



**2016 CHESS ADVISORY MEETING**  
**Minutes and Recommendations**  
**April 1, 2016**

**The following members were present for this meeting:**

Jim Aman (Tournament Pairings), Leslie Alappattu (IESA Assistant Executive Director),  
Herb Ferguson (Homewood Hart), Chris Merli (Chief Tournament Director), Garrett Scott (Normal Parkside),  
Betsy Zacate (Tournament Section Chief via FaceTime), and Mike Zacate (Tournament Pairings)

**The IESA Chess Advisory Committee, in its meeting on April 1, 2016, makes the following  
recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for their April 8, 2016, meeting:**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS CHANGES**

**Section II**

Current	Online Roster Deadline is Tuesday of Week 34
Proposed	Change Online Roster Deadline to Monday of Week 34 <b>PASSED</b>
Rationale	This allows the IESA office one additional day to complete final paperwork for state competition (rosters, check-in packets, data for pairings).

**Section III, Part D**

Current	The List of Participants form must also include the name(s) of the school's coach(es) or school representatives.
Proposed	The List of Participants form must also include the name(s) <u>and cell phone number(s)</u> of the school's coach(es) or school representative(s). <b>PASSED</b>
Rationale	If schools are late getting to competition and/or have not checked in, IESA will have a contact number for the coach bringing the students. Currently, the cell phone number for the coach is obtained at check-in.

**Section III, Part D**

Current	Schools may list up to three (3) alternates on the List of Participants form. Schools may substitute players up until the end of the registration period on the first day of the tournament.
Proposed	Schools may list up to three (3) alternates on the List of Participants form. Schools may substitute players up until the end of the registration period on the first day of the tournament. <u>Because this is an individual tournament and not a board-team tournament, substitutions are not permitted after the end of the registration period. Alternates not used as substitutes by 9:00 am on Friday are not permitted to compete in the remainder of the tournament.</u> <b>PASSED</b>
Rationale	Concern was expressed from membership that the current language for when alternates are permitted to be used is not clear.

**Section VI, Part B**

Current	Coaches who have not officially checked in prior to the close of the check-in time period will not be paired for Round 1.
Proposed	<u>Coaches or school representatives</u> who have not officially checked in <u>their school</u> prior to the close of the check-in time period will not <u>have students</u> paired for Round 1. <b>PASSED</b>
Rationale	This clarifies who is affected by a school not checking in during the registration period on Friday.

## Section VI, Part E

Current	A seeding process based upon criteria and information submitted by participating schools will provide the basis for assigning individual pairing numbers. Player ratings will be calculated after the conclusion of Round 4 to be used in pairing the remaining rounds of tournament play.
Proposed	A seeding process based upon criteria and information submitted by participating schools will provide the basis for assigning individual pairing numbers. <u>On the online entry form, a school's coach will rank players 1-7 up to the number of players participating from a given school with a designation of "1" indicating the team's strongest player. No two (2) players are permitted to have the same rank number. Player ratings will be calculated after the conclusion of Round 4 to be used in pairing the remaining rounds of tournament play.</u> <b>PASSED</b>
Rationale	Concern was expressed from membership that the current language for ranking is unclear. Schools were asked to predict the number of rounds a given student would win throughout the competition. Coaches felt this process of trying to pre-determine wins was not fair. The pairings directors found that player ratings at the conclusion of Round 4 did not make a difference in the pairing of remaining rounds.

## Section VI, Part H

Current	Each school is required to provide chess boards, Staunton design chess sets, and digital chess time delay clocks that comply with the rules published by IESA for at least half of the individuals they have participating.
Proposed	Each school is required to provide chess boards, Staunton design chess sets, and digital chess time delay clocks that comply with the rules published by IESA for every student in a given division <u>up to 4 students.</u> <b>PASSED</b>
Rationale	More than half of the individuals from one school in a given division may be randomly assigned the black piece by the tournament computer system (WinTD).

## **CHESS RULES BOOK CHANGES**

The rationale for each of the changes recommended for the IESA Chess Rules is to align our rules with both the IHSA and the United States Chess Federation. The adoption of these changes would support best practices for students participating in a chess competition.

The recommendation is to accept all proposed changes (in red) to the IESA Chess Rules. **PASSED**

## **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

1. Date change to accommodate request for Skittles to be closer to the competition hall - no recommendation.
2. Implement a sectional qualifier for the state tournament - no recommendation.
3. Reduce the time of each of the 7 rounds by 30 minutes - no recommendation.
4. Incorporate a team competition - no recommendation.

The IESA Chess Advisory Committee appreciates Dave Tonry, Garrett Scott, Herb Ferguson, and Anne Messmore for their commitment to IESA Chess and their feedback over their years of service to the committee. Thank you!

The IESA Chess Advisory Committee's next meeting date is Friday, March 24, 2017.