**MHS Students Bring Back Nerf War**

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This year, kids from Morton High School are bringing back the big Nerf war that involves a ton of the kids in the high school.  
  
The Proper name, "Mob Wars," was expected to make a return sometime during the second semester.  
  
"Cody and I created the Twitter page in February, and he offered me a spot in helping organize the war," said MHS senior Timothy Malahy.  
  
The game allows 5-8 players on a team, but you will need to have 8 players for the real round, which starts a week or two after March 15.  
  
You get eliminated from the game after getting hit with a Nerf dart.  
  
The last remaining team or the team with the most confirmed kills will be declared the winners after a two to four week period.  
  
There is a Morton Mob Board, which involves a few seniors that help come up with new rules and keep the game running smoothly.  
  
Each team will have to pay $10 to play in that round coming up. This will be some good money for the winning team, but the Morton Mob board is also looking to donate that money to charity as well.  
  
"I think it is great provides a lot of exercise as well as good fun for all the students at MHS. We are also looking to donate to charity in one of our later rounds with the buy-in money which I think will be awesome for the community," said MHS senior Matt Doan.  
  
This year's war has a lot of improved rules to keep the game organized and for members to stay away from bystanders who aren't involved in the war.  
  
"Two years ago it was very unorganized and had hardly any rules. We have cracked down on a lot of the issues so that players stay safe and bystanders aren't bothered," stated Doan.  
  
Seniors that are running the Nerf War are also getting advice from some local cops.  
Officer Hilliard is informing the board on when something is getting out of control.  
  
The nice thing about this year's Mob War is that they have a Google docs page and Google surveys so they can get inputs from every single member who wants to play.  
  
There is also a Google Submission form that allows players to quickly type in who they killed, what time, and any witnesses that were there.  
  
"The new submission form is much better than texting someone and fighting over it. It's a calm and cool way to go about it. I simply receive an update that someone killed someone, I go to confirm that kill and that person confirms or denies it. I've had very few denials and they're usually sorted out in 10 to 15 minutes," said Malahy.  
  
The nice thing about having a practice round is the fact that people can find issues within the game, without it really counting.  
  
"The rules are still constantly being changed and updated. The issue is that we can't possibly think of every scenario that will pan out, on top of that we had no plans of having more than about 50 people. That however is not what happened as we have around 150 and we're expecting it to grow only more," said Malahy.  
  
Timothy Malahy recently resigned from his team during the practice round, so he can just focus on creating new rules and taking care of other issues during the buy-in rounds.  
  
As of now, there are 29 in depth rules that all players must follow. Players or teams that do not follow the rules or do not play by the loyalty system, will either be booted or disqualified from the current round.  
  
A rule added this year that wasn't implied before, is that you are not allowed to shoot on any school grounds. This was a big problem in the last war, but everyone has followed and have agreed with this rule.  
  
Another cool feature that you can find on the Twitter page is a spreadsheet that lists every single player that is involved in the war. It highlights alive members in green, and dead players in red. This keeps the game organized and people won't be confused on who's in and who's out.  
  
The Nerf War has been running smoothly so far, and people are hoping it will stick around until the summer.  
  
"I think the Nerf war has been running smoothly, and every problem has been taken care of very quickly," said MHS senior participant Mason Plotner.  
  
If you would like to join future rounds, follow the Morton Nerf War Twitter page @MortonMobWars