



Pennsylvania Interscholastic  
Esports Association



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### **Pa. High School Fall Esports State Championships Heading to the Steel City**

*Pittsburgh to host PIEA Rocket League State Championship at 'Rezzanine Esports,' Phoenix Theatres Chartiers Valley Luxury 14 +PTX*

**HARRISBURG, Pa.** – For the first time in the organization’s history, the [Pennsylvania Interscholastic Esports Association](#) (PIEA) will hold an esports state championship event in Pittsburgh, highlighting the growth of the PIEA and the impact esports has had on high schools in Western Pennsylvania.

The PIEA’s 2022 Fall Rocket League State Championships, which will feature live, in-person semifinals and Grand Final, will be held on Dec. 17, 2022 at the Phoenix Theatres Chartiers Valley Luxury 14 +PTX, located at 1025 Washington Pike in Bridgeville, PA, just outside of the city of Pittsburgh. The Phoenix-14 Theater has invested resources to convert a portion of its facility, which they dubbed “Rezzanine Esports,” to an esports arena to host events like the PIEA State Championships.

“We are very excited to finally bring the PIEA State Championships to the Pittsburgh-area and Western Pennsylvania,” said Samantha Bickel, the Executive Director of the PIEA. “We have seen tremendous growth in this part of the Commonwealth as more and more schools are establishing esports teams and programs. There is a buzz around Pittsburgh regarding esports and we are thrilled to partner with Phoenix Theatres Chartiers Valley to make this event a huge success for these student athletes.”

Currently, the PIEA boasts nearly 140 schools in its network, with close to 30 percent hailing from Western Pennsylvania. For the 2022 Fall Season, the PIEA reached its largest number of teams competing from across all corners of the Commonwealth.

The PIEA Fall 2022 Rocket League State Championships is a FREE event. The live, in-person semifinals will begin at 11 a.m., and doors to the Phoenix-14 Theater will open at 10 a.m. Students and esports’ fans from all across the region, including fans from surrounding states, are invited to attend this free event.

In addition to its Rocket League State Championships in Pittsburgh, the PIEA will head to the other side of the state to host its 2022 Fall Valorant State Championships on Dec. 18, 2022 at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

Along with Phoenix Theatres Chartiers Valley, the PIEA is proud to partner with additional sponsors for the 2022 Fall Esports State Championships, including Pittsburgh Technical College, Lycoming College, Saint Joseph's University, McNees Wallace & Nurick, and AVGL Intel Inspires.

For more information about the PIEA Fall 2022 State Championships, please contact Samantha Bickel. And for more information about the PIEA, or to register for future competitions, visit PIEA at [interscholasticsports.org](https://interscholasticsports.org).

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### **About Pennsylvania Interscholastic Esports Association**

The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Esports Association (PIEA) is one of the nation's first high school governing bodies solely focused on statewide esports programs and clubs. The nonprofit is a collaborative effort between McNees, Wallace and Nurick; the Hollinger Family; and, Estars, a leading esports tournament infrastructure company. The mission of PIEA is to be a Pennsylvania esports advocate and resource for regulatory oversight and competition guidelines for interscholastic esports.