



IESA Chess

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

March 31, 2023

The following members were present for the meeting: Charlie Shempf (IESA Assistant Executive Director), Kim Serrurier (Morton JHS, Coach), Chris Merli (Chief TD), Greg Moses (Franklin, Coach), Jim Aman (Pairings), Amy Green (Scorekeeper), Patrick Cohen (Section Chief), Kent Hieronymus (Steward/Coach), and Lee Verner (Geneseo, Coach).

The IESA Chess Advisory Committee, in its March, 2023 meeting, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for their April 2023, meeting:

Recommendation 1- Entries

Current: A school may enter a team of a maximum of seven (7) students in each grade division - 6, 7 and 8.

Proposed: A school may enter a team of maximum of ten (10) students in each grade division- 6, 7, and 8.

Rationale: As chess numbers continue to increase at the junior high level, allowing up to ten participants for each grade level will allow more students the opportunity to participate. Several schools had to turn down students from participating in the state chess tournament because of the seven-person limit.

Allowing ten students would NOT increase the time of each round. The current rule of team scores will be an accumulation of individual points from the top five scorers will still apply.

T&C: Section III; D

Handbook: 4.163

Admin. Vote: 4-0 in favor

Board Action: **Approved**

Recommendation 2- Schedule

Current: 8:15am Check-in and Skittles rooms open

8:30am Meeting of Stewards - Competition Hall

9:00am Registration closes - roster changes must be complete

9:15am Round 1 pairings posted

9:40am Players at assigned locations

9:45am Opening Ceremony - Competition Hall

10:00am Round 1

10:30am Coaches' Meeting

12:00pm Round 2

1:30pm Round 3

3:00pm Round 4

4:30pm Round 5

Proposed: 8:00am Check-in and Skittles rooms open

8:30am Meeting of Stewards - Competition Hall

8:45am Registration closes - roster changes must be complete

9:15am Round 1 pairings posted

9:40am Players at assigned locations

9:45am Opening Ceremony - Competition Hall

Not Before 10:00am Round 1

10:30am Coaches' Meeting

Not Before 12:15pm Round 2

Not Before 1:45pm Round 3

Not Before 3:15pm Round 4

Not Before 4:45pm Round 5

Rationale: The tournament pairings group needs an extra 15 minutes to make the first-round pairings and complete any roster changes after registration. Adjusting the check in and registration time ahead fifteen minutes will allow round 1 to start on time. Previous years have started late because of limited time between registration and round 1 pairings. Starting round 2 fifteen minutes later will allow teams enough time to get lunch. Adding the language of “not before” each round start time will give coaches/players a better understanding of the schedule, if the tournament were to get behind or off schedule.

T&C: Section V; C

Handbook:

Admin. Vote: 4-0 in favor

Board Action: **Approved**

Recommendation 3- **Rulebook**

Current

Proposed: Rule 21-Section 12: In the event a player is unable to continue the game due to an emergent illness or injury the player may be allowed up to 5 minutes for coaches, parents or medical staff to treat the player. In the event of repeated situations, the total time for treatment shall not exceed 5 minutes.

Rationale: New language in case in the event of an emergency.

T&C:

Handbook:

Admin. Vote: 4-0 opposed

Board Action: **No Action**

Points of Emphasis:

1. Enforcement of notation (reminders to coaches/players, steward cards, section chief notification on computer, coach resources)
2. Coaches to bring clocks and pencils for students.
3. Use of the Remind app leading into the tournament.
4. Lost and found/clock return process at the state tournament.

Other items discussed:

- Food/Lunch at PCC
- PCC Security
- Thursday evening set up
- Round 1 pairings previous to Friday
- Substitution/Re-entry
- Seating in ballroom
- Tournament Dates
- Future State Venues