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CHESS ACTIVITY UPDATE

TERMS AND CONDITIONS CHANGES

1. The IESA Chess rules book had several updates and the changes are marked in red online. [www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-CHS_Rules.pdf](http://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-CHS_Rules.pdf)

2. NEW!!! The Great Peoria Chess Federation will be providing boards and pieces for the playing floor for the 2019 State Tournament. Schools will still be expected to provide clocks for every student in a given division up to 5 students. It is recommended that schools bring back-up boards and pieces to the state tournament site. The player assigned to Black will be required to provide the competition clock.

3. Ranking Process: On the online roster entry form, a school's coach will rank players in each division from 1 to 7 up to the number of players participating from that given school. A designation of "1" is the strongest player. No two (2) players entered in the same division are permitted to have the same rank number. If a school only has 5 players competing in a given division, the coach will only have the option to rank the players from 1-5.

4. The online roster deadline line is Thursday of Week 33 (February 14).

5. The online entry form must include the coach’s cell phone number.

6. The coach/school representative must check the school in prior to the close of the check-in period listed on the competition schedule or students will not be paired for Round 1. Additionally, if a student must withdraw from competition, the coach must communicate this to the tournament staff.

7. As a reminder, all players are required to keep notation as required in Rule 20.

STATE COMPETITION INFORMATION

- Peoria Civic Center
  201 SW Jefferson Avenue - Peoria, IL
- 7 rounds will be played throughout the weekend (4 rounds Friday, 3 rounds Saturday)
- Pairings will be posted in 2 locations outside of the competition hall and on the IESA website. Make sure you sign up for text alerts regarding pairings.
- Skittles rooms will be available; due to multiple events being held that weekend, Skittles will be located on the opposite end of the PCC and schools are welcome to utilize the space assigned to them; schools are encouraged to have adequate student supervision.
- Concessions will be available for purchase and a list of menu items and prices will be included in the initial mailing to allow schools to plan accordingly - last year, some schools made arrangements to eat lunch outside of the facility.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- A coach recognition form will be available to nominate a worthy peer. Please check online for the form and submission instructions.
- Discussed a modification to the current awards disbursement. No recommendation was made.
- Discussed the possibility of moving skittles closer to the competition room. No recommendation as the facility has no additional space near the competition hall.

IMPORTANT 2018-19 CHESS DATES

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CHESS GRADE LEVEL ELIGIBILITY

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1. As outlined above, schools may enter up to 7 students per division.

2. For each division your school has students registered, you may list up to 3 alternates.

3. Any student who is competing must attend an IESA member school. 5th and 6th grade students may attend a feeder school for the middle/junior high school in their district. The feeder school must also have IESA membership.

4. IESA By-Law 3.041 outlines that a student can compete in the same division during different school years provided that the student is in a different grade in school for each competition. For example:
   - Theoretically, a student may participate in the 8th grade division for 4 different school years - the student can compete as a 5th grader in 2017, as a 6th grader in 2018, as a 7th grader in 2019, and as an 8th grader in 2020.
   - If a student has been retained in 7th grade (i.e. held back in the same grade) and the student has already competed in IESA Chess while in 7th grade the first time, the student is not eligible to compete in any division during his/her second year in 7th grade. This student would be eligible to participate in the IESA Chess state competition again once he/she has been promoted to 8th grade in school.
I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

A. Classification
   1. Competition in the IESA Chess state tournament will be held for all member schools without classification.

II. DATES AND SITE

A. The IESA Chess state tournament will be held at the Peoria Civic Center (201 SW Jefferson Avenue - Peoria, Illinois). The chess calendar is as follows:

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III. ENTRY FEES, ONLINE ENTRY FORM, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Entry Fees
   1. To be eligible for competition in the tournament, all member schools must enter their school into the state competition through the IESA Member Center on the IESA website at www.iesa.org. The initial entry deadline is January 23, 2019.
   2. The entry fee for participation is $15.00 per participant.
   3. All entries must be submitted online through the IESA Member Center. At the completion of the registration process, an invoice will be generated. Forward the invoice and your school-issued check to the IESA office by the initial entry deadline.

B. Late Entries
   1. Late entry fees will be waived for schools designated as new members or for current member schools entering an activity for the first time which petition to participate in an activity after the initial entry deadline of January 23, 2019.
   2. Entry fees will be refunded only upon request prior to the initial entry deadline of January 23, 2019.
   3. Entries postmarked after the initial entry deadline are double in cost.

C. Withdrawal Procedure
   1. To withdraw without penalty, the Principal must notify the IESA Office, in writing, of the school’s withdrawal from the activity prior to the online roster deadline listed in Section II of the Chess Terms and Conditions.
   2. If a school withdraws after the online roster deadline of February 14, 2019, the school will be charged a $50.00 penalty.

D. Online Roster Entry Form
   1. Each school must complete their online roster entry form by the online roster deadline of February 14, 2019.
2. The online roster entry form is located in the IESA Member Center of the IESA website. A school may enter a team of a maximum of seven (7) students in each grade division - 6, 7 and 8. Participant information must include the name of each participant, birthdate, year in school, and the coach assigned chess rank. The online roster entry form must also include the name(s) and cell phone number(s) of the school's coach(es) or school representatives.

3. 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.

IV. ELIGIBILITY

To enter any of the IESA activities, a student must be eligible under all of the eligibility rules and conditions of competition of the IESA.

A. Attendance
   1. Students must attend member schools and may only represent in competition the school they actually attend.

B. Scholastic Standing
   1. All contestants shall be in grades five through eight and shall not have passed eighth grade standing.
   2. A student shall be doing passing work as determined by the local school district in all school subjects and the school shall certify compliance with this by-law. Use of a player, contestant, or participant shall be deemed such certification.
   3. For all IESA activities, non-athletic as well as athletic, passing work shall be checked weekly to govern eligibility for the following Monday through Saturday. For fall activities, the first eligibility check shall be made following the first full week of attendance at the beginning of the school year. During the succeeding weeks of the school year, the eligibility check shall begin the week prior to the first contest in an activity.
   4. The eligibility check shall be the same day each week unless school is not in session; then, it must be taken on the last day of student attendance that week. Grades shall be cumulative for the school's grading period.

C. Age
   1. For sixth grade activities, a student shall be eligible through age thirteen (13). If a student in sixth grade becomes fourteen (14) before the final day in the state chess tournament, he/she is not eligible to participate in the sixth grade chess division.
   2. For seventh grade activities, a student shall be eligible through age fourteen (14). If a student in seventh grade becomes fifteen (15) before the final day in the state chess tournament, he/she is not eligible to participate in the seventh grade chess division.
   3. For eighth grade activities, a student shall be eligible through age fifteen (15). If a student in eighth grade becomes sixteen (16) before the final day in the state chess tournament, he/she is not eligible to participate in the eighth grade chess division.
D. Participation
   1. No student is eligible to participate at the same academic grade level for two different school years in the same activity. This is true whether the student attended a member or a non-member school. Participation in one interscholastic contest in an activity constitutes one season of eligibility in that activity.

E. Use of Participants
   1. Only students who are currently eligible under the rules and by-laws are eligible to participate.

V. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND PLAYING SCHEDULES

A. Tournament Structure and Pairing Procedures
   1. The tournament will be a Medley Team Swiss System format. A Swiss System variation will be used for the tournament.

B. Complete Participation Requirement
   1. Participants will compete in all rounds of competition unless they are officially withdrawn from the tournament by their coach. Notification must be communicated to tournament staff in writing.

C. Time Schedule

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VI. TOURNAMENT RULES

A. Playing Rules
   1. The official playing rules for the IESA Chess State Tournament are those included in the IESA Chess Rules Book, these Chess Terms and Conditions, and any printed instructions distributed from the IESA Office.
   2. These rules will be enforced by designated officials.
   3. Final appeals on the playing rules in regards to the IESA Chess Rules Book rest with the Chief Tournament Director. The IESA Chess administrator enforces all elements of the IESA Chess Terms and Conditions and the IESA Handbook.

B. Coach or Official Representative
   1. Non-athletic instructors/coaches in all member schools shall be designated by their Board of Education or governing board as personnel responsible for the supervision of the school's contestants.
   2. Coaches must be present at the state tournament site at all times during tournament play to assist the tournament manager if needed. If a school does not have a designated coach or school representative present at the tournament site at all times (except permitted by an IESA...
administrator) during tournament play, that school's competitors will not be permitted to participate. A coach or designated school representative shall be present in the facility at the beginning of each round to ensure that everything is in order prior to the start of the match.

3. Coaches or school representatives who have not officially checked in their school prior to the close of the registration/check-in time period will not have students paired for Round 1. Teams may still be paired for the remaining rounds of the tournament.

4. A coaches' meeting will be held on Friday by the windows outside of the competition hall. If coaches have questions during the tournament, please speak with a tournament official. Team packets will include a coach tag. Coach tags should be worn throughout both days of competition and will allow only coaches access to the competition area.

C. Uniforms

1. It is recommended that team members wear apparel or patches that display the school name.

D. Equipment

1. 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 up to 5 students.

2. A digital clock using standard time delay is the preferred clock. Digital clocks are not to be used without the time delay being correctly set (count down does not start for 5 seconds).
   a. Analog clocks may be used if no standard time delay clock is available.
   b. Bronstein clock settings are not to be used.

3. The player assigned the Black pieces is expected to supply the clock, board and set which comply with the rules. The equipment of the player assigned the White pieces may be used in the event Black is unable to supply the preferred equipment.

4. If the player of the Black pieces arrives after the start of the round, equipment set up by the player of the White pieces may be used.

5. Failure to provide the required equipment may result in the forfeiture of boards which are without proper equipment.
   a. Standard time delay is preferred.
   b. Analog clocks are acceptable substitutes but not preferred.

E. Pairing Procedure

1. Pairings and results will be posted outside the competition hall and will also be available online at www.iesa.org.

2. Effort will be made to avoid pairing teammates; however, teammates may be paired to avoid shifting players out of a score group.

3. A ranking process, based upon criteria and information submitted by participating schools, will provide the basis for assigning individual pairing numbers. On the online roster entry form, a school's coach will rank players in each division from 1-10 up to the number of players participating from that school; alternates must also be assigned a rank. No two (2) players entered in the same division are permitted to have the same rank number.

F. Participant Roster and Participation

1. Prior to the close of registration, the coach or official representative of a school shall submit any changes to the roster. In addition, the following rules are in place:
   a. No player substitutions are permitted after the close of the registration period.
   b. A "bye" designation is worth one (1) point and given when there are an odd number of students competing in a round. A person that receives a bye is considered to have
competed in the round because that player was accounted for when pairings were completed.

c. A "do not pair" designation is when a coach requests that a student not be paired for a round. The student will receive zero (0) points. The request to not pair a student must be submitted 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the round and a player's status cannot be changed from "do not pair" to play within 30 minutes of the scheduled start time of the round.

2. Stewards will be on the tournament floor at all times to assist players in the event of problems or questions. The player should raise and keep hand up to summon a Steward. When a Steward is being summoned, the clock may be stopped. A clock may be restarted only by a Steward or at the instruction of a Steward.

3. Competitor participation - a player who is absent at the start of a round:
   a. It is the participant's responsibility to report to the playing floor when the round is scheduled to begin. All Round 1 matches are scheduled to begin at 10:00 am.
   b. When a round begins, the clocks for all matches will be started even if the competitor has not yet arrived.
   c. If a player arrives 20 minutes after the beginning of a round, the individual's match is forfeited and the individual is disqualified from further participation in the tournament. Any exception is at the discretion of the IESA Administrator.
   d. If a player arrives at a match but is disqualified because of time expiring, the scores for that player in prior rounds shall stand.
   e. 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.

4. Participants are warned before the start of each round that cell phones must be turned off completely or placed on silent. A cell phone that goes off in the playing area will result in the following penalties:
   a. Player’s cell phone in use - forfeiture of game.
   b. Player’s cell phone 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.

G. Notation

1. Players are required to keep notation as required in Rule 20.
2. Notation sheets will be available for participants at the competition tables.
3. With less than 5 minutes on his/her clock, a player may discontinue notation. If such a player does discontinue notation, the opponent may do so also.

H. Time Control

1. In the chess state tournament, each player will be granted a time control of forty (40) minutes with a 5-second delay per player for all rounds.
2. Only a player may claim a time forfeit.

I. Scoring

1. Both competitors are responsible for reporting/confirming the results of the match with the score table.
2. Team scores will be an accumulation of individual points from the top five scorers of the team.
3. Individual scores will be the sum of the wins plus half the number of draws.

J. Tie-Break System
   1. Team - Total Solkoff, Total Cumulative, Total Opponents' Cumulative, Duplicate Awards

K. 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

L. Appeals
   1. Coaches are responsible for checking the previous round's results and reporting any discrepancies to tournament headquarters by the end of the following round.
   2. In the event a player's score would increase as a result of correcting a mistake but the error was not brought to the attention of the tournament staff before the end of the following round it may not be corrected and the player's score will stand.
   3. Coaches will have 20 minutes after the posting of final results to report any corrections to the final round.

VII. TOURNAMENT POLICIES

A. Spectators
   1. When possible, a spectator viewing area will be available in the competition room; however, spectators are required to observe silence during all tournament play.
   2. During play, spectators must remain in the designated viewing areas.
   3. All fans that attend IESA state series contests must wear shirts at all times.
   4. Spectators' electronic devices will not be allowed in the competition room. Photographs may be taken during the first ten (10) minutes of a round only.
   5. Both coaches and spectators will be allowed to enter the competition area during play but will only be allowed to view play from the designated viewing areas.
   6. Upon completion of a game, a player becomes a spectator.
   7. Failure to observe proper decorum during tournament play will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct.

B. Alcohol and Tobacco Products
   1. No alcoholic beverages shall be served at any IESA activity where students are participating.
   2. No interscholastic tournaments may have a sponsor who is a manufacturer, distributor, or advertiser of tobacco or alcoholic beverages, political or religious groups, or of any other products or services which might reflect unfavorably upon the school or the Association.

C. Food and Drink
   1. Except for bottled water (which may be consumed but not placed on the playing table), food or drink will not be permitted in the playing area at any time during the tournament.
   2. No coolers or outside food of any kind will be allowed into the Peoria Civic Center by spectators, coaches, or players.
   3. Food and drinks will be available for purchase at various concession areas throughout the Peoria Civic Center.
D. Sportsmanship
1. If players or representatives of any school entered in an IESA state series tournament are found guilty of carelessly or maliciously breaking, damaging, or destroying property or equipment belonging to the host school or other visiting schools, such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in repairing or replacing such property or equipment.
2. It is the clear obligation of students, school, staff, boards of education, and all other official representatives of member schools in all interscholastic relationship to practice and promote the highest principles of sportsmanship and the ethics of competition, and it is the obligation of the member school to maintain proper crowd control at all interscholastic activities. The Association shall have no responsibility for crowd control or for the actions of school representatives. The Board of Directors shall have full authority to penalize any member school, any of whose representatives or spectators may be adjudged upon competent evidence to have violated these obligations.

VIII. AWARDS

A. Awards
1. An awards ceremony will take place as soon as possible following the posting of the results after the conclusion of the final round.
2. Team trophies will be presented to the teams in each division winning first, second, third, and fourth places. Medallions will be presented to the members and head coach of the first four placing teams.
3. Individual awards will be presented to players scoring 5.0 or more points.
   a. Individuals scoring 7.0 points or next highest score will receive gold medallions.
   b. Individuals scoring 6.0-6.5 points will receive silver medallions.
   c. Individuals scoring 5.0-5.5 points will receive bronze medallions.

IX. OFFICIALS

A. The necessary number of tournament officials shall be determined and appointed by the IESA Office.

X. MISCELLANEOUS

A. The following are miscellaneous items pertaining to the IESA Chess state competition:
1. One program will be included in team’s check-in packet. The program contains a tournament schedule as well as a map of the Peoria Civic Center and a complete list of participating schools.
2. Schools are encouraged to order merchandise online from the Cubby Hole prior to the competition. T-shirts and other apparel will only be available for purchase on Friday during the competition. Visit their website at www.cubbyholeonline.com to order merchandise in advance of the tournament.
3. Skittles areas will be available and teams are preassigned to Skittles rooms. Your Skittles room assignment is included in the state competition packet you will receive upon arrival.
4. Analysis or playing extra games in the playing area is strictly forbidden. Players may go over games or play additional games in the Skittles area.
5. Writing on competition tables is not permitted.
6. Only bottled water is allowed in the competition area.
7. Only competitors will be allowed on the competition floor.
8. Players with games in progress may view other games of their teammates but must stay behind them where they cannot easily be seen.
9. When making a claim, or in case of a dispute, either player may stop both clocks and raise a hand to summon a Steward. It is up to the player to make a claim. If the player thinks that the Steward has made an error in a ruling, the player may ask to appeal to the Chief Steward. Improper or frivolous claims may be penalized.

10. Touch move rules apply.