



# CHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

April 15, 2013

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

The IESA Chess Advisory Committee makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for its June, 2013 meeting:

To adopt the following changes to the tournament time schedule:

<b>Saturday</b>	
8:00 am	Doors Open
9:00 am	Round 5
Not before 11:00 am	Round 6
Not before 1:30 pm	Round 7
Not before 3:00 pm	Awards

## **Rationale:**

Some extra time had been built in to the schedule. After experience this year, it was determined that the extra time was not needed.

To adopt the following changes to the Terms and Conditions:

### **1. Format change to an Individual/Team Swiss System format.**

- a. A school may enter a team of a maximum of 7 students in each the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade division. If a team were entering the maximum number of students in both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade division, a total of 14 students would be entered in the competition.
- b. There will no longer be playing boards. Students will be entered into either the 7<sup>th</sup> grade division or the 8<sup>th</sup> grade division.

**RATIONALE:** With three years of data, the tournament has had fairly consistent participation numbers. Additionally, our tournament attracts a predominant number of new chess players. These two factors have contributed to the recommended change in the format. The coaches like the current number of rounds of play. To make the rounds more compatible with our participation numbers, it is recommended that boards be eliminated and all players be assigned to either the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade division. Within a Swiss format, players are paired with players of a like record as they progress through the tournament. Outside of the random pairing of round 1, players will find competitive play regardless of their experience level. This will also simplify the registration process because coaches/administrators will not have to determine what board their students should play.

### **2. Eliminate stacking rule.**

**RATIONALE:** Since there are no board designations, this is not needed.

### **3. Participant Roster and Participation**

- a. Requested byes will receive no points.

**RATIONALE:** The information is included in the material but moving it to its own line will make it more visible.

#### 4. Competitor Participation:

- a. A player who is absent at the start of a round:
  - i. If a player arrives after 30 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.
  - ii. A player who forfeits a game is disqualified from further participation in the tournament unless an exemption is granted from the IESA Administrator.
  - iii. 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.

#### 5. Scoring System

- a. Team scores will be an accumulation of individual points from the top five scorers of the team.
- b. Eliminate the reference to the weighted scoring system
- c. Eliminate the reference to teams tying with perfect match win scores.
- d. Eliminate Individual tie break system.
- e. Change Team Tie-Break system to- Total Modified Median, Solkoff, Cumulative, Opponents Cumulative

**RATIONALE:** With the elimination of boards, a new scoring system must be included in the Terms.

#### 6. Equipment

- a. Change to: Each school must provide chess boards, Staunton design chess sets, and digital chess time delay clocks that comply with the rules published by IESA for more than half of the individuals they have participating.

**RATIONALE:** With the elimination of boards, additional equipment must be supplied by the participating schools.

#### 7. Appeals

- a. Update to- Coaches are responsible for round results during the following round. Any result not corrected by two pairings will not be changed to increase team or individual standings.

**RATIONALE:** Wording now includes individual scores. Previously, the statement only included team scores.

#### 8. Photography

- a. Photographs may be taken during the first ten (10) minutes of a round only

**RATIONALE:** Recommendation of the floor officials.

#### 9. Awards

- a. Individual awards will be presented to players scoring 5.0 or more points.
  - i. Individuals scoring 7.0 points or next highest score will receive gold medallions.
  - ii. Individuals scoring 6.0-6.5 points will receive silver medallions.
  - iii. Individuals scoring 5.0-5.5 points will receive bronze medallions.
- b. Remove reference to individual tie-breaks.

#### 10. Pairing Procedures

- a. Efforts will be made to avoid pairing teammates; however, teammates may be paired to avoid shifting players out of a score group.
- b. Player ratings will be calculated after the conclusion of Round 4 to be used in pairing the remaining rounds of tournament play.

To adopt the following change to the IESA Chess Rules:

1. (Chessboard) Rule 2 Section 1 Article 2: The following colors are acceptable for light squares: cream, white, and buff. The following colors are acceptable for dark squares: green, brown, black, and dark blue.

**RATIONALE:** Equipment must be easy for contest officials to distinguish light and dark from the floor.

2. (Chessmen) Rule 3 Section 1, Article 1: The following colors are acceptable for light chessmen: cream, white, and buff. The following colors are acceptable for dark chessmen: brown or black.

**RATIONALE:** Equipment must be easy for contest officials to distinguish light and dark from the floor.

Committee Discussion:

- Necessary equipment, possible use of iPads
- Recruitment of new schools- what is holding schools back, what are some of the obstacles finding/retaining a coach
- Online chess. Herb Fergusson will begin to gather information with regard to sites, instructions, interest level, etc.
- Viewing space at the Bone Student Center. IESA will look into creating more space for viewing, if possible.
- Allowing coaches on the playing floor
- Students getting up during play
- Team format. Garrett Scott to compose position paper for Committee to review.

The date of the Committee's next meeting is the Tuesday of Week 40- April 9, 2014