

IHSA Esports Advisory Committee Meeting

November 17, 2022

3:30 p.m.

The IHSA Esports Advisory Committee met on September 1, 2022, in an online setting from various communities across Illinois, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Committee members present were: Patrick Davey, Chicago (Lane); Jeff Pitner, Rockford (Guilford); Jarrod Rackauskas, Normal (Community West); and Tom Hawkins, Galesburg (H.S.). Also in attendance was Dan Le, IHSA Assistant Executive Director. Absent from the meeting were: James Keathley, Elgin (H.S.); Amy Whitlock, Oswego (East); and Brock Frazier, Metropolis (Massac Co.).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS

None

GAME RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee recommended updates to the game rules for Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Crew Battle and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Singles. See game summary documents for detailed updates.

Recommendations include:

- a. Expansion of permitted stages
- b. Detailed stage striking procedure for matches
- c. Use of an official match scorecard
- d. Permitted use of Mii characters in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Singles
- e. Coaching rules previously not present in the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Singles rules

Rationale: The recommendations would update the rules to more customary practices and procedures as well as mirror competitions conducted at the collegiate level. Competitive integrity would also be achieved with the recommendations as the updates would provide a more level playing field and remove any potential advantages for certain players and characters during gameplay.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed the minutes of the October 3, 2022, meeting.
2. The committee heard a summary of the October IHSA Board of Directors meeting.

3. The committee heard an update on the terms and conditions recommendations previously proposed by the esports advisory committee. The terms and conditions was brought to the activity directors advisory committee for their review.
4. The committee heard a report on third-party providers that have expressed their interest in becoming involved with IHSA esports.
5. The committee heard an update on postseason host sites.
6. The committee also discussed a “startup” document to assist schools with forming esports teams.

Next Meeting: May 10, 2022