

**University of California, Irvine  
Study Information Sheet**

***Parenting a Child in a High School Esports League***

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- Please read the information below and ask questions about anything that you do not understand. A researcher listed above will be available to answer your questions.
- You are being asked to participate in a research study. Participation in this study is voluntary. You may choose to skip a question or a study procedure. You may refuse to participate or discontinue your involvement at any time without penalty or loss of benefits. You are free to withdraw from this study at any time. **If you decide to withdraw from this study you should notify the research team immediately.**
- You are being asked to participate in a research study that aims to identify key points of interest from parents/guardians who have children that play video games.
- You are eligible to participate in this study if you are the parent/legal guardian of a child that participants in the North America Scholastic Esports Federation (NASEF) league.
- The research procedures involve long form interviews. These interviews can be held online, over the phone, or in person. These interviews can also be in a one on one setting or structured as focus group. Interview format will be at your preference and discretion. If applicable, Follow-Up intervals may be sought by researchers. The research procedures will last about 30 minutes to 2 hours. Interviews and/or Focus group's audio may be recorded. Any such recording will be announced at the beginning of the interview/focus group and your permission and consent will be sought. By the nature of audio recordings, individual names and other identifiable information may be captured.
- Possible risks/discomforts associated with the study are *minimal and are not greater than those experienced daily for the general public. Examples of discomforts are: feelings of embarrassment while talking in a group setting or for interview topics. Examples of risks are breach on confidential of interview responses.*
- There are no direct benefits from participation in the study. However, this study will be among the first few evaluations of a high school esports league in the USA that we are aware of. As such, it has the potential to break new ground in games research in terms of how this new form of athletics affects the parent/child relationship dynamics.
- There are no alternative procedures available. The only alternative is not to participate in this study.
- All research data collected will be stored securely and confidentially all electronic data will be stored on a password protected computer. Only research personnel involved with the study will have access to the de-identified data. All personnel have been trained on the importance of data confidentiality. Additionally, there is the possibility that names will be spoken during the interview/focus group audio recordings. These recordings will be transcribed and de-identified within one month of collection. The deidentified transcriptions will be stored on a secure network server for up to 5 years. The audio

recordings will be deleted within two months of collection to allow for error checking of the transcriptions.

- The research team, authorized UCI personnel, and regulatory entities, may have access to your study records to protect your safety and welfare.

While the research team will make every effort to keep your personal information confidential, it is possible that an unauthorized person might see it. We cannot guarantee total privacy.

- Your information collected as part of this research will not be used or distributed for future research studies.
- The researchers intend to keep the research data until analysis of the information is completed. Interview audio will be transcribed within 1 month. Audio recordings will be maintained for 2 months to allow researchers to check for errors in transcriptions. After the 2 months all audio recordings will be destroyed. Any Names or other identifiable information recorded will be de-identified and censored from the transcriptions.
- You will receive a custom UCI Esports sports jersey valued at \$50 for your participation in this study. At the end of the interview you be able to select the size of the jersey. Additionally, your contact information (Name, Phone Number, and Postal Address) will be collected to deliver your jersey when it is ready. This contact information will be kept separate from any research data collected and will be destroyed when the jersey is confirmed to be delivered.
- There is no cost to you for participation in this study. However, there may be out-of-pocket expenses such as parking and transportation fees.
- If, during the course of this study, significant new information becomes available that may relate to your willingness to continue to participate, this information will be provided to you by the research team listed at the top of the form.
- If you have any comments, concerns, or questions regarding the conduct of this research please contact the researchers listed at the top of this form.
- It is important that you promptly tell the researchers if you believe that you have been injured because of taking part in this study. You can tell the researcher in person or call him/her at the number listed at the top of this form.
- Please contact the UCI Institutional Review Board by phone, (949) 824-6662, by e-mail at [IRB@research.uci.edu](mailto:IRB@research.uci.edu) or at 141 Innovation Drive, Suite 250, Irvine, CA 92697 if you are unable to reach the researchers listed at the top of the form and have general questions; have concerns or complaints about the research; have questions about your rights as a research subject; or have general comments or suggestions.

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