



ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



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To: Qualifiers, esports Finals
From: Kurt Gibson, IHSA
Date: April 21, 2022
Re.: Finals Qualifying Information

On behalf of the Illinois High School Association, Board of Directors, and esports Advisory Committee, congratulations on qualifying for the 2022 IHSA esports Finals.

The esports Finals will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022. Bloomington High School, with an assist from Illinois Wesleyan University, will host this year's event.

Enclosed you will find information that will assist you in your preparation for the state finals. Should you have questions regarding the state finals, please feel free to contact any of the individuals listed on the 'Contact Information' page of this packet. Included in this packet are the following items:

- Cover letter
- Finals Contact Information
- Finals Time Schedule
- Finals Information
- Directions
- 'Do What's Right' Sportsmanship Announcement

Again, congratulations and best of luck at this year's finals.

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2021-22 esports State Finals Time Schedule

SCHEDULE

State Final Tournament – held at Bloomington High School, Bloomington, IL

April 26 7:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting for all State Final qualifying coaches

April 30 The state final shall be a one-day event using the following schedule:

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| 7:45 a.m.-8:30 a.m. | Registration/Check-in |
| 8:30-8:45 a.m. | Coaches Meeting |
| 8:45-9:00 a.m. | Final instructions to teams by coaches |
| 9:00 a.m. | Preliminary round competition in SSBU and NBA 2K begins |
| 9:00-9:30 a.m. | Transportation of Rocket League teams to Illinois Wesleyan University |
| 9:45 a.m. (approx.) | Preliminary round competition in Rocket League begins |
| 12:15 p.m. (approx.) | Transportation of Rocket League teams to Bloomington High School for lunch break. |
| 12:30-1:15 p.m. | LUNCH BREAK |
| 1:15 p.m. (approx.) | Transportation of remaining Rocket League teams to IWU for afternoon play |

Remaining rounds begins after Lunch Break

- Individual Game – NBA 2K
- Small Group Game #1 – SSBU singles
- Small Group Game #2 – SSBU duos
- Small Group Game #3 – Rocket League

Awards at Bloomington High Schools after conclusion of final matches.

IHSA esports Finals Information

- Date: April 30, 2022
- Location: Bloomington High School, 1202 E. Locust St., Bloomington, IL 61704
Illinois Wesleyan University, 1316 Franklin Ave., Normal, IL 61701
- Bloomington High School will be the site for NBA 2K and SSBU (single and duos) play, while Illinois Wesleyan will be the site for Rocket League play.
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- Schedule: Check in for the state finals will begin at 7:45 a.m. (enter through door S2) with play scheduled to start at Bloomington High School at 9:00 a.m. and around 9:30 a.m. at Illinois Wesleyan University. A complete schedule can be found on the esports page at www.ihsa.org.
- Events: Play will be conducted for the following games: Super Smash Bros. Ultimate (singles and duos), Rocket League, and NBA2K. Each game will consist of 16 individuals or teams playing in a double-elimination format to determine 1st-4th place in each game. Each bracket will be set up through a random placement of names.
- Game Rules: A complete list of game rules can be found under the 'Game Summaries' link on the esports page at www.ihsa.org.
- Awards: Medals will be awarded to the first four place finishers in each game, and plaques will be awarded to the school whose player or team finishes first in each game.
- Peripherals: **Rocket League**
Students may bring their own peripherals, limited to officially licensed first-party gamepads, (Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo), keyboard, mouse, and necessary cable(s). Mouse and Keyboards will be provided at the State Finals. Use of additional tools/programs (including BakkesMod) during matches is prohibited.

SSBU

Players who do not want to use the standard sideways Joy-Con may bring their own Dual Joy-Con Pro controller or Game Cube Controller with any necessary connectors.

NBA2K

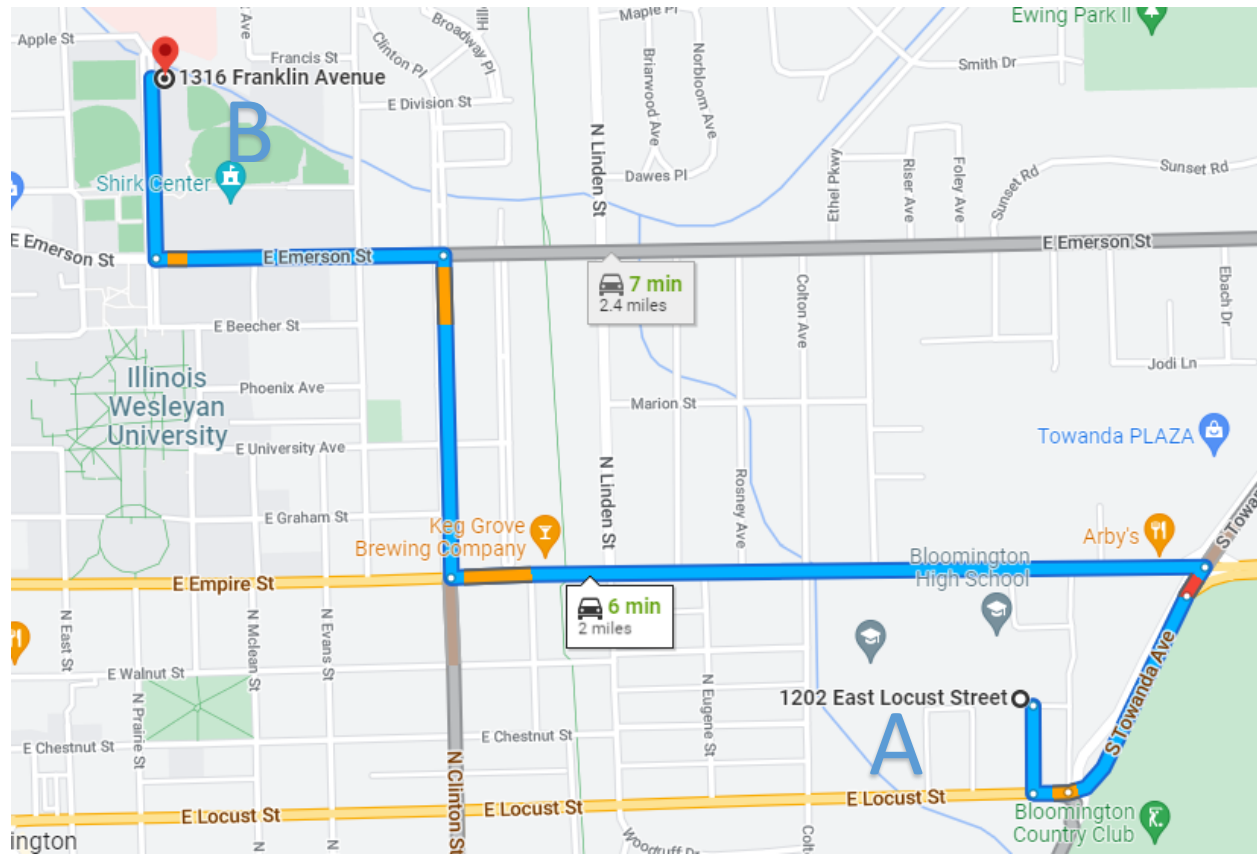
Players are allowed to bring and use their own approved controllers.

(Competing schools will be responsible for safety and maintenance of their own equipment)

Spectators: Limited seating for spectators to watch game play may be available, depending on location. If available streams are presented for viewing, a list of those will be made available to competing schools in advance. Awards will be distributed at Bloomington High School, and spectator viewing of awards will be permitted. There is no admission charge for spectators.

Questions: Coaches with questions can contact either Kurt Gibson (IHSA) or Finals Manager Mike Jacobson at the above email and/or phone numbers above.

Directions from Bloomington High School to Illinois Wesleyan University



Bloomington High School is located at 1202 East Locust Street in Bloomington, Illinois. Participating schools can park in either parking lot off Locust St. Please enter the south doors of the school for check-in.

The esports facility at Illinois Wesleyan University, site of Rocket League play for the IHSA State Finals, is two miles from Bloomington High School. On this map, Bloomington High School is designated as “A”, while the Illinois Wesleyan University (IWU) esports facility is designated at “B”.

Participants will be shuttled from Bloomington High School to IWU for the state finals since the IHSA esports state finals coincides with IWU’s Commencement Exercises. While there is ample space for game play at the IWU esports facility, space for spectators to park and view the proceedings will be extremely limited. Bloomington High School will provide a stream of play at BHS for those interested in viewing.

To get to the IWU esports facility from Bloomington High School, travel west on Empire St to Fell St. At the stop light, go right. At the first stop sign, which is E. Emerson St., go left. At the first stop light, which will be Franklin St., go right. The esports facility will be on your right and is located at 1316 Franklin Ave.

Do What's Right!

Sportsmanship

DWR! EXPECTATIONS

- ❖ *Represent your school and community favorably through positive interaction with opposing fans and players before, during, and after the competition.*
- ❖ *Use positive yells, chants, songs or gestures.*
- ❖ *Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.*
- ❖ *Respect and acknowledge the integrity and judgment of officials.*
- ❖ *Exhibit positive behavior in both personal interaction and social media comments.*

Acceptable Behavior...

- During the National Anthem, students, participants and fans should remove any hats, face the flag, not talk, place the right hand on the heart, and remain still until the end of the anthem.
- Applause during introduction of players, coaches and officials.
- Players shaking hands with opponents while both sets of fans recognize player's performance with applause.
- Accept all decisions of the game officials.
- Spirit Participants lead fans in positive support.
- Handshakes between participants and coaches at the end of contests, regardless of the outcome.
- Treat competition as a game, not a war.
- Coaches/players search out opposing participants to recognize them for outstanding performance or coaching.
- Applause at the end of the contest for performance of all participants.
- Everyone showing concern for an injured player, regardless of the team.
- Encourage surrounding people to display sportsmanlike conduct.

Unacceptable Behavior...

- Disrespectful or derogatory yells, chants, songs or gestures.
- Booing or heckling an official's decision.
- Criticizing officials in any way; displays of temper with an official's call.
- Yells that antagonize opponents.
- Refusing to shake hands or give recognition for good performances.
- Blaming the loss of the game on officials, coaches or participants.
- Laughing or name calling to distract an opponent.
- Use of profanity or displays of anger that draw attention away from the game.
- Doing own yells instead of following the lead of spirit participants.

