



## **Esports**

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Agenda, October 22, 2024, In Person**

**Derrick Zerrusen, Athletic Director, Teutopolis; Brad Jacobson, Athletic Director, East Peoria Central; David Kirk, Athletic Director, Meredosia; John Reed, Coach Vernon Hills Hawthorn North; Jarrod, Rackauskas, Coach, Unit 5; Ben Bruce, Frequency Gaming and Esports; David Kirk, ISU; Zach Gilbert, Coach, Metcalf; Dillon Reel, Coach, Earlville**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review the Role of the Advisory Committee
3. Review the Survey sent to member schools in February.
4. IHSA Game Offerings
5. IHSA Terms and Conditions
6. Logistics
  - a. When- Calendar?

Several dates were thrown out for the sectional and state tournament. The committee felt that having it on the same weekends as the IHSA Esports state series would not be a problem. In 26-27, Saturday, April 24 and May 1. After speaking with Nicole, she thinks that will conflict with Boys Volleyball and possibly soccer. Going to ask the committee how they feel about November.
  - b. Season

There will not be a season, only a state series. Schools can organize their own season and matches with schools.
  - c. State Series levels  
Sectional and State
  - d. Venue for state finals  
A venue was not discussed in this meeting. We will discuss a possible venue in the Spring meeting.
  - e. Game Titles and Equipment

The committee feels like only offering 2 game titles to begin with for the first few years.  
Mario Kart-There will be a team competition 4 v 4 team competition  
Super Smash Bros- There will be a 4 v 4 team competition and a singles competition.  
Equipment-For the first few years, we will only use Nintendo Switches. This will help keep cost down for schools and Nintendo switches are widely available. We will not use the internet to play these games. All competitions will be hardwired from Switch to Switch.
  - f. Third-party provider- PlayVS/Vanta/Run it ourselves  
Currently, the IHSA does not use a third-party provider. Schools can use PlayVs or another third party provider for the matches they set up.

#### Other Items Discussed

1. Games have a 5-7 year shelf life and need to be reviewed every 5-7 years by the advisory committee.

#### Next Meeting

TBD