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Topic

Sports Report

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Sport

Fall/Winter Esports

Positive Developments and Highlights

As briefly mentioned in the November Board meeting, PlayVS, our official Esports provider is 100% free-to-play beginning this Spring. Our Spring enrollment deadline is 2/16/24. The Season kicks off 2/19/24, with the State Championship Scheduled for Thursday, April 25 at the University of Kentucky. Coaches and Schools are very excited with the development of free-to-play. It will allow them to focus fundraising and budgeted funds towards the development of their teams vs. actually using it to pay to play.

Championship Update/Review

The 2023 Esports Winter Championship was held on Tuesday, December 12 at the the University of Kentucky Esports Lounge located in the Cornerstone on UK's campus. Eighty-seven competitors and 23 coaches came from across the state to participate in-person in front of up to 200 fans. Ms. Elder did a great job of backing me up for this event. Mr. Link manned our PA (for the first time) and managed a gaming-oriented soundtrack which the teams and coaches really enjoyed. Schools represented: Belfry (Madden NFL/Mario Kart), Collins (Rocket League), duPont Manual (Rocket League, Super Smash Bros, and League of Legends), Great Crossing (Madden/Mario Kart), Harlan County (League of Legends), Hart County (Madden), Highlands (Rocket League), Madison Central (Super Smash Bros), Male (League of Legends), Montgomery County (Rocket League), Prestonsburg (League of Legends), Shelby County (Mario Kart), Shelby Valley (Mario Kart), St. Xavier (Super Smash Bros), Trinity-Lou. (Smash Bros).
Game titles with State Champions listed:
League of Legends - Hawt Dawgs Varsity , Male
Mario Kart™ 8 Deluxe - Burning Rubber Pirates, Belfry
Super Smash Bros.™ Ultimate - Manual Crimson's SSBV Varsity, Dupont Manual
Madden NFL 24 - GCHS's T. Pigg Madden, Trenton Pigg Great Crossing
Rocket League - MoCo Rocket League, Montgomery County
We had a great representation from Eastern Kentucky with teams from Harlan County, Prestonsburg, Belfry, and Shelby Valley (two of which had never made it before).

Staff and Worker Update

Ms. Elder and I will continue to manage this season

Noteworthy Changes / Anticipates Changes

PlayVS is looking to add additional titles. MLB The Show (Baseball), FC (Fifa) Soccer, NCAA Football, and perhaps

Chess.