



n00bs

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LOGLINE:

n00bs follows the misadventures of an esports team (competitive video gamers) as they transition from poor college students into local celebrities and globally ranked gaming athletes, without the experience or maturity to deal with success, or even adulthood, properly.

PREMISE:

The world of competitive gaming is relatively new. It has its own set of rules and lingo. Real names aren't important. All that matters is your gamertag, your online identity. These kids are celebrities in this world, most of them with millions of followers on social media, but the average person couldn't pick them out of a lineup. It can be a bitch trying to navigate this world when you've spent your formative years staring at a screen.

n00bs tracks one team, fresh off the high of their first big win. They're adults, according to their ages at least, but totally still children. These guys (they're almost always guys) may have been other athletes – football, baseball (the real ones)- but in this universe they found their true passion in shooting aliens in a video game. Now, they have to figure out how to balance life, school, love, sex, money and everything else in the real world with little preparation or experience.

The coach/manager, early thirties, tries to be the voice of reason in this bizarro world. He manages these young gaming athletes who are considered obsolete at twenty-five. He acts as a surrogate father, dude, bro, alpha, mom, boss, and disciplinarian.

PREMISE:

It's no secret the gaming community hasn't welcomed women with open arms, especially the ones who try to work in authority positions. N00bs tries to balance the inherent sexism, racism, homophobia, misogyny, ignorance, and anger of the gaming world with the true heart, charm, innocence, sweetness, charisma and intelligence of those involved.

Every episode these kids are faced with new opportunities and experiences that will challenge how they deal with problems without the proper tools and guidance on how to figure it out.

LOCATION:

The team is based in Portland, Oregon. A small-town operating as a big city. It prides itself on being quirky and counterculture, but is still pretty much white and mainstream. Given the nature of professional gaming, the team travels across the country regularly.

TONE:

n00bs is a one-hour comedy designed for pay-cable or streaming, with a manner that is often funny, sometimes serious, and generally irreverent. With a diverse cast it will explore issues of sexism, racism, homophobia and more in a world just reaching its own adolescence. The language is harsh, the situations ridiculous, but at its core there's heart. These are people that care about each other. They simply haven't learned how to express that.



LEAD CHARACTERS:

Braxton “Br@x” Hallock: (20) The Alpha Male of the team, Braxton is at the center of everything. He is co-captain with DeShawn, his rival. He has been BFF’s with Chip since they were young. He is a big brother to Noah and Elliott. He has a big heart, but that often takes a back seat to his mouth. He is a handsome charmer that is used to getting his way with little to no effort.



DeShawn “D-Tap” Felton: (20) DeShawn is the cocky co-captain. He has spent years honing his identity of hubris and self-aggrandizement. His ability to make every situation about him is typical, but he does have a genuine concern for others. He knows how to use what he has to get girls. He is constantly focused on status and fame.



LEAD CHARACTERS:

Trevor Jensen: (32) The team's manager and coach, Trevor has to balance his business interest in the team, with his personal interest in seeing his buddies succeed. He's a former overachiever (top student, naval officer) that ended up in this gaming adventure. He is a good guy, but it doesn't take much for him to lose his shit. He balances being an adult with his regressive curiosity to be in the player's position, both personally and professionally. He hates being the grown up.

Wendy Wong: (27) Wendy is the snarky media manager for the team and representative for their unseen new co-owner. She is often the adult, and the newest member of this random family. She can be aggressive, but also sweet and likable. She gets it: she's the only woman in a boy's world. She is cunning, Machiavellian even, but her intentions are pure.



SUPPORTING CHARACTERS:

Radley Hayes: (19) Radley is sure of who she is and confidently smart and assured. Her sense of style is unique, and she's a non-conformist. All the girls know that, that's why all the boys like her and she likes them.



Chip "Simps" Marquez: (20) Chip's not a complete idiot, but usually misses the point of things. He's a great player, and more comfortable in the gaming world than anywhere else. He is confident, without any reason to be, but is a follower– to Braxton, Trevor and Wendy mostly.

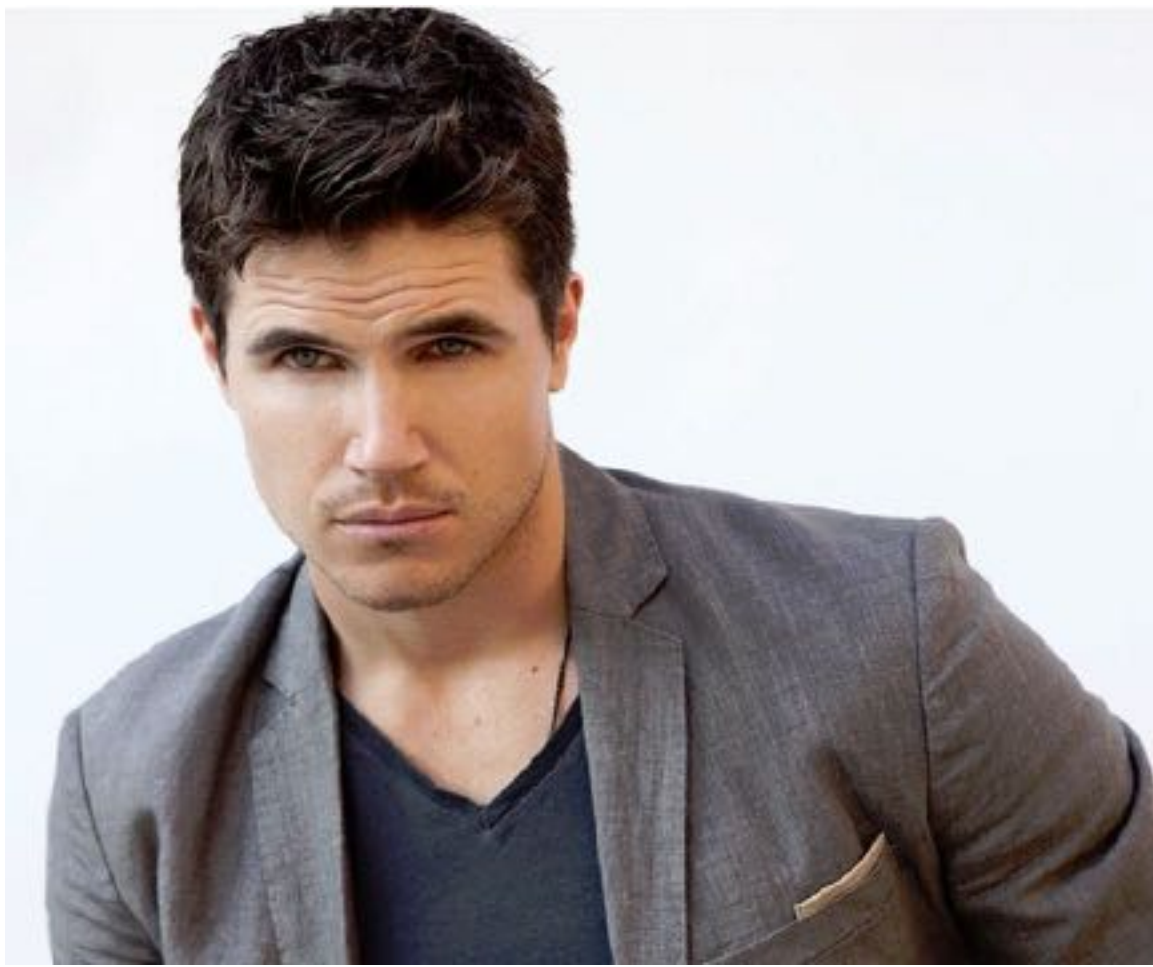


SUPPORTING CHARACTERS:

Noah “Flikk” Pryne: (18) Noah is shy and innocent, but is learning to be more open. He is comfortable with being a nerd of all varieties-film, comics, gaming. He is always hanging back, observing, and keeping to himself.

Elliott “Trebs” Trebler: (18) The youngest and most hyperactive, Elliott no clue where he should be. He says whatever comes to mind and has no filter. There’s no difference between the gaming and real world for him. Since he is the newest member, everyone is still warming up to him.

Neesh Felton: (22) Neesh is DeShawn’s big sister. She is beautiful and sexy, and confident even though she’s not model thin. By day, she’s a smart and motivated law student. By night, she’s a crazy party girl dying to cut loose. Where DeShawn likes to flaunt their background being Puerto Rican and Cuban, Neesh is black without apology.



RECURRING CHARACTERS:

Zane Goodman: Wendy's boyfriend, a good guy. Trevor, obviously, hates him.

Karen Marks: A gaming industry personality who crosses paths with the team quite often.

Lynn Trebler: Elliott's younger mom who takes an interest in the team when she learns of Elliott's involvement.

Marcy Hall: Radley's best friend, and the quiet balance to her more aggressive tendencies.

Paul Negrin: Representative of Rev, who becomes a sponsor for the team. Friendly with Trevor, but ultimately a thorn.

SEASON ONE:

Episode 1

“Pilot/Big Time”

The boys win their first major tournament and adjust to their newfound fame. Trevor adjusts to working with Wendy, the team’s new media manager. Wendy and Trevor work to get a new sponsor. Braxton and his teammates have to decide whether or not to sign their contracts. Noah meets Radley.

Episode 2

“Alarms”

Chip has trouble adjusting to college and maintaining his team responsibilities. DeShawn, Radley, Braxton, and Neesh all struggle with the same balance between real life and education. DeShawn pulls Neesh into a sponsorship meeting where he is singled out from the team. Chip and Neesh hide their relationship.

Episode 3

“The Digital World”

A tweet from DeShawn leads to trouble with his sponsor, his teammates and his new relationship. Braxton and Radley get closer, but Braxton doesn’t want to cause any trouble with Noah. Trevor accidentally crashes Zane and Wendy’s anniversary dinner.

SEASON ONE:

Episode 4

“Life Sentence”

Trevor hosts a dinner for the players’ parents. DeShawn’s are skeptical. Elliott’s mom is nervous. Chip’s parents don’t show up. Braxton’s bring the family baggage, also revealing Braxton is a twin, and the less successful one. Noah’s family is huge. Braxton escapes with Radley, who is pretending to be Noah’s girlfriend.

Episode 5

“The Dox of the Bae”

The team’s profile grows, leading to in-fighting and a lack of focus. Wendy gets doxxed and argues with Zane and Trevor on how to handle. Elliott discovers Neesh and Chip’s secret and has trouble keeping it. Braxton and DeShawn lead the others to support the Wendy campaign.

Episode 6

“Swats Happening”

The team gets swatted while Trevor is out, and all handle it differently especially DeShawn, whose run-in with the police was more aggressive than the others.

SEASON ONE:

Episode 7

“It’s Just Sex”

The team gets a higher profile because of the swatting incident. Noah unexpectedly loses his virginity. Everyone tells their first-time stories. Chip and Neesh come clean to DeShawn.

Episode 8

“Totes BFFs”

The team loses big at regional qualifiers and there’s drama. Braxton fumbles an interview. Braxton admits he has feelings for Radley. DeShawn and Chip make up. Wendy and Trevor realize how important Neesh is and bring her into their inner circle.

Episode 9

“Just the Tip”

Chip takes Noah to get tested for STDs. DeShawn and Neesh talk. DeShawn has a stalker. The team plays for a wild card spot in finals tournament. Radley’s new boyfriend upsets Braxton. Neesh dates another student.

SEASON ONE:

Episode 10

“This Woman’s Work”

Elliott ends up in the hospital after accidentally OD’ing on his meds. His mother visits and struggles with letting him stay with the team or not. Radley subs for him while he’s away. A pregnancy scare leads to Wendy reevaluating her goals.

Episode 11

“The Finals Part 1”

The team makes it to the international finals tournament in Los Angeles. They struggle to balance the challenge against exploring new territory. Trevor works a big deal for team. Radley and Braxton hook up after realizing they like each other.

Episode 12

“The Finals Part 2”

Radley and Braxton deal with the morning after. Braxton questions his place on the team. Radley debates on telling Noah about her and Braxton. DeShawn is approached by another team.

FUTURE SEASONS:

Season 2:

Braxton joins another team but finds it is not as much fun as it was with Catapult. Radley takes his place and her success brings a whole new set of issues. Braxton tries to maintain his friendships but his team resents his leaving. Chip gets testicular cancer, but keeps it to himself. Wendy and Trevor move closer to admitting their feelings, but new problems keep them apart. Braxton and Radley become a thing. Elliott comes out to his teammates but wants to stay “in” professionally.

Season 3:

With Braxton and Chip on another team, Catapult searches for a new member as their ranking continues to sink. An injury sidelines DeShawn, who mulls an early retirement. Noah manages being the team’s new leader. Braxton and Radley’s relationship is threatened by them being opponents in the league. New teammates bring new challenges. Elliott finally gets a boyfriend.

Season 4:

Wendy and Trevor finally connect, but it has disastrous effects on the team. Braxton deals with being the highest paid person in the league. DeShawn finds success as a caster. Neesh finds esports a lucrative specialty. Radley all about eve’s Braxton on his team. College graduation for Braxton, Noah and Radley has each one questioning their future.

Season 5:

A pregnancy throws everyone’s world into chaos. The original five members of Catapult reunite for the first time since the first season. Noah’s surprise marriage freaks everyone out, especially when his new wife opposes his place on the team. Trevor figures out a way to expand the business and put professional separation between him and Wendy.

CREATED BY:

Jonathan Murnane has worked over the past fifteen years in the gaming industry. He produced live events across the globe for audiences ranging from hundreds to thousands in person, and hundreds of thousands online. As the esports industry grew, he focused on live-content production, with dozens of events falling under his leadership each year. Recently, he began consulting as an expert in the field of esports specifically, and gaming in general.