

2017-18 IESA CHESS ADVISORY MEETING

Minutes and Recommendations

March 9, 2018

The following members were present for the meeting: Nicole Schaeftbauer (IESA Associate Executive Director), Mike Zacate (Committee Chair), Emily Dawson (Peoria Von Steuben, Coach), Herb Ferguson (Homewood Hart, Coach), Michelle Chon (Bloomington JHS, Coach), Chris Merli (Chief TD), Bryan Devine (Pairings), Greg Moses (Franklin, Coach), Jim Aman (Pairings).

The IESA Chess Advisory Committee, in its meeting on March 9, 2018, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for their April 6, 2018, meeting:

Recommendation 1- By-laws and Terms and Conditions

Current	The tournament will be an individual/team Swiss System format. A Swiss System variation will be used for the tournament.
Proposed	The tournament will be a Medley Team Swiss System format. A Swiss System variation will be used for the tournament.
Rationale	Medley has been defined in the rules.
Chess T&C	V-A-1
IESA By-Law	
Board Action	PASSED

Recommendation 2- By-laws and Terms and Conditions

Current	Participants will compete in all rounds of competition.
Proposed	Participants will compete in all rounds of competition unless they are officially withdrawn from the tournament by their coach.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.
Rationale	Clarifies that coaches must officially withdraw a player from competition.
Chess T&C	V-B-1
IESA By-Law	
Board Action	PASSED

Recommendation 3- By-laws and Terms and Conditions

Current	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 4 students.
Proposed	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.
Rationale	The odds of a team having their students get at least 5 players having the same color in a round is actually 45%. This means many teams are facing the situation where they do not have enough equipment for their players. By requiring enough for 5 players we reduce the chances to 12.5% that a team will not have enough equipment in at least some rounds. If each team brought 6 complete sets of equipment the chances of not having enough equipment would be only 1.5%.
Chess T&C	VI-D-1
IESA By-Law	
Board Action	PASSED

Recommendation 4- By-laws and Terms and Conditions

Current	It is recommended that schools should be able to provide equipment for at least 2/3 of their team for any round.
Proposed	Eliminate
Rationale	Previous recommendation eliminates the need for this item.
Chess T&C	VI-D-3
IESA By-Law	
Board Action	PASSED

Recommendation 5- By-laws and Terms and Conditions

Current	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 the equipment more clearly complies with the rules.
Proposed	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.
Rationale	The term preferred equipment is used throughout the rules. Other equipment still complies with the rules and can be used but it is not preferred.
Chess T&C	VI-D-4
IESA By-Law	
Board Action	PASSED

Recommendation 6- Terms and Conditions

Current	Notation <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Students are required to keep notation as required in the rules.2. Notation sheets will be available for participants at the competition tables.3. Players are required to keep a move-by-move notation of the game. 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.
Proposed	Notation <ol style="list-style-type: none">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.
Rationale	Clarification
Chess T&C	VI-G-1, 2, 3
IESA By-Law	
Board Action	PASSED

Recommendation 7- Terms and Conditions

Current	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Draws<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. If a player wants to offer a draw to his/her opponent, the player should do so after they make a move but before the opponent's clock is started. The opponent may decline the draw by saying so or moving a piece. Draw offers may not be taken back and remain in effect until the opponent moves or declines the offer. The game is over if both players agree to a draw.b. To claim a draw because the same position has occurred 3 times (with the same player to move) or by the 50-move rule, there must be a reasonably complete score sheet. If the claim is ruled incorrect, the Steward will add 2 minutes to the opponent's clock.
Proposed	Eliminate
Rationale	The specifics of draw offers and claims are rules issue not terms and conditions.

Chess T&C VI-I-4
IESA By-Law
Board Action PASSED

Recommendation 8- Terms and Conditions

Current A. 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. Coaches will have 20 minutes after the posting of final results to report any corrections.

Proposed A. 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 tournament results to report any corrections to the final round.

Rationale In the event a player waits two rounds before correcting the error, it has allowed them to play 2 games against weaker opponents. This would result in a considerable advantage to the team in allow the mistake to continue. This rule just makes it clear what would happen to a coach that does not comply with 1.

Chess T&C VI-L-2
IESA By-Law
Board Action PASSED

Recommendation 9- Terms and Conditions

Current A. Spectators

1. Dependent on the venue, spectators may be permitted in the tournament playing area; however, they are required to observe silence during all tournament play.
2. 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 area. Photographs without flash 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 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.

Proposed A. Spectators

1. When possible, a spectator viewing area will be available in the competition room; however, they 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 prior to the beginning of a round only.
5. Both coaches and spectators will be allowed to enter the competition room 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.

Rationale These changes just help to clarify that the tournament area is the room where the tournament is

being played. The competition area is the portion of the room where games are being played and the viewing area is the portion where spectators are allowed.

Chess T&C VII-A-1
IESA By-Law
Board Action PASSED

Recommendation 10- Rules Book

Current

Proposed

Rationale

Chess Rules

- a. Rule 2, Section 1, Article 3- REMOVED
- b. Rule 4, Section 4, Article 2- REWORDED
- c. Rule 4, Section 4, Article 3- ADDED
- d. Rule 4, Section 4, Article 4- ADDED
- e. Rule 12, Section 3- REWORDED
- f. Rule 12, Section 3, Article 1- REWORDED
- g. Rule 12, Section 3, Article 2- REWORDED
- h. Rule 12, Section 3, Article 3- REMOVED
- i. Rule 12, Section 3, Article 4- REMOVED
- j. Rule 12, Section 11, Article 2- REWORDED
- k. Rule 14, Section 1- REWORDED

IESA By-Law

Board Action PASSED

Recommendation 11-

Current

Proposed

Rationale

Plaque given to coaches with 10 years coaching at the IESA chess state tournament.

Recognition of service to the students of our member schools and promotion of those within the activity.

IESA By-Law

Board Action

Proposed recommendation failed. Administrative recommendation was passed.

Administrative

Creation of a single recognition award. The award would be nomination and peer selected.

Recommendation

Points of Emphasis

1. The Greater Peoria Chess Foundation has graciously agreed to provide the boards and pieces for all rounds of play for the 2019 Chess State Tournament.

Discussion Topics

1. Discussed a change to the time control. No recommendation.
2. Discussed current coach ranking procedure. No recommendation, keep current ranking system.
3. Discussed modification to the current awards disbursement. No recommendation.
4. Discussed the possibility of moving skittles closer to competition room. Unfortunately, this is the only space that the Civic Center has for that weekend.
5. Discussion of the addition to a team tournament weekend. No recommendation.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 @ 10:00 am