



IESA Chess Activity Update

2023-24

- **(NEW)** A school may enter a team of maximum of ten (10) students in each grade division- 6, 7, and 8. There will be **NO ALTERNATES** on the roster.
- Regardless of record, all students will participate in all rounds of the two-day tournament.
- If you conduct a regular season tournament, please be sure to list that opportunity on the IESA website. Schools are always looking for competitions in which they may enter. You can view a listing of tournaments on the chess page of the IESA website.
- The Greater Peoria Chess Foundation will be providing boards and pieces for the playing floor for the 2024 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.
- Only students in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate with and for your school. At no time may a student who is in 4th grade (or a lower grade) practice with or participate with your team.
- **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.
- The online entry form must include the coach's cell phone number.
- **As a reminder, all players are required to keep notation as required in Rule 20.**



Equipment Reminder:

Please make sure that all of your chess equipment is labeled with your school name. Coaches need to bring pencils and clocks for their team.

(NEW) Friday State Final Schedule:

8:00am: Check-in / Skittles rooms open
8:30am: Meeting of Stewards
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
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

Important Dates

- Entry Deadline: Jan 24th, 2024
- Final Entry Deadline: Feb 9th, 2024
- Online Roster Deadline: Feb 15th, 2024
- State: Feb 23rd & 24th

State Competition 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.
- **NEW:** 8 rounds will be played throughout the weekend (5 rounds on Friday, 3 rounds on Saturday)
- **Pairings:** Pairings will be posted in 2 locations outside of the competition hall and on the IESA website. Make sure you sign up for instant alerts regarding pairings. Information will be sent regarding the Remind App that will be used during the tournament.
- 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.
- **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 TOURNAMENT SCORE GROUPS:

Gold Medallions- 8.0 or next highest score group.
Silver Medallions- 7.0-7.5
Bronze Medallions- 6.0-6.5

State Tournament Time Schedule (Rounds Only)

Time schedule for the round start times at the State Finals.

Friday

Rd. 1- Not before 10:00 a.m.
Rd. 2- Not before 12:15 p.m.
Rd. 3- Not before 1:45 p.m.
Rd. 4- Not before 3:15 p.m.
Rd. 5- Not before 4:45 p.m.

Saturday

Rd. 6- Not before 9:00 a.m.
Rd. 7- Not before 10:45 a.m.
Rd. 8- Not before 12:45 p.m.
Awards- 2:45 p.m.

Calendar Change for 2024-25

As you look forward to scheduling contests and officials for future years, please keep in mind that the calendar will "roll" in the 2024-2025 school year.

The IESA uses a standardized calendar to schedule dates and seasons. The standardized calendar starts with Week 1 being assigned to the first full week in July. In 2024, the first full week of July begins with Sunday, July 7th.

This shift in dates will alter the dates of seasons and tournaments more than the usual 1 or 2 days. Please make sure that you keep this in mind and check the season starting dates for all activities before beginning practice. In addition, please check the regional/sectional dates before setting your schedule for the 24-25 season.

A ten-year standardized season [calendar](#) is available on the IESA website.

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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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