

IHSA Esports Advisory Committee Meeting

August 2, 2022

2:00 p.m.

The IHSA Esports Advisory Committee met on August 2, 2022, in an online setting from various communities across Illinois, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Committee members present were: Patrick Davey, Chicago (Lane); James Keathley, Elgin (H.S.); Amy Whitlock, Oswego (East); Jarrod Rackauskas, Normal (Community West); and Brock Frazier, Metropolis (Massac Co.). Also in attendance was Dan Le, IHSA Assistant Executive Director. Committee members unable to attend were: Jeff Pitner, Rockford (Guilford) and Tom Hawkins, Galesburg (H.S.).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed the minutes of the July 18, 2022, meeting.
2. The committee continued discussions on expansion of the IHSA esports state series, including possible additional game titles. The committee acknowledged the challenges associated with adding more PC games to the state series and discussed ideas that could permit more PC games in the future to mirror the games played at the collegiate level.
3. In addition to game titles, the committee discussed consideration of a mobile game and increasing the number of state qualifiers.
4. The committee heard proposed ideas from Jarrod Rackauskas, which included a proposal of two additional games, a proposal to increase the number of entries per school and number of state qualifiers in the individual Super Smash Bros. Ultimate competition, and a proposed schedule for the state tournament with those additional games.
5. The committee discussed replacing the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Duos competition with a Super Smash Bros. Crew Battle competition.
6. The committee discussed adding an overall team champion award at the state tournament based on points earned by each school's state qualifiers.
7. The committee discussed more promotion of esports to member schools.
8. The committee agreed to reconvene the following week to potentially make formal recommendations to bring to the August IHSA Board of Directors meeting.