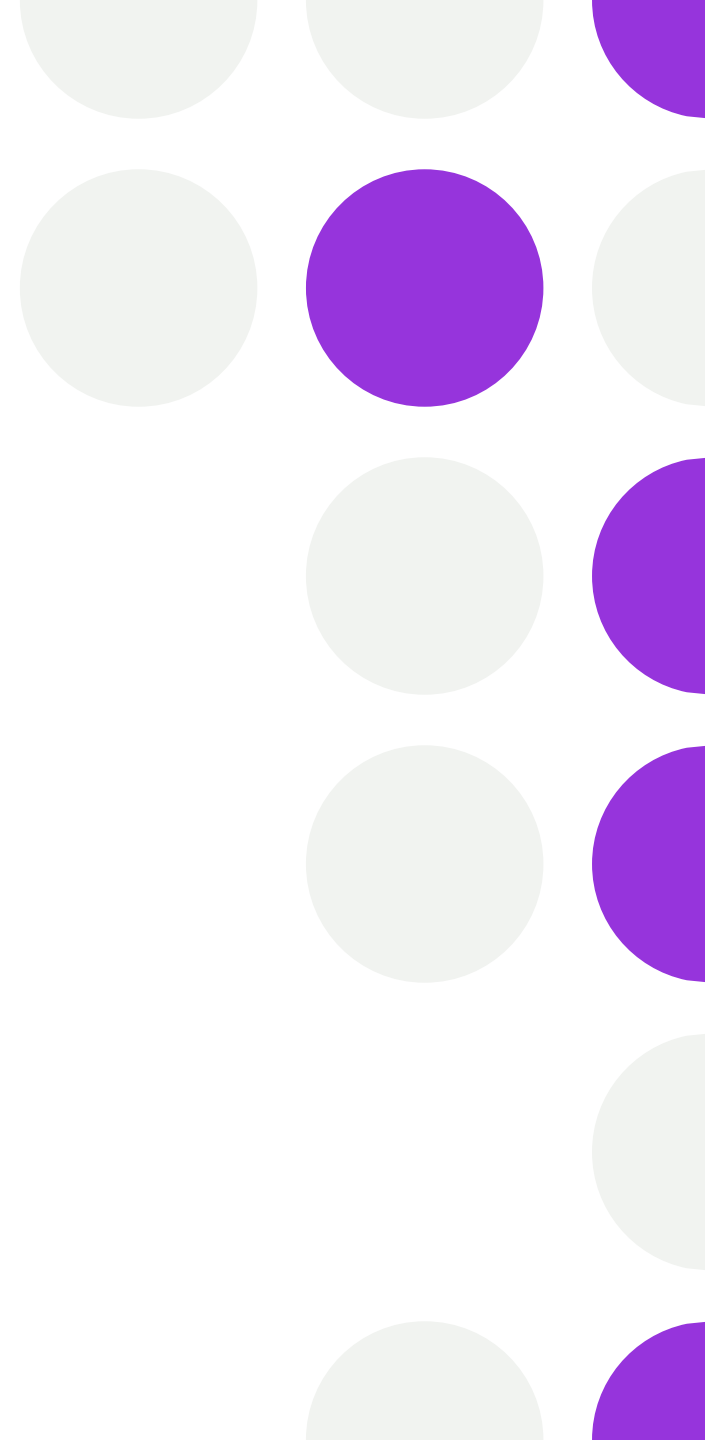


Discord & Twitch at CBC

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What is Discord ?

Discord is an instant messaging and social platform which allows communication through voice calls, video calls, text messaging, and media and files. Communication can be private or take place in virtual communities called "servers".



How is Esports using Discord?



- Organization of voice and chat channels for our 3 Esports Varsity teams and Broadcast team
- Manage tryouts, events, and student communication
- Study Hall Channels for athletes



How is Game Club using Discord?

- Organization within our officers and advisors
- Announcing CBC events to students
- Reminders on Game Club meetings
- Study channels/voice for students





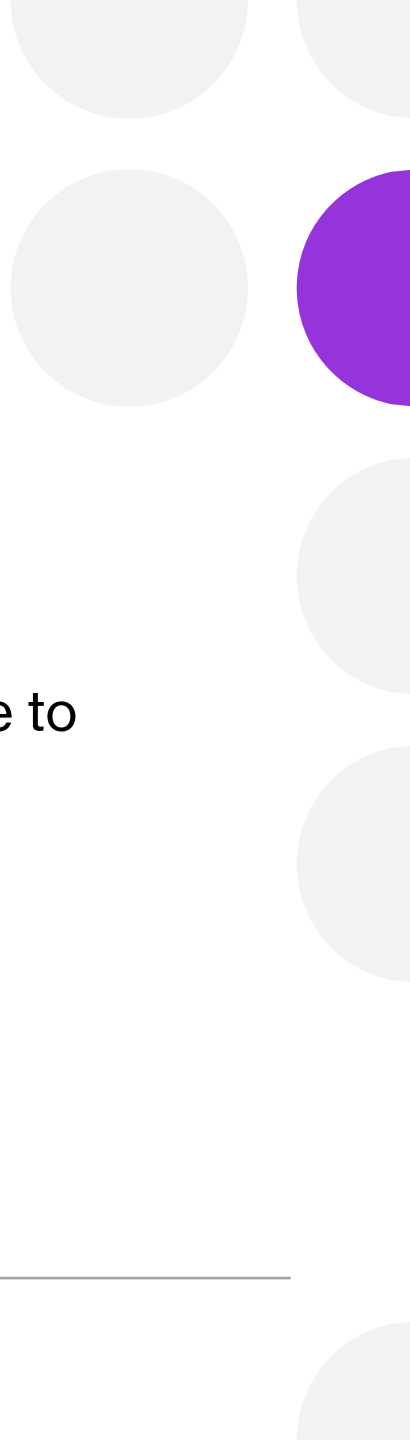
Discord

Pros

- Networking Servers for Professional Organizations
- Comparable to Slack; More modified and manageable
- Free application
- Built-in security and monitoring; additional security bots can be added

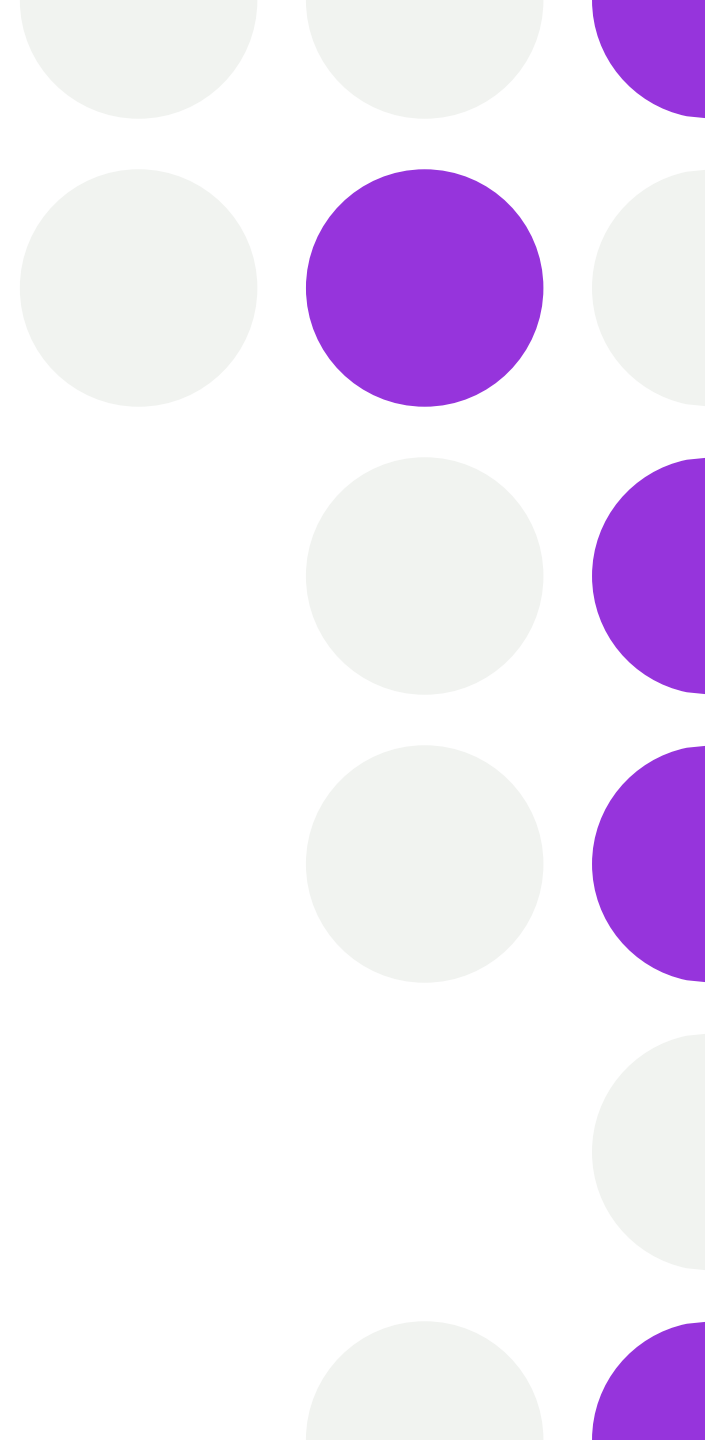
Cons

- If managed poorly, susceptible to unwanted guests



What is ?

Twitch is a video live-streaming service that focuses on video game live streaming, including broadcasts of esports competitions, in addition to offering music broadcasts, creative content, and "in real life" streams.



How is Esports using Twitch?



- Provide free livestreaming viewership of Esports matches to students and community members
- Highlighting High School Esports matches hosted at CBC
- Highlighting students pursuing professional careers in gaming industry
- Teaching students in broadcast team skills in producing, observing, and commentating in Esports/Sport industry



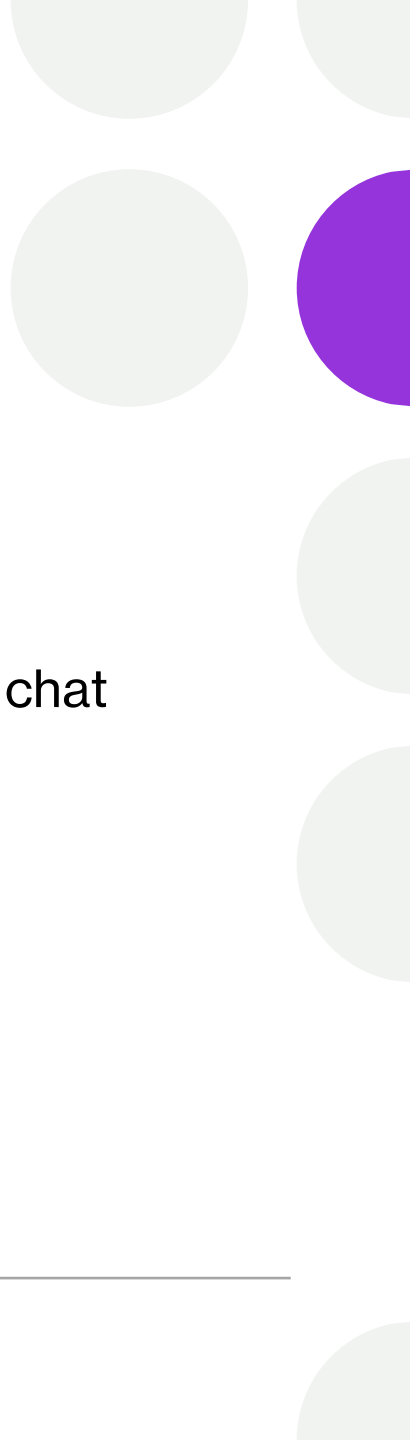


Pros

- Free streaming application
- Sponsorship opportunity for Esports teams
- Can apply security restrictions on who can chat
- Assign moderators for the chat to manage messages
- Add bots to moderate chat

Cons

- Unnecessary/unwanted links in chat



What are others saying?

"We have a terms of service if you want to use our Discord. I really don't want them to touch disc like [social media]. Discord is not the same as other social media. If anything it's like slack."

Grays Harbor College

"We have no issues with it at WSU. We have everyone accept a social contract type agreement when they join our servers. We also keep notes of discord ID to their student ID so we can forward anything we need to Student Conduct. Thankfully has only had to happen once in the last 6 years I've been part of it"

Washington State University

"This is an issue that people are worried about??? I mean I am a newer coach but even as a player there is discord rules. Those rules don't get followed you boot the kid/person responsible end of story! Not hard to follow rules. I understand if someone gets hacked and sends bad links ect. but the bots typically clean those up instantly if it happens (hasn't happened in mine but has in others that I have seen)."

Centralia College

"I once had a media consultant compare it to Facebook Pages at a conference. We had Admins want access to our GroupMe before to make sure it complied with school policies when I was playing Baseball."

Hesston College

"We are required by HR to separate the public from the players on a university organized and operated platform, we only allow staff, coaches, players and alumni have access."

George Fox University

"Talked to doc Haskell and Boise state has no issues running their discord, not much help but they are a public university."

Boise State University

(Follow-Up from Grays Harbor Coach)

"On the UW side, Discord isn't recognized as a messaging platform, so official UW business isn't conducted through the server. Some operations are necessary for Discord to coordinate players, staff, and events. It's also grown to be an asset for the esports program, but there's no official stance on whether that's cool with admins yet. Indecisive, ultimately. Wish I had better news for your presentation."

University of Washington
