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GETTING INTO CLEATS: KICKSTARTING ESPORTS SUCCESS

If you're coaching a soccer team, your players need to have the right equipment to play the game and compete. Playing in a match while wearing tennis shoes would leave your athletes without proper traction and puts them at a competitive disadvantage. However, once your players are in cleats, the specific features or brand name provide only small gains in performance, if any.

Likewise, if you're starting or running an esports team, you want to equip your team with the right technology to ensure they can play competitively. Here are the recommended technology specifications to ensure your esports team is "getting into cleats."

PCs

- **Processor:** at least i5, but consider an i7 for a longer lifecycle
- **RAM:** at least 16GB RAM
- **Hard Drive:** 500+GB or more, depending on the number of games you have loaded (average game size is between 20GB–50GB, but can go upward of 150GB)
- **Graphics Card:** 1660 Super or 1660Ti baseline, 2060/2070/2080 or 3060/3070/3080 for Ray Tracing Tech and a slightly longer lifecycle
- **Form Factor:** for better airflow and future upgrade flexibility, a Full Tower is recommended. However, an SFF is acceptable if desk space is a concern. Laptops are not recommended unless mobility is a key consideration

Monitors

- **Size:** 24"–27"
- **Refresh:** 144hz+ for regular gaming, but consider up to 240hz for fast-paced games such as shooters, or for broadcasting
- **Gray to Gray:** 1ms (to ensure color changes in lighting are fast enough)

CDW esports experts can help you determine the technology options that best meet your needs. For technology that supports esports success, you need IT Orchestration by CDW®.

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Peripherals

- **Keyboard:** Mechanical keyboard recommended for truer inputs, less lag, and greater durability
- **Mouse:** 4,500+ DPI, ergonomic grip, additional buttons
- **Gaming Pad:** While regular mouse pads suffice, most competitors prefer a pad that is big enough to accommodate both the mouse and keyboard
- **Headset:** 3D sound is important for shooters. Otherwise, a sturdy headset that covers both ears and has a removable or flappable mic is recommended



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