

IESA CHESS ROUND 1 RANKING

The IESA Board of Directors approved the Chess Advisory Committee recommendation to implement a seeding/pairing procedure for all students of the Chess state competition at the IESA Board of Directors meeting on April 8, 2016.

ROUND 1 RANKING PROCEDURE

- 1. Coaches must rank each student participating. The purpose of this is to allow students to be paired in competition with students of a similar skill level.
- 2. On the online roster entry form, a school's coach will rank players in each division from 1 to 12 up to the number of players participating from that given school. A designation of "1" is the strongest player in that division for the school. Alternates should also be given a ranking.
- 3. The rank options include 1 through 12. Coaches must only rank as high as the number of competitors representing their school in that division. For example, a school with only 5 competitors in the 7th grade division should rank their competitors 1 through 5 in that division. If a school only has two competitors in a given division, the rankings given should be 1 and 2. Remember, alternates must also be given a ranking.
- 4. Coaches cannot rank players in the same division at the same level.
- 5. Pairings for Rounds 2-8 will be determined based on the previous round's results.

