

MINUTES OF THE IHSA Esports ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 6, 2019

The IHSA esports Advisory Committee met electronically from a variety of locations on November 6, 2019, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Committee members present were: Derek Austill, Roxana; Mark Bacys, Danville (H.S.); Zack Gilbert, Normal (University); Zachary Lamczyk, Salem; Todd McFarlin, Chicago (Taft); Jeff Pitner, Rockford (Guilford); and Eric Wenckowski, Hoffman Estates (H.S.). Also in attendance was Kurt Gibson, IHSA Associate Executive Director. Committee members unable to attend were: Greg Gardner, Orland Park (Sandburg); Mike Jacobson, Oak Lawn (Richards); Chris Kuntzman, Taylorville; and Amy Whitlock, Oswego (East).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The committee heard updates from IHSA staff about the following topics:
 - a. The number of schools currently listed under 'esports' on the "Emerging Sports and Activities List". As of November 1, 2019, 82 schools have registered for the current school year.
 - b. A web page dedicated to esports has been created and is available on ihsa.org (<https://www.ihsa.org/SportsActivities/TheFutureGamesHere.aspx>). The page contains a variety of information concerning gaming and esports.
 - c. General information regarding meetings and conversations IHSA staff have had with outside individuals or groups about the progress of the committee's work.
2. The committee discussed some up-coming tournaments, including one schedule for later in the month at Oswego (East) that will attempt to use some of the committee's suggested set-ups for a Smash Bros tournament. Follow up from that event will be shared when the committee meets again as a whole in Bloomington on December 4, 2019.
3. The committee discussed items to be worked on prior to their December 4, 2019, meeting. Also, the committee agreed to spend time at the December 4th meeting to finalize their plans for their up-coming presentation at an IHSA Board of Directors meeting. Members of the committee are tentatively scheduled to present an esports update to the Board of Directors in December 2019.