League of Legends is awesome, and so are you for wanting to participate in the championship!

This information sheet is intended to give you the basics of what you need to get started.

What is League of Legends?
If you’ve come this far you most likely know what League of Legends is but just in case you don’t here’s a quick overview:

You’re in a team of five champions and you face off against another team of five. The main objective of the game is to defeat your opponents’ base (in this case called a Nexus). There are three ways to get from your Nexus to the opponents’, these are called lanes. Along the way you need to defeat not only your opponent’s champions but you have to take out turrets which impede your progress down the lanes and AI controlled bots. Good luck!

You’ll need your team to work well together, communication is key.

How do I do well in this championship and turn esports into a career?
To do well in this championship your team needs to be as cohesive a unit as possible. Know each other’s strengths and weaknesses and help each other improve after every game. Be willing to receive helpful criticism. If you don’t know what you’re doing wrong, how will you be able to fix it and improve? You need to be ok with losing. With every loss comes the opportunity for growth in all aspects of life, so try and stay positive in defeat. If you’re having a hard time, please talk to someone about it. Whether that’s a team-mate, friend, parent or one of us in the University of Waikato Esports team looking after the league, it’s very important to not just keep it to yourself.

To be successful in all areas of life, not just gaming, balance is key. This is as true now for you as it is for you when you finish high school and enter the adult world. As a young person sleep, nutrition, exercise, school work/study and relaxation all need to be balanced. Talk to people around you about balance and how you can achieve it in your life.

Pursuing esports as a career can follow many paths, not just being a competitor. To find out more information about potential career paths into the esports industry visit waikato.ac.nz/sport/esports/study-and-careers