



CHESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

April 13, 2012

The following were present for the meetings: Jim Aman, Chicago; Steve Stewart, Edwardsville Lincoln; Herb Ferguson, Homewood Hart; Ryan Hagen, Frankfort Summit Hill; Anne Messmore, East Peoria Central; Michaela Campbell, Riverton; Dave Tonry, Jacksonville Our Saviour. Not present were: Chris Merli, Champaign; Renee Marski, Shorewood Troy; Garrett Scott, Normal; Mike Zacate, Mokena, Betsy Dynako, Chicago.

The IESA Chess Advisory Committee makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for its April 13, 2012 meeting:

To adopt the following changes to the tournament time schedule: **PASSED.**

Friday		Saturday	
8:00 am-9:00 am	Registration	8:00 am	Doors Open
8:30 am	Meeting of Stewards	9:00 am	Round 5
9:00 am	Competition Area Open	Not before 11:00 am	Round 6
9:15 am	All Roster Changes Complete	Not before 1:45 pm	Round 7
9:30 am	1 st Round Pairings Posted	Not before 3:30 pm	Awards
9:40 am	All Players to Assigned Play Locations		
9:45 am	Opening Ceremony		
10:00 am	Round 1		
10:20 am	Coaches Meeting		
Not before 12:30 pm	Round 2		
Not before 2:30 pm	Round 3		
Not before 4:30 pm	Round 4		

Rationale:

Time schedule was moved up 2 hours to accommodate a round of play from Saturday being moved to Friday. This will get teams home earlier.

To adopt the following changes to the Terms and Conditions:

1. Participant Roster /Information: PASSED.

- a. A school may enter a team of a maximum of 7 students in each the 7th and 8th grade division. If a team were entering the maximum number of students in both the 7th and 8th grade division, a total of 14 students would be entered in the competition.
- b. A school may list a maximum of one student at each of Boards 1-4 and a maximum of 7 students on Board 5. The total number of competitors entered would be a maximum of 7.
 - i. A school may choose to not place competitors on certain playing boards. Any playing boards left open at boards 1-4 would result in an additional opening on board 5.

Examples:

- a. A team of seven students enters the tournament. The team enters students on boards 1, 3, and 4, leaving board 2 open. The team would now be able to place 4 students on board 5.
- b. A team of seven students enters the tournament. The team enters students on boards 3 and 4, leaving open boards 1 and 2. The team would now be able to place 5 students on board 5.

RATIONALE: This modification to the Roster allowances will give coaches more flexibility, give novice students an opportunity for more experience without being placed on boards out of their skill level, and also insure the competitive integrity of the tournament.

2. Competitor Participation: **PASSED**

- a. A player who is absent at the start of a round:
 - i. If a player arrives more than 30 minutes late for the start of Round 1, the individual's match is forfeited but the individual is not disqualified.
 - ii. If a player arrives after 30 minutes after the beginning of a round (excluding Round 1), 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.
 - iii. A player who forfeits a game is disqualified from further participation in the tournament unless an exemption is granted from the IESA Administrator.
 - iv. If a player arrives at a match but is disqualified because of time expiring, the scores for that player (board) in prior rounds shall stand.

Note: An individual who receives a bye is considered to have competed in a round.

RATIONALE: The change brings the Terms in line with the Rules.

To adopt the following change to the IESA Chess Rules: **PASSED.**

1. Rule 16 Section 1 Article 1: A player in time trouble...
 - a. and has less than 2 minutes remaining, must handle the clock with the same hand with which he/she handles the chessmen.
 - b. Must remove his/her hand from the clock button after depressing the button and must keep his/her hand off the clock until it is time to press it again.
 - c. Must not pick up the clock
 - d. Must replace chessmen on his/her own time, if eh/she accidentally displaces one or more of them.

RATIONALE: Keeps players from changing their style of play during the last minutes of play.

2. Rule 9 Section 1, Article 5: If it is found that an illegal move was made prior to each player's last five moves, the illegal move shall stand and the game continues. **PASSED.**

RATIONALE: The change would bring the rule into congruence with previous articles.

Committee Discussion:

- Necessary equipment
- Recruitment of new schools- what is holding schools back, what are some of the obstacles finding/retaining a coach
- Requested bye points
- New venues and tournament dates
- Possible alternate formats- single day, multi-day, qualifying tournaments
- Chess workshop being conducted via webinar

The date of the Committee's next meeting is the Tuesday of Week 40- April 2, 2013