFORM  13+*

AVAILABLE ON



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ESPORTS

HIGH

PRIMARY

NATIONAL EVENTS



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DOTA 2



5 V 5



PC

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TERM 2

NATIONAL EVENTS



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MINECRAFT PVP



5 V 5



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TERM 3 WITH AGE CATEGORIES

NATIONAL EVENTS



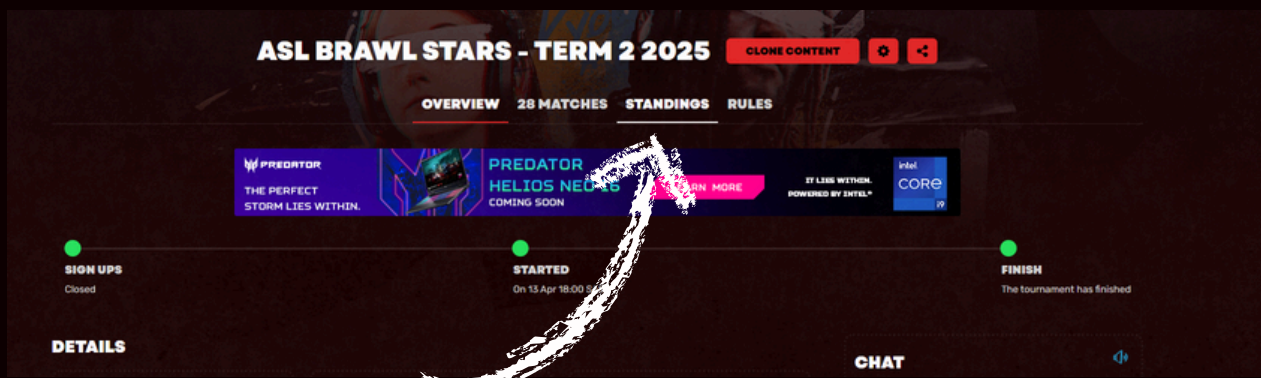
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CERTIFICATES



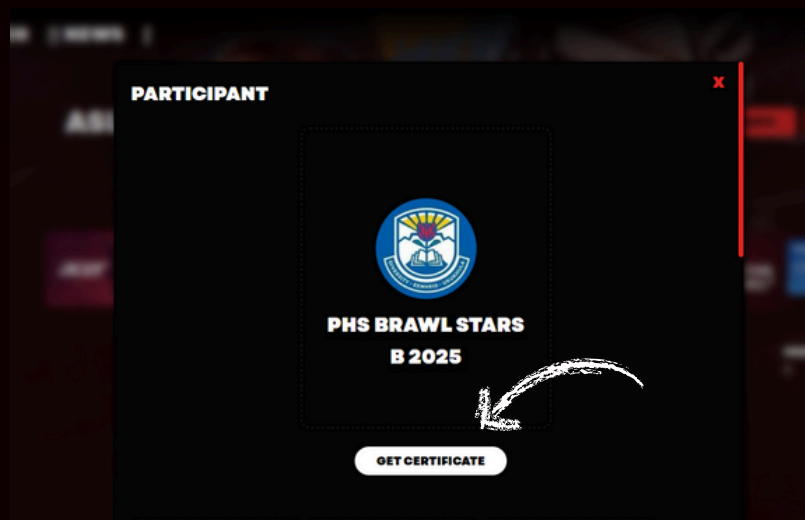
STEP 1 Go to the tournament you want a certificate for.

STEP 2 Navigate to the "STANDINGS" tab.



STEP 3 Select your team/player.

STEP 4 Click "GET CERTIFICATE".



[For a full video please click this link.](#)



COMMUNICATION

For tournament related queries please email:

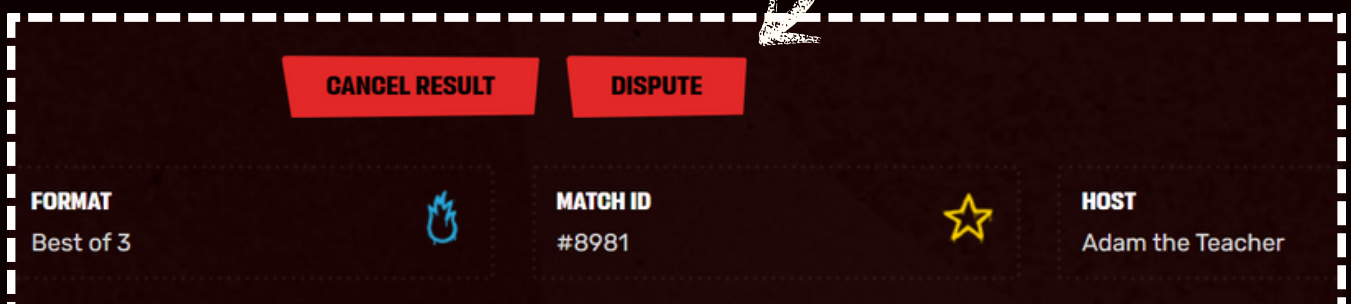
ethan@acgl.gg or schools@acgl.gg



or create a support ticket in our [Discord](#).



Disputes for specific matches can be made on the match page on the website.





WORKSHOPS

interested in esports workshops?

We will be hosting workshops every term on various esports and gaming topics such as streaming, tournament operations, content creation, coaching and many more.

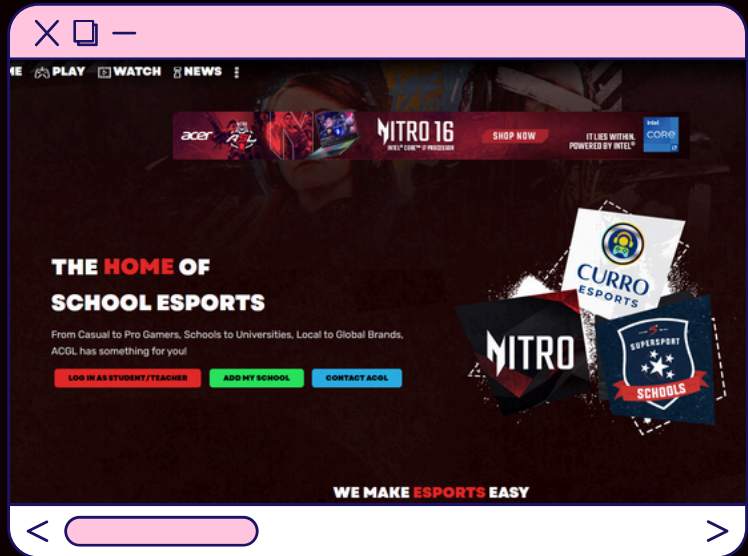
If you are interested please follow this [link](#) and we will email you with an update.





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