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**Topic**

Sports Report

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**Sport**

Fall/Winter Esports

**Positive Developments and Highlights**

For this Fall season, we have added 30 additional schools as compared to Fall '23

**Championship Update/Review**

The 2024 Operation UNITE Fall Esports State Championships Presented by UK HealthCare, will begin online around the state on Monday, November 18 and end at a central location in Lexington at The University of Kentucky's Federal Credit Union Esports Lounge for the semifinal and championship rounds on Wednesday, December 18.

To view standings and team participation lists, you can go to our PlayVS Kentucky Standings page:

<https://www.playvs.com/kentucky>

Nintendo Switch Titles:

First-round matchups for Super Smash Bros. Ultimate™ begin Monday, November 18 (64-team bracket)

First-round matchups for Super Mario Kart™ 8 Deluxe begin November 21 (32-team bracket)

First-round matchups for Splatoon™ 3 begin December 3 (8-team bracket)

PlayStation 5 Titles:

First-round matchups for NBA 2K25 begin December 4 (feature an 8-team bracket)

First-round matchups for Madden NFL 25 begin December 4 (16-team bracket)

PC Titles:

First-round matchups for League of Legends begin December 4 (8-team bracket)

First-round matchups for Rocket League begin November 29 (32-team bracket)

All brackets are single-elimination

At the Cornerstone, the semifinals will begin with Madden, Splatoon, and Rocket League at 8:30 AM. A full schedule of events will be posted following our KHSAA/PlayVS/UK planning meeting on Thursday, 11/13

It is planned that all matches at The Cornerstone will be broadcast live on the University of Kentucky's Four Twitch Channels.

**Staff and Worker Update**

Ms. Jackson will provide support as the backup for the event.

**Fiscal and Budget Issues and Review (attendance, etc.)**

Spring attendance for fans was 250 tickets issues with 120 participants and 28 coaches. This fall's participation level should be similar

**Noteworthy Changes /  
Anticipates Changes**

This will be the first championship to feature the latest generation Sony PlayStation 5 consoles with PS5 versions of both Madden Football and NBA 2K Basketball.