ESPORTS AGE GUIDE 2021

This guide is designed to inform parents, children and teachers which competitively-played video games are suitable for various age groups, from 3+ up to 18+. We've included official PEGI age ratings where possible, however some PC download-only games do not have age ratings, so we've also offered our own recommendations at points. See the blurb at the bottom of this infographic and below Counter-Strike for more information.

For more information including typical game length and price, visit www.britishesports.org

GETTING STARTED: SPORTS GAMES IDEAL FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

1V1

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Football simulation
Typical game length: 10 mins

FORZA MOTORSPORT

VARIES

Motorsport racing game
Typical game length: 5-10 mins

F1

VARIES

F1 racing game
Typical game length: 10-15 mins

PROJECT CARS 2

VARIES

Simulation racing game
Typical game length: 10 mins

GRAN TURISMO SPORT

VARIES

Racing game
Typical game length: 5-15 mins

ASSETTO CORSA

Football simulation
Typical game length: 10 mins

ROCKET LEAGUE

3V3

Football with cars
Typical game length: 5 mins

motoGP

11 RACERS

Motor racing game
Typical game length:10-15 mins

EA SPORTS MADDEN NFL

1V1

American football simulation
Typical game length: 10 mins

Motor racing game
Typical race length: 20-30 mins

NEXT STEPS: FIRST STRATEGY TITLES AND SHOOTERS

1V1

Tower defense strategy game
Typical game length: 3 mins

Turn-based strategy card game
Typical game length: 5-15 mins
Pictures or sounds likely to be scary to young children

1V1

Users must be at least 13 years of age to register for an account to play.

1V1

Monster brawler

Non realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters

Pokken is played competitively using the Pokken Tournament Pro Pad

7V7

Team based tank war game
Typical game length: 5-10 mins

Violence that is not shown but is implied

1V1

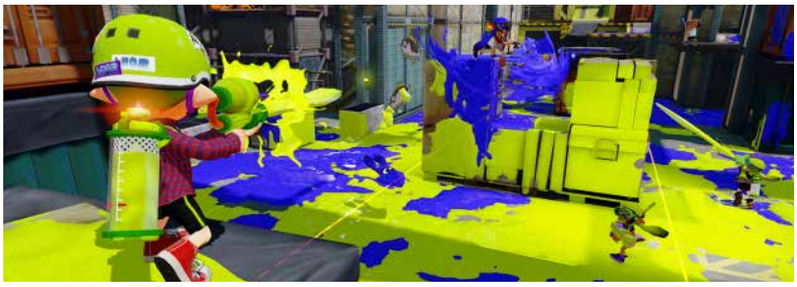
2V2

Cartoon-like fighting game
Typical game length: under 10 mins

1V1

Monster collecting and turn-based battle game
Typical game length: 10-15 mins

Non realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters



4V4

Paint shooter
Typical game length: 3 mins

Non realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters

Splatoon is played competitively using the WiiU GamePad or Switch controllers rather than the Wiimote

MULTIPLAYER ONLINE BATTLE ARENA (MOBA) GAMES AND MORE FOR TEENS

LEAGUE OF LEGENDS

5V5

Most-played MOBA
Typical game length: 30-50 mins

Realistic looking violence towards non human looking characters, non realistic looking violence towards human characters, animated violence, some characters and costumes depict scantily clad women.

*12+ *League of Legends holds a PEGI 12 rating. However, in order to play the game, the user has to accept the Terms of Use, which state that the proper age to play League is 13+, so players have to be 13 or over to be able to play League of Legends.*

DOTA 2

5V5

Fantasy battle arena matches
Typical game length: 35-45 mins

SMITE

5V5

Greek mythology-inspired MOBA with a third-person viewpoint
Typical game length: 30 mins

Non realistic looking violence towards human characters

OVERWATCH

Team objective-based shooter with a cartoon-like art style

Typical game length: 10-20 mins

6V6

Super Smash Bros.

1V1
2V2

Cartoon-like fighting game with Nintendo characters
Typical game length: 5-10 mins

Non realistic looking violence towards human characters, violence in a sporting context

Smash Bros Ultimate and Smash Bros Melee are usually played competitively with a Gamecube controller. These games are not usually played competitively with the Wiimote or Switch Joycon

Street Fighter V

1V1

Classic 2D beat 'em up
Typical game length: 1-2 mins per round, 5 mins per gam

Violence in a sporting context, mild bad language

Fortnite

Up to 100 players

Battle royale game that includes resource gathering and construction elements
Typical game length: 10 mins

Non-realistic looking violence towards human characters.

ARMS

1V1

Boxing-style arena brawler
Typical game length: 3-10 mins

Non-realistic looking violence towards human characters

Gwent

THE WITCHER CARD GAME

1V1

Turn-based strategy card game
Typical game length: 10-15 mins

Mild bad language – images or sounds likely to be horrifying

World of Warcraft

3V3

Fantasy RPG arena brawler
Typical game length: 10mins (arena), 20-60mins (dungeon), varies (raiding/bosses)

features realistic violence of a minor nature towards human characters, moderate violence towards fantasy characters, and use of mild bad language

MOVING ON UP: FOR OLDER TEENS

HALO

Description: Sci-fi first-person-shooter
Typical game length: 10 mins

Realistic looking violence

4V4

TEKKEN

1V1

3D fighting game
Typical game length: 5-10 mins

Realistic looking violence

STARCRAFT II

TEAM FORTRESS 2

Player count varies

Cartoon-like team-based shooter

Typical game length: 30-40 mins

Realistic looking violence

PLAYERUNKNOWN'S BATTLEGROUNDS

Up to 100 Players

Battle royale game where the objective is to be the last man standing
Typical game length: 10-30 mins

frequent moderate violence towards human characters and encouragement of drug use

Deep sci-fi strategy
Typical game length: 30-45 mins

1V1

Realistic looking violence

VALORANT

5V5

Team shooter
Typical game length: 20-30 mins

Strong violence and sustained depictions of violence

18

SHOOTERS AND BRAWLERS FOR ADULTS

1V1

Gory fighting game
Typical game length: 1-2mins per round, 5mins or so per game

Extreme violence, violence towards defenceless people, strong language

QUAKE CHAMPIONS

Player count varies

Fast-paced first-person-shooter death matches
Typical game length: 10 mins

18 age rating TBC

GEARS OF WAR

CALL OF DUTY

4V4

Military first-person-shooter
Typical game length: 10-20 mins

Extreme violence, violence towards defenceless people, strong language

4V4

Sci-fi third-person-shooter
Typical game length: 5-10 mins

Extreme violence , violence towards defenceless people, strong language

COUNTER STRIKE GLOBAL OFFENSIVE

5V5

Team-based shooter featuring terrorists vs counter-terrorists
Typical game length: 15-40 mins

Violence towards defenceless people
16+ The game has an 18 rating on Xbox 360 and PS3, but the PC version doesn't technically have an age rating. The only PEGI record for a PC version of Counter-Strike is for a version passed in 2003 (Counter-Strike Source) when it got a PEGI 16.*

TOM CLANCY'S RAINBOW SIX SIEGE

5V5

Tactical first-person shooter
Typical game length: 3-5mins per round, max of 9 rounds per game

Violence towards defenceless people, strong language

BATTALION 1944

World War II team-based shooter.
Typical game length: Varies

While this game is 18-rated, there are no age limits imposed on tournaments, unless the tournament organiser sets one

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• All major consoles already enforce PEGI ratings

• IARC – International Age Rating Coalition. This provides a system for getting ratings worldwide for online products. This is at no cost to developers and provides recognised ratings by region. This means in the UK and Europe all Google Play and Microsoft apps and games have PEGI ratings. Oculus also joined. Discussions have been held with the other online platforms, with the aim of those joining too, so that PEGI ratings could appear on all platforms.

• While download-only PC games do not currently require an age rating, this may change in the near future - discussions are ongoing

• Please note that PEGI ratings only analyse the game for its contents and does not take into account the built in chat functionalities. Please be aware of how a child could be contacted by other people through specific in-game chat functions and therefore the potential risk this brings.

• We advise parent's or carers look at the content of the game as well as the age rating before deciding if it is suitable for your child to play. You need to understand whether the content is age appropriate or not.

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