



## News Release

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### **McAllister Recreation Center to facilitate new esports league**

**LAFAYETTE, IN – April 26, 2022** – McAllister Recreation Center has announced a new esports program that is now available for registration through June 26, 2022. McAllister Recreation Center is partnering with GGLEagues, an online esports gaming company, to bring in a new program that offers players a safe and fun way to participate in a community activity from home.

“Esports is growing in popularity rapidly around the world,” said Program Coordinator Tyler Laufman. “While we are not going worldwide, we are going statewide by participating in the Indiana Esports Rec League through GGLEagues. We are so excited to offer this new program to the Greater Lafayette community. Not only will the esports experience provide players with a safe alternative to getting together in person, it also provides a great opportunity to compete in an environment for those that may not be able to or choose not to play in traditional sports.”

Gamers can expect the following games: Madden 22 (XBox S Series and X Series, Playstation 5), Rocket League (XBox One, Xbox S Series and X Series, Playstation 4/5, Nintendo Switch, PC), Fortnite (XBox One, Xbox S Series and X Series, Playstation 4/5, Nintendo Switch, PC), Super Smash Bros (Nintendo Switch), and Mario Kart 8 Deluxe (Nintendo Switch).

Participants can choose from one of three age groups: youth division (ages 8-12 years), teen division (ages 13-18 years), adult division (ages 18 years and up). The season starts the week of July 11 with games being played on varying days depending on the game title. Players will participate from their own homes and by purchasing a GGLEagues summer esports pass for \$40. Players can compete in as many different games as they would like. The registration deadline for the summer season is June 26.

“GGLeagues is excited to be partnering with Lafayette Parks & Recreation and the McAllister Recreation Center to bring esports to the Lafayette community,” said Erich Bao, CEO of GGLEagues. “Esports continues to grow and it’s communities like Lafayette who are at the forefront of bringing esports to recreational gamers. We are thrilled to be empowering our partners to provide fun, safe esports competitions for players of all skills and ages.”



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At the end of the season, players will participate in a two week playoff and championship event to crown a champion of the Indiana region. Winners for each region will receive a GGLEagues champion shirt and medal.

Participants may register through McAllister Recreation Center by visiting <https://lafayette.in.gov/mcallister>

To play, participants must have a console/computer to play on, an email address, own the game they are registering to play and have the ability to play live. All games are monitored by GGLEagues and players are held to a code of conduct to maintain a fun and safe gaming atmosphere. Visit <https://www.ggleagues.com/page/esports-passes> for more detailed information.

Parents wishing to learn more about GGLEagues and online safety for their children can visit the GGLEagues Parents Page: <https://www.ggleagues.com/parents>

### **About Lafayette Parks and Recreation**

The Lafayette Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains 700 acres of land within the City of Lafayette. This includes the maintenance of more than 27 miles of paved trails. The city's trails are open to the public and can be used for a variety of activities including walking, running, biking, rollerblading, and more.

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