IHSA Esports Guide for Schools

The purpose of this document is to provide general information for schools that are establishing an esports team. This document will also serve as a guide as it relates to the specific offerings in the IHSA Esports State Series.

Starting an Esports Team

There is not one pathway to forming a team. However, if there are interested students and an adult willing to be the sponsor/coach, it is recommended to communicate with your school's athletic/activities director, principal, or superintendent and follow local processes for establishing a new extracurricular team.

2022-2023 IHSA Esports Game Offerings

Events	System	Format	Entries/Roster Size
Rocket League	PC	3v3	1 team of 3-5 players
Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Singles	Nintendo Switch	1v1	2 individuals per school
Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Crew Battle	Nintendo Switch	5v5	1 team of 5-9 players
Mario Kart 8 Deluxe	Nintendo Switch	4v4	1 team of 4-7 players
NBA2K	PS4	1v1	2 individuals per school
FIFA	PS4	1v1	2 individuals per school

**Each student may only compete in one event in the IHSA state series.

System Requirements
  PCs (Game: Rocket League - 6 PCs required per match)
  - Computer Specifications
    - Minimum
      - OS   Windows 7 (64 bit) or Newer (64 bit) Windows OS
      - Processor   2.5 GHz Dual core
      - Memory   4GB
      - Storage   20GB
      - Direct X   DirectoX 11
      - Graphics   NVDIA GEForce 760, AMD Radeon R7 270Xm
    - Recommended
      - OS   Window 7 (64 bit) or Newer (64 bit) Windows OS
      - Processor   3.0+ GHz Quad core
      - Memory   8GB
      - Storage   20GB
      - Direct X   DirectX 11
      - Graphics   NVDIA GeForce GTX 1050, AMD Radeon RX 470

Nintendo Switch (Games: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Singles, Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Crew Battle, and Mario Kart 8 Deluxe)
- Mario Kart 8 Deluxe requires 4 consoles and 4 monitors per match
- Super Smash Bros. Ultimate events require 1 console and 1 monitor per match

PS4s (NBA2K and FIFA – 1 console required per match)

Controllers and connectors
- Controllers must meet rules for each game to be legal for use (see Game Summaries)

IHSA State Series

Sectionals (8 total) – Saturday, April 22nd, 2023
State Finals – Saturday, April 29th, 2023

IHSA esports competition will be played in person.

All state finals contests will be played in person. Schools may enter through the IHSA Schools Center. Contact your school's Official IHSA Representative to enter.