

Guest Casting for GHC Esports' Thursday Night Gaming

Honoring the importance of play with all-ages community gaming nights

Thank you - THANK YOU - for helping host our Thursday Night Gaming on Twitch. You're helping create an awesome gaming community that's safe, welcoming, inclusive, & fun. You're awesome!

While we strive for a professional, high-quality stream, we're first a community of gamers having fun. If you've never done commentary before, relax - we asked you because we like you, and everyone here wants you to succeed. Our community is incredibly supportive and appreciative, and it's a great place to try out casting. And if you're already super experienced, we're crazy stoked to have you. It means you're setting the bar for our other casters, and inspiring our students who look up to and aspire to cast themselves!

We stream at <https://twitch.tv/ghcesports>, and average around 20 viewers.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

Thursday Night Gaming (aka TNG) works best when you have at least

- **one Windows/Mac computer**
- **a USB headset**
- **and a webcam**

It has worked on an iPad, but the experience isn't great (audio echo, mostly). We haven't tried it on a Chromebook, but it might work. It doesn't work on smartphones.

SETTING UP

- 1) First, connect to your vMix website link (we'll provide this before sound check). This opens up a web page, and uses your webcam and USB headset to capture video and audio and send it to our broadcast.
- 2) Next, connect to our GHC Esports Discord broadcasting booth channel. We'll use Discord for talking to each other.
- 3) Finally, right-click and mute audio in the vMix website link tab (don't mute your mic, just mute the browser tab). This prevents you hearing echo.

That's it!

You may notice a bit of desync between the video you see in the vMix website link tab and the sound you hear; this is normal, and it all gets synced up on stream just fine.

SOUND CHECK

We try to do a sound check on Wednesday, to make sure everything sounds good. Sometimes this doesn't happen until Thursday afternoon, depending on availability and schedules. It usually takes 15-30 mins, and we go over what the stream looks like and the basic stream agenda.

We'll get in touch with you to schedule the soundcheck (unless you've done this a couple times already).

SPECTATING & COMMENTATING

In most cases, if you're casting you'll get access to spectate in the lobby. In some rare cases - mostly having to do with latency issues - you may be asked to cast using the real-time video feed from vMix.

Our ideal scenario is two casters, one providing play-by-play and the other providing color. If you're unfamiliar with these terms, here's a brief summary:

- Play by play tells viewers WHAT is happening, describing things and providing hype and energy
- Color is the analyst who explains, in between goals/wins, WHY it happened that way, and comments on overall strategy

If these terms are new to you, don't worry too much about them. TNG is the perfect place to try out either.

ATTITUDE & TONE

We're serious about having fun, but also about making sure everyone is welcome. Describe teams as opponents, not as "the enemy team". Unless you 100% know the gender of a player, use they/them (don't assume all players are "he"). Emphasize the positive plays and strategies, and avoid picking on or singling out players who are performing significantly worse - casters are not here to talk trash. We're here to celebrate talented players, teams, and highlight wins.

We've only had one swear on stream, the f-bomb. But he was classy and just moved on lol. But yeah, that's a newp on swearing.

Stay clear of anything racist, sexist, transphobic, or just super aggressive. Not even if you're joking. Keep it light, friendly, and welcoming to everybody.

Overall, assume a posture of positive game highlights.

OK, that's it - you're ready to help cast Thursday Night Gaming!



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