

THE FUTURE



Becoming a Player

If all the extra time at home lately has improved your gaming skills, you can even try to compete in an e-sport yourself. Last year, 40 million players competed for places in the Fortnite World Cup, where you can play alone (solo) or with a partner (duo). There are also events for *DOTA 2*, *League of Legends*, and *Rocket League* that anyone can try out for. Check the internet for details about events this year.

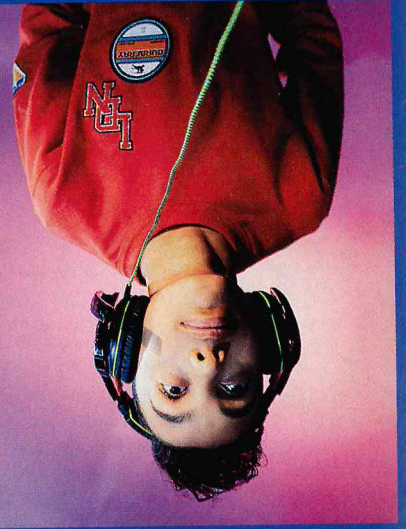
So keep your thumbs ready, and play on.



E-sports at the Olympics?

Is it possible that one day e-sports may be just as common and popular as other sports? Many gaming fans think so, and many even want e-sports to become a part of the Olympic Games. Many fans of traditional sports don't think e-sports are real sports. They think e-sports are purely mental, so they don't count as the type of sport that could be at the Olympics. But e-sports lovers **point out** that it takes skill, timing and planning, and it does involve physical **ability**, especially hand speed and **agility**, which shows that e-sports are the same as any other sport. One thing is for certain: if e-sports keep getting more popular (and **attracting** more sponsors), it will be hard to ignore them for much longer.

JADEN ASHMAN, a 15-year-old from the UK, won almost a million pounds for second place in the duos event at the Fortnite World Cup. He shared the victory with a gaming partner from the Netherlands. His mother didn't want him to play, as she wanted him to focus on his school work. She even threw his Xbox out of the window once! But when he started playing competitively and winning, she realised that her son had a very special talent, so she took him to the championships in America. When asked how he would spend the money, his mother said, "Knowing Jaden, it will be a **lifetime supply** of takeaways".



- 1 tournament ['tu:rnəmənt] – turnaj
- 2 to give out – rozdat
- 3 spectator [spek'teɪtə(r)] – divák
- 4 sales [seɪlz] – prodeje
- 5 former [ˈfɔ:mə(r)] – bývalý
- 6 bullfighting ring ['bʊfaɪtɪŋ rɪŋ] – arena na býčí zápasy
- 7 purely [ˈpjʊəli] – čistě, jenom
- 8 to point out – poukázat
- 9 ability [ə'bɪləti] – schopnost
- 10 agility [ə'dʒaɪləti] – mrštnost
- 11 to attract [ə'trækt] – přitahovat
- 12 lifetime supply ['laɪftaɪm sə'plaɪ] – celoživotní zásoba

Vocabulary

Do you follow any e-sports?
Do you know any successful e-sports players in your country?

Discuss

