



## **How to Host a Video Game Tournament**

### **Supplies:**

For a video game tournament you will need plenty of game consoles and TV sets. An easy way to accomplish this is to have your team members contribute their systems, games and TVs. To make things easier try picking a venue that has TVs such as a community center or an assembly hall. Remember to have plenty of pens and paper to keep track of your tournament brackets. These are the essentials, but you can also have food and drinks to sell and awards for your tournament winner(s).

### **Promoting Your Tournament:**

If you are a school team, think of ways to get the word out around your school such as posting and/or handing out fliers. You could also send out a mass email or recruit individual clubs and sports teams to participate. Registering participants beforehand will make it easier to create a list of players and be ready to set up your tournament brackets.

### **The Tournament:**

There are a couple of different ways you can set up your tournament. You can make a tournament bracket and have elimination matches leading up to a championship showdown. Or you can have high score contests where players can keep trying to outdo a high score until a certain time limit is reached. Both ways offer a really fun night of friendly competition!

### **How to Bring in the Money:**

You can either charge an entry fee to cover all games played (recommended \$10-\$20) or you can charge your participants by game or tournament (recommended \$3-\$6). During game play there are many other ways to make money such as selling food and drinks, having silent auctions, and/or raffling off donated goods and services such as video games. You can also include charge spectators an admission fee.

**Contact your local Autism Speaks office at for autism-related materials to display at your event, such as brochures and Walk Now for Autism Speaks banners.**