

2018-19 IESA CHESS ADVISORY MEETING

Minutes and Recommendations

March 6, 2019

The following members were present for the meeting: Nicole Schaeftbauer (IESA Associate Executive Director), Betsy Zacate (Pairings), Emily Dawson (Peoria Von Steuben, Coach), Herb Ferguson (Homewood Hart, Coach), Michelle Chon (Bloomington JHS, Coach), Chris Merli (Chief TD), Bryan Devine (Pairings), Greg Moses (Franklin, Coach), Jim Aman (Pairings).

The IESA Chess Advisory Committee, in its meeting on March 6, 2019, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for their April 5, 2019, meeting:

Recommendation 1- By-laws and Terms and Conditions

Current	Schools may list up to three (3) alternates per division on the online roster entry form. Schools may substitute players from the online roster entry form up until the end of the registration period on the first day of tournament play. 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 tournament.
Proposed	Schools may list up to five (5) alternates per division on the online roster entry form. Schools may substitute players from the online roster entry form up until the end of the registration period on the first day of tournament play. 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 tournament.
Rationale	Because of the high percentage of students who do not end up coming to the competition, increasing the number of alternates will allow coaches more flexibility and will make substitutions easier on the pairings personnel.
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IESA By-Law	4.163
Admin Vote	
Board Action	Approved

Recommendation 2- By-laws and Terms and Conditions

Current	If both players are late for the start of a round, the first player to arrive must split the elapsed time and then start the opponent's clock. If neither player has a clock, the elapsed time from the start of the round must be split equally when one is obtained. Competitors may need the assistance of a Steward for this procedure.
Proposed	Delete
Rationale	Included in the Rulebook
Chess T&C	
IESA By-Law	
Admin Vote	
Board Action	Approved

Recommendation 3- By-laws and Terms and Conditions

Current	Participants are warned before the start of each round that cell phones must be turned off completely or placed on silent. A cell phones that goes off in the playing area will result in the following penalties: <ol style="list-style-type: none">Player's cell phones in use - forfeiture of game.Player's cell phones/smart devices vibrating or ringing - loss of five minutes off clock but not to be lowered past one minute of the time remaining. A second violation would result in a forfeiture of game.
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c. No headphones of any type may be worn in the playing area.

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- a. Player’s cell phones/smart devices in use - forfeiture of game.
- b. Player’s cell phones/smart devices vibrating or ringing - loss of five minutes off clock but not to be lowered past one minute of the time remaining. A second violation would result in a forfeiture of game.
- c. No headphones of any type may be worn in the playing area.

Rationale Included the addition of any smart device (watch, etc.)

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IESA By-Law

Admin Vote

Board Action **Approved**

Recommendation 4- By-laws and Terms and Conditions

Current **A. Tie-Break Penalties**

- 1. Violations of the rules may be penalized by the loss of team tie-break points as follows:
 - a. Major violation – up to 5 tie-break points
 - b. Minor violation – 1 tie-break point

Proposed Delete

Rationale Not relevant

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IESA By-Law

Admin Vote

Board Action **Approved**

Recommendation 5- By-laws and Terms and Conditions

Current Spectators' electronic devices will not be allowed in the competition area. Photographs may be taken during the first ten (10) minutes of a round only.

Proposed Flash photography may be taken during the first ten (10) minutes of a round only.

Rationale Restriction on spectator electronic devices removed. Not enough personnel to police. Additionally, as long as the devices are not interrupting play, there is no need to restrict from the viewing area.

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IESA By-Law

Admin Vote

Board Action **Approved**

Recommendation 6- Rules Book

Current

Proposed

Rationale

Chess Rules

- a. Move Rule 23 to Terms and Conditions
- b. Remove Rule 18, Section 3, Article 3
- c. Reword Rule 19, Section 4

IESA By-Law Housekeeping items

Admin Vote

Board Action **Approved**

Points of Emphasis

1. The Greater Peoria Chess Foundation has graciously agreed to provide the boards and pieces for all rounds of play for the 2020 Chess State Tournament.
2. Notation is required.
3. Clocks are required and students should be adept at programming them.

Discussion Topics

1. Discussed a change to the time control. No recommendation.
2. Discussed current coach ranking procedure. No recommendation, keep current ranking system.
3. Discussed modification to the current awards disbursement. No recommendation. **The Committee recommends that only the awards for individuals receiving gold and silver medallions be announced. Individuals receiving Bronze medals will be able to pick up their medals after the awards ceremony, but will not be announced.**

Current

- a. Gold medallions awarded to students with score of 7.0 or next highest score group
- b. Silver medallions awarded to students with score of 6.0-6.5
- c. Bronze medallions awarded to students with score of 5.0-5.5

	6-Gold	Silver	Bronze	7-Gold	Silver	Bronze	8-Gold	Silver	Bronze
2019	3	7	26	2	7	33	2	8	40
2018	1	7	24	2	8	27	2	8	33
2017	2	6	24	1	7	25	1	6	25

Proposed

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- c. Bronze medallions awarded to students with score of 5.5

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2019	3	7	0	2	7	3	2	8	5

Approved the proposed changes to score groups.

4. Discussed the possibility of moving skittles closer to competition room. Unfortunately, this is the only space that the Civic Center has for that weekend.
5. Discussion of the addition to a team tournament weekend. No recommendation.
6. Discussed a change in the penalty for not providing equipment. No recommendation.
7. Discussed pairing. The pairings room will make every effort to cross-section pair if students within different sections are assigned byes. The students will still receive their wins, but will now have any opportunity to play. Additionally, Betsy Zacate will provide a breakout session during Round 2 to explain how pairings are made.
8. Discussed the requirement of notation. No recommendation.
9. Discussed eliminating the use of tie-breaks for a blitz game. No recommendation.
10. Discussed the implementation of a class-system. Administrator to conduct a survey for interest.
11. Discussed the state time schedule. Fifteen minutes will be taken off of the start time for Round 7 and the Awards start time.
12. Discussed having our photography vendor onsite for the tournament. No recommendation.
13. Discussed the possibility of announcing the 8th grade team awards first. No recommendation.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date

Wednesday, March 17, 2020 @ 10:00 am