

WHAT IS VALORANT?

VALORANT is a free-to-play, 5v5 multiplayer team-based first-person tactical hero shooter game developed and published by Riot Games. In the game, teams take turns attacking and defending. The attacking team's goal is to plant a bomb (called a spike) and have it detonate, while the defending team tries to avoid that. This game is rated TEEN and is appropriate for players 13 years and older.

HOW LONG DOES THE SEASON LAST?

The VALORANT season starts **Wednesday, February 7th** and runs for **four weeks** until February 28th. Games are 5v5 and matches are played online **every Wednesday evening from 6:00pm to 7:30pm**. The tournament finals will take place online on **Saturday, March 2nd from 9:00am to 3:00pm**

HOW DO STUDENTS PARTICIPATE?

Players play matches from their own homes, on their own devices using the match information provided by OSEA. Every team **must** be connected to its coach during all matches using an online platform approved by the school (e.g., Google Meet or Microsoft Teams) and coaches **must** be available on Discord during schedule matches.

HOW MANY TEAMS CAN A SCHOOL ENTER?

A school may enter up to **five teams** as long as a coach is available to properly supervise and provide support/coaching. Teams are composed of 5 players, with the option to add up to 2 substitutes for a maximum of 7 players.

WHAT IS THE COST TO PARTICIPATE?

Participation in OSEA events and tournaments requires an active school membership, which costs \$100. The game itself is free to download and free to play.

WHAT IS MY ROLE AS A COACH?

You do **NOT** need to know anything about VALORANT[™] or esports, and you don't have to be a gamer yourself in order to coach! All you need is a positive attitude, a willingness to learn, and a commitment to help support students as they develop their skills! Coaches must be present (online or in person) with their teams during all matches, which involves a weekly commitment of 90 minutes on Wednesday evenings. For everything else, we're here to help and support you so that your students can be successful!

ARE THERE PRIZES?

OSEA does not offer monetary prizes for events or tournaments. The winning teams will be crowned Provincial Champions and will receive a trophy and/or medals to display in their school. But the best prize is getting the opportunity to compete with your teammates against other schools in Ontario while having fun!

IS THERE A CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL?

YES! The championship final will take place online on **Saturday, March 2nd** from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm.** Matches will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel, and our volunteer broadcasters will provide shoutcasting and commentary.

HOW DO TEAMS REGISTER?

The registration deadline is Friday, February 2nd at 11:59pm. Coaches can register their teams at <u>www.osea.gg.</u>

WHAT INFORMATION DO I NEED TO REGISTER?

Players will require a Riot Games account in order to play VALORANT. Coaches will need to record their players' Riot Games account usernames when they register their team(s). This information is used by OSEA exclusively for registration purposes and tournament play; all data is destroyed at the end of the tournament season.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?

We're here to help! Please reach out to us at info@osea.gg with any questions you may have about the VALORANT[™] season or tournament.

