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## STATE INFORMATION FOR ESPORTS

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**Tennessee Universities and Colleges with Established Esports Programs-** These programs reflect the growing popularity and integration of esports in higher education, offering students opportunities to engage in competitive gaming and related academic pursuits.

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**Freed-Hardeman University (FHU):** FHU has announced the introduction of its Esports program, which is set to debut in the 2024-25 academic year. The university aims to combine competitive gaming with its Christian values and welcomes students to participate in organized competitive gaming.

**Tennessee State University (TSU):** TSU has launched a dedicated esports facility, the Smart Innovation Technology Center, which focuses not only on gaming but also on design, management, coding, and more. This facility indicates a comprehensive approach to esports as part of the university's academic programming.

**University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC):** UTC offers a variety of esports and gaming services to students, including both casual and intercollegiate competition. The university emphasizes student involvement in driving and enhancing its esports program.

**East Tennessee State University (ETSU):** ETSU hosts a varsity esports program that competes at the national level. The program includes teams for games such as Overwatch, Rocket League, Super Smash Brothers Ultimate, VALORANT, and iRacing. ETSU also offers a graduate certificate in Esports Management and boasts a state-of-the-art training facility, The CAVE Esports Arena.

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