

MINUTES OF THE IHSA Esports ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

January 8, 2020

The IHSA esports Advisory Committee met on January 8, 2020, at the IHSA Office in Bloomington, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Derek Austill, Roxana; Mark Bacys, Danville (H.S.); Greg Gardner, Orland Park (Sandburg); Zack Gilbert, Normal (University); Zachary Lamczyk, Salem; Todd McFarlin, Chicago (Steinmetz); Jeff Pitner, Rockford (Guilford); Eric Wenckowski, Hoffman Estates (H.S.); and Amy Whitlock, Oswego (East). Also in attendance were Kurt Gibson, IHSA Associate Executive Director. Committee members unable to attend were Mike Jacobson, Oak Lawn (Richards), and Chris Kuntzman, Taylorville

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

None.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed the minutes of its December 2019 meeting
2. The committee heard updates from IHSA staff on the following:
 - a. The advisory committee's presentation to the IHSA Board of Directors
 - b. The NFHS Winter Meeting
 - c. The esports Summit that will be held in March of 2020
 - d. An up-coming esports tournament being held in Bloomington on January 18th
3. The committee reviewed a first draft of Terms and Conditions for esports and began editing it. The committee spent a good amount of time discussing ideas, both general and for specific games, that will need to be addressed in both the Terms and Conditions and any future School/Manager's Manual that may be created for the activity.
4. The committee broke up into small groups to continue working on rules for games still being considered by the committee. The committee established working deadlines to meet in completing those and agreed to continue working online as needed to review their work.
5. IHSA staff indicated the need for staff to connect with the various game developers as it relates to use of any games in state series competitions.
6. The committee heard a report from committee member Wenckowski regarding an esports session from the National Athletic Directors' Conference held in December of 2019.
7. The committee set February 12th as its next meeting date. The meeting will be held at the IHSA Offices in Bloomington.