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Sport

Fall/Winter Esports

**Championship
Update/Review**

We held our Fall Championship on Thursday, December 10 - once again at the Cornerstone on the campus of the University of Kentucky. We held six state championships for the following Game Titles: Madden NFL 26 (Winner - Armani James [Low Cut] from Central), Mario Kart 8 (Winner Shelby Blues from Shelby County - their 3rd win in a row), Rocket League (Winner - PHS Rocket League from Prestonsburg), Splatoon 3 (Winner - Crimson Tide from Dupont Manual - their second straight win), Super Smash Bros (Winner - The FireFlies from Harlan County), and our latest State Championship Title, Street Fighter 6 (Winner - Boyle Gold from Boyle County).

League of Legends, one of the first titles we offered since Season 0, didn't have enough participation to warrant a State Championship League for this past fall. We did invite the two furthest advancing teams from PlayVS Central (non-state) League to come to Lexington for an in person exhibition match. The two teams were Pinkward Panthers (from Elizabethtown) and Hardstruck Crimson of Dupont Manual. Dupont Manual succeeded in beating the Pinkward Panthers in this match. We will continue to monitor participation for League of Legends in case it garners enough participation in the future to place it once again in the State Championship League.

A big thank you to the UK's Staff, KHSAA Board and Staff along with the staff of the KDE who were present.