

ACTIVITY UPDATE



2025

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Important Dates



January 29	Entry Deadline
February 14	Final Entry Deadline
February 20	Online Roster Due
February 28	State Tournament
March 1	State Tournament

New Spectator Rules

During State
Tournament Play:
Spectators will **not** be
allowed in the ballroom.
Only coaches and
students will be allowed
in the ballroom.

New Tournament Schedule



Friday:

R1 - 10am

R2 - 12:15pm

R3 - 2:00pm

R4 - 3:45pm

R5 - 5:30pm

Saturday:

R6 - 9am

R7 - 10:45am

R8 - 12:45pm

Awards - 2:45pm

New Skittles Area



- Skittles Area will now be located in Exhibit Hall D. All schools will use this area.
- Exhibit Hall D is located just below the grand ballroom.
- Less travel and more space coming to the skittles area in 2025.
- Additional Skittles information will be sent with state mailing.

Frequently Asked Questions



Q: If I have 10 students in each division. How many total clocks do I need to bring?

A: 18. Coaches should bring one more than half the number of students in each division rounded up.

Q: If my student is going to miss any rounds on Friday, can he/she still participate on Saturday?

A: Yes - Coaches must scratch the student for rounds he/she will miss before the completion of the previous round.

Notation

NOTATION IS REQUIRED. Please make sure that your students are prepared to keep notation for every round of play. More Info on IESA website.

State Information

- Entry fee is \$15 per participant.
- Location- Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL.
- Schools may enter a maximum of **10** students in each grade division- 6th, 7th, and/or 8th.
- 8 rounds will be played throughout the weekend (5 rounds on Friday, 3 rounds on Saturday)



Clocks



Schools are required to bring one more clock than half the number of students in a given division rounded up. 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.

Ranking Process

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 players entered in the same division are permitted to have the same rank number. If a school has 5 players competing in a given division, the coach will only have the option to rank the players from 1-5.

Chess Advisory Committee

We are always looking for coaches who would be interested in serving on the IESA Chess Advisory Committee. The Committee meets once a year to evaluate the activity rules and state tournament. Members serve a 3-year term. Contact the IESA Office if you are interested in serving on the Committee.



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