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## An Introduction To Esports – Popular Esports Games And Teams

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One of the most amazing things about sports is that there is something for each and every one. The sheer number and diversity of games mean that those who like varying things can sign it and pick a sport they love.

However, in the past few decades, a new type of sport has been introduced like basketball, baseball, and football, i.e Esports.

### What is esports?

Esports, e-Sports, or games are actually competitive video gaming. It involves different teams playing against one another in tournaments to win a cash prize. The games are played by professionals and viewed by the audience.

Actually, it's the same as conventional sports. The only difference is that these are played virtually. High-level athletes are vying to get the top spot in their game or sport of choice.

### History of esports

The trend of Esports began in the 1990s when it turned from a casual hobby to a professional sport. Today the industry is worth 1 billion dollars as championships get viewed by millions of people.

With prominent growth each year, eSports is today's gold rush. Major channels like TBS, ESPN, Telemundo, and SyFy all broadcast these gaming events along with traditional sports like NBA and NHL.

Some universities are also adding varsity esports teams and giving players scholarships.

### How are esports organized?

Big esports competitions like FIA Certified Gran Turismo Championship and Fortnite World Cup annually. These are organized through tournaments and leagues. All these tournaments are streamed live in real-world stadia where thousands of people watch both physically and online.

The winners get huge cash prizes of millions of dollars. Plus, there are also significant commercial and sponsorship opportunities on the table. Depending on the type of the underlying game, players

have the chance to compete as singles or as part of a team.

The esports team is usually made like the traditional ‘sports club’ with single sectors dedicated to video games with coaches, managers, physiotherapists, and mental coaches. They help the team players in their daily activities.

A few successful teams are also part of huge franchises. Such as Geng, Cloud9 and Immortals raise investments, are investor-backed, and play in region-specific leagues to compete in national and global finals.

Consequently, people have also turned esports into a betting opportunity. Esports fanatics bid huge amounts on their favorite teams.

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### Which are the biggest esports?

As we mentioned at the beginning, eSports is mainly dominated by games that have teams. There are some single-player tournaments as well, such as Starcraft and FIFA. But these are on a totally different scale compared to the famous tournaments.

This question might have popped into your mind. *Fortnite is also a single-player game, isn't it?*

Fortnite is a single-player game, but you can play it with 99 others, so we add it to our list.

Here is the list of the popular eSports games based on prize money, viewers, and competitors:

Game	Viewers	Teams	Prize Money
DOTA 2	15 million	59 teams	\$35
Fortnite	2 million	40 team	\$30
League of Legends	44 million	24 team	\$7
CS:GO	1.2 million	40+ team	\$1
Overwatch	300K	20 teams	\$5
PUBG	800K	20 teams	\$2

### Who are the best esports teams?

It's hard to find out which is the best esports team globally. Some are part of enormous corporations that take part in a number of competitions.

For instance, Team Liquid takes part in almost 24 games from DOTA to Auto Chess. Collectively they earn around \$2250 and \$22 million in both sports.

Our list contains the top teams on the basis of their earnings in different games and the total competitions they have taken part in.

Game	Money	Tournaments	Team
DOTA	\$33.8 million	1622 tournaments	Team Liquid
DOTA 2	\$33.4 million	70 tournaments	OG

DOTA 2	\$24 million	798 tournaments	Evil Geniuses
CS:GO	\$14.3 million	856 tournaments	Fnatic
DOTA 2	\$14 million	180 tournaments	Newbee
DOTA 2	\$13.7 million	470 tournaments	Virtus.pro
DOTA 2	\$12.2 million	268 tournaments	Vici Gaming
DOTA 2	\$11 million	199 tournaments	Team Secret
DOTA 2	\$10.7 million	131 tournaments	LGD Gaming
DOTA 2	\$10.7 million	432 tournaments	Invictus Gaming
DOTA 2	\$10 million	432 tournaments	Natus Vincere
DOTA 2	\$9.7 million	27 tournaments	Wings Gaming
League of Legends	\$9.2 million	257 tournaments	SK Telecom T1
CS:GO	\$9.2 million	674 tournaments	Cloud 9
DOTA 2	\$9 million	56 tournaments	PSG
Call of Duty	\$7.8 million	292 tournaments	OpTic Gaming
CS:GO	\$7.7 million	285 tournaments	FaZe Clan
CS:GO	\$7.3 million	75 tournaments	Astralis
CS:GO/Call of Duty	\$6.5 million	324 tournaments	Team Envy
CS:GO	\$6.3 million	649 tournaments	SK Gaming

As you can see, the list doesn't have the overall value of every sports team. All these teams earn more than competitors in the esports tournament. With millions of followers all over social media platforms, they have created a cult-like following and gained many rewards.

For instance, FaZe clan was not even on the list till 2018. They came up to this rank by earning \$35 million in 2019. All this is because they developed into content-creation machines. All thanks to their massive fan following.

Many teams on our list have increased their earnings by 50%, which is a simple example of how fruitful the esports field is.

## Final Word

We hope our esports guide has helped you understand the whole concept of esports. The esports industry is expected to progress even more in the coming years. All this is because more and more people know that this is a lucrative industry, whether it's sponsoring or betting on the games.

Hoping to see esports add more to the economy of Thailand.

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