# WELCOME TO HADO!

Welcome to HADO Academy, where traditional sports meet the exhilarating realm of the first Augmented Reality Physical Esport! HADO seamlessly merges physical fitness with cutting-edge technology and transports players on a thrilling fitness journey while interacting with virtual elements in the real world.

At HADO Academy, we understand the importance of instilling positive physical fitness habits in students from a young age. Our mission is to empower the next generation with the tools to lead active, balanced lives, fostering physical strength and mental resilience. By embracing augmented reality and active gaming, HADO Academy not only captivates the imagination of our young learners but also taps into their innate curiosity and desire to explore. As they move, jump, and play on the HADO court, students are preparing to excel both on and off the digital arena.

HADO Academy goes beyond competitive esports gameplay to equip children with tools to thrive in a rapidly evolving world and make real-life career connections. Team building is at the core of our approach, as learning to collaborate and communicate effectively is essential for success in all aspects of life. By participating in cooperative active gaming experiences, children will develop essential interpersonal skills such as leadership, empathy, social engagement, and conflict resolution, fostering an environment of mutual respect and support among peers.

By introducing esports into our curriculum, we hope to then expose children to an array of experiences and roles similar to professions within the gaming and tech industries. Additionally, our unique blend of physical fitness and esports training nurtures a well-rounded skill set that is highly relevant in today's digital world: mental agility, problem-solving prowess, and adaptability, qualities that are highly sought after in both traditional and tech-oriented careers.

HADO Academy is committed to creating a supportive and forward-thinking environment where every child can unlock their full potential, building a foundation for a future marked by success, resilience, and a sense of belonging. Come and be a part of the HADO Academy family, where we prepare young minds for greatness, one thrilling game at a time!

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## HADO ACADEMY FAQS

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#### What is HADO Academy?

- HADO Academy is a program that introduces students to the HADO game, equipment, and playing techniques.
- HADO Academy Level 1 runs for 9 sessions.
- The last session is a Mini-Tournament that lets participants put their new HADO skills into action!
- HADO Academy can be expanded by participating in advanced HADO Academy activities and through the HADO Academy 1-Day Tournament.

### Who is the HADO Academy program designed for?

- HADO can be enjoyed and played by participants from ages 7-70!
- This HADO Academy course was designed specifically with students ages 9 -16 in mind.
- HADO is inclusive and accessible to players of all abilities and skill levels; it offers a genuine level playing field for all participants regardless of size or gender.
- HADO teams can be composed of different grades, age groups and skill levels.

### Where does HADO Academy fit in a school or program structure?

- PE programs
- Elective activity
- Afterschool programs
- School teams
- STEM/STEAM day or program
- Field Day
- Esports clubs or classes
- Mini-camp
- Recreational programs or workshops
- Enrichment clubs



### What needs to be done to start the HADO Academy program?

- Complete the HADO training.
- Thoroughly review of the HADO Academy Course Manual.
- Secure a space large enough for the HADO Court and
- Off-Court activities a gymnasium or cafeteria work best.
- Gather all HADO Court and Off-Court equipment listed on the set-up checklist.
- Reference the HADO Quick-Start Guide while setting up.

### How much space is needed to operate the HADO Academy program?

- The HADO Academy program sessions include both HADO Court and Off-Court activities which require a large space clear of obstructions.
- The official HADO Court size requires approximately 20' x 33' of unobstructed gameplay area for maximum player movement on the court.
- Off-Court activities require a similar amount of space.
- At least 2 tables will be needed for the HADO equipment.
- Gymnasiums, cafeterias, or large classrooms can be used for HADO.

#### What does a HADO team look like?

- A HADO team has three players.
- Two teams at a time can play HADO according to multiple variations:
  - 1 vs. 1
  - 🕨 2 vs. 2
  - 🕨 3 vs. 3
- Participants may compete against the HADO computer-generated AI team or human players.
- A team can have one or more AI members (even human and AI mixed teams).
- There are a maximum of 6 human and/or AI players on the HADO Court at any time.
- Teams can have a fourth member who acts as a coach or captain on the sidelines. Page 5

#### What is a HADO game like?

- HADO is the first Augmented Reality Esport that combines gaming and physical activity!
- Players will run, dodge, jump, lunge, slide, and make throwing motions throughout the game.
- HADO games are high-speed and high-energy.
- A HADO game lasts 80 seconds.
- Teams often play 2-3 games in a row before switching out with new players.

### How many games can be played in a session?

- If managed efficiently, it is possible for up to 8 to 12 games to be played in a typical 45 to 60-minute session, allowing up to 24 students an opportunity to play multiple games.
- Group sizes larger than 24 will have longer wait times between gameplay.
- Teams can compete in rapid back-to-back games; it is suggested teams take a break after playing three games in a row.
- No limit exists on how many groups or students may experience HADO during the license period.

### Does the HADO game require internet or wifi access?

 HADO requires uninterrupted, stable internet access (Wifi) but does not require high band-width.

### How should HADO Academy sessions be scheduled?

- The 9 HADO Academy sessions may be scheduled in a way to fit within your program. Possibilities include:
  - 1-2 sessions per week over a 4 to 9-week period
  - Daily over a 2-week period
  - Back-to-back sessions to fit within a 1-week period
  - A single session offering during a Field Day or STEM event to expose students to HADO
- HADO Academy sessions are designed to fit within a 45-60 minute schedule block.



If desired, each session can be expanded to fill a 90-minute block by lengthening playing time or allocating additional reflection time.

### How many instructors are required to run the HADO Academy program?

- It is up to each site partner to decide how to best operate the program depending on available resources and the instructor's classroom management experience.
- Possible scenarios include:
  - Two or more groups of participants -2 instructors, one for the HADO Court and one for the Off-court activities so they can be run simultaneously.
  - One large group or participants 1 instructor to run the HADO Court and Off-Court activities successively.

### Are there any safety precautions or procedures to be aware of?

- HADO is a non-contact sport.
- Keep the HADO Court and Off-Court spaces free of obstructions.
- Use discretion with all activities; tell participants to refrain from a particular movement if it is uncomfortable.
- In rare cases, AR and VR can cause dizziness and motion sickness. Players have peripheral vision with the HADO head mount, but, if a participant experiences discomfort, have them take a break or stop.
- Be sure to fully incorporate your program's pre-established health safety rules and protocols.

### HADO Academy was awesome! What's next?

- Take on the next HADO Academy course and expand your skills and experience! Make cross-curricular connections through project-based-learning which will introduce students to careers and specific CTE connections through HADO.
- Keep playing, practicing, and competing; work with your service representative to establish a HADO team and find or start competitions and a league in your area.

#### Who can answer HADO questions?

- Follow HADO USA on all social media platforms for information on game play, competition, and to ask questions.
- Reach out to your account representative with questions and to connect with the HADO Academy community.



