

# **ESPORTS AGE GUIDE**

This guide is designed to inform parents, children and teachers which competitivelyplayed 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**



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Football simulation

Motorsport racing game

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FORZA MOTORSPORT



PES



Football with cars

F1 racing game



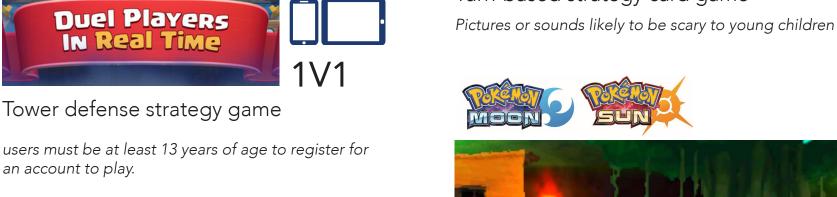
# NEXT STEPS: FIRST STRATEGY **TITLES AND SHOOTERS**

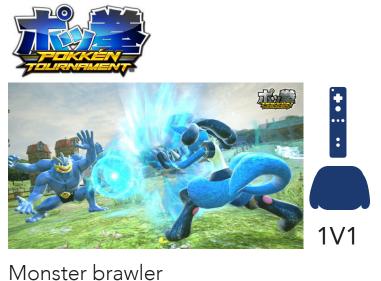






Turn-based strategy card game





Non realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters. Pokken is played competitively using the Pokken Tournament Pro Pad

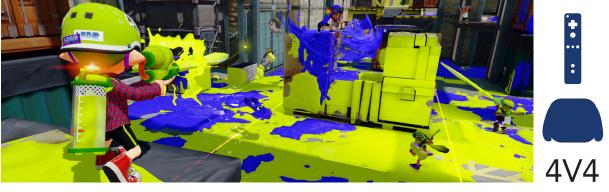


Team based tank war game Violence that is not shown but is implied



Non realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters  $\infty$ 

Monster collecting and turn-based battle game



Paint shooter

rather than the Wiimote

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What will Rowlet do?

Non realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters Splatoon is played competitively using the WiiU GamePad or Switch controllers



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







Most-played MOBA

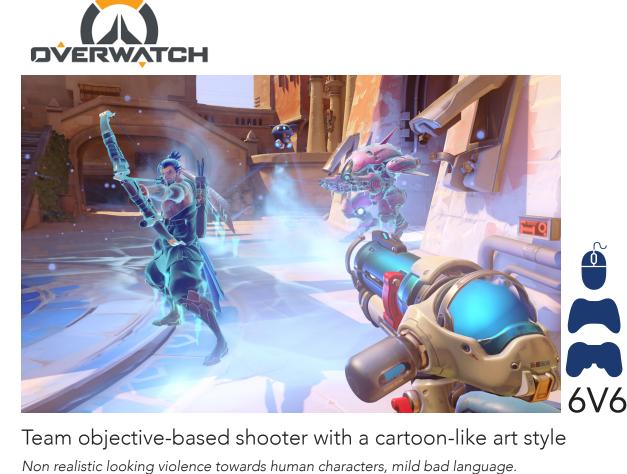
Realistic looking violence towards non human looking characters, non realistic looking violence towards human characters, animated violence, some characters and costumes depict scantily clad women.

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.





Fantasy battle arena matches





Like League of Legends and Dota 2 but with shorter matches and Blizzard characters Non realistic looking violence towards human characters, mild bad language.





Like other MOBAs but for smartphone and tablets only



Greek mythology-inspired MOBA with a third-person viewpoint Non realistic looking violence towards human characters





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

Non realistic looking violence towards human characters



Cartoon-like fighting game with Nintendo characters Non realistic looking violence towards human characters, violence in a sporting context.

Smash Bros 4 and Smash Bros Melee are usually played competitively with a Gamecube controller. These games are not played competitively with the Wiimote.





Battle royale game that includes resource gathering and construction elements.

Non-realistic looking violence towards human characters.





Turn-based strategy card game.

Mild bad language – images or sounds likely to be horrifying.



Classic 2D beat 'em up Violence in a sporting context, mild bad language





Boxing-style arena brawler. Non-realistic looking violence towards human characters.



Fantasy RPG arena brawler.

Realistic looking violence towards non-human looking characters. Nonrealistic looking violence towards human characters. Mild bad language.



# **MOVING ON UP: FOR OLDER TEENS**



Description: Sci-fi first-person-shooter Realistic looking violence

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4V4

Cartoon-like team-based shooter Realistic looking violence

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Realistic looking violence



Deep sci-fi strategy Realistic looking violence



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Player count

DC superhero fighting game Realistic looking violence, strong language



### **SHOOTERS AND BRAWLERS FOR ADULTS**

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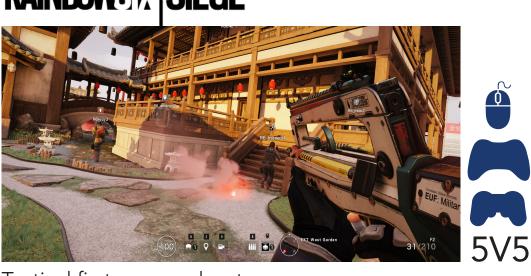


Gory fighting game Extreme violence, violence towards defenceless people, strong language



Military first-person-shooter

RAINBOWS X SIEGE



Extreme violence, violence towards defenceless people, strong language

Tactical first-person shooter Violence towards defenceless people, strong language



Battle royale game where the objective is to be the last man standing





World War II team-based shooter. While this game is 18-rated, there are no age limits imposed on tournaments, unless the tournament organiser sets one.

- 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 ٠
- 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 recently. 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. ٠





Sci-fi third-person-shooter Extreme violence, violence towards defenceless people, strong language



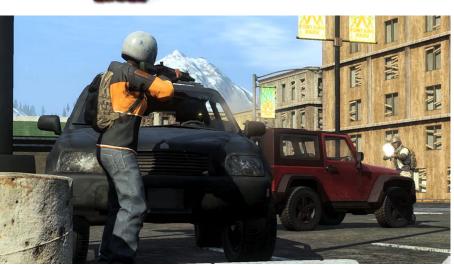


Team-based shooter featuring terrorists vs counter-terrorists

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.







Battle Royale survival game H1Z1 has a 16 PEGI rating but its terms of service requires the user to either be 18 years of age, or to obtain parental or guardian consent





