

CHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

April 5, 2011

The following were present for the meetings: Renee Marski, Shorewood Troy; Garrett Scott, Normal; Steve Stewart, Edwardsville Lincoln; Mike Zacate, Mokena, Betsy Dynako, Chicago; Herb Ferguson, Homewood Hart. Not present were: Jim Aman, Chicago; Chris Merli, Champaign.

The inaugural tournament went very well. Forty-three schools participated in the competition bringing nearly 300 students. All rounds went off with few problems. We received a tremendous amount of support from the Bloomington/Normal Chess Association. Craig did a great job of creating a program that would incorporate the individual scores exported by the chess software and creating team scores. This was our biggest obstacle and he did an excellent job of making it work. We crowned individual champions in both age divisions on each board and team champions also in each age division. Local print and broadcast media were on hand to cover the event. Both the participating schools and the chess advisory members were pleased with the first tournament. The US Cellular Coliseum has done a great job accommodating our needs. We are cautiously optimistic that there will be a rise in our participation numbers next year. A copy of the financial report has been enclosed.



The IESA Chess Advisory Committee makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for its April 8, 2011 meeting:

To adopt the following changes to the tournament format:

1. Friday- 11:15- All roster changes complete; 11:30- First Round Pairings posted; Round 2- not before 2:30 p.m.; Round 3- not before 4:30 p.m.; Saturday- Round 6- not before 1:15; Round 7- not before 3:15; Awards Ceremony- not before 5:15 **APPROVED**
2. Enclosed is a letter from the US Cellular Coliseum with some options regarding our tournament format. **STAY W/FRIDAY & SATURDAY FORMAT**
3. Move the entry deadline to Wednesday of Week 29 (January 18, 2012) and the final entry deadline to February 1, 2012. **APPROVED**
4. Include coaching workshops on Saturday during Round 4 and Round 6. **NOT APPROVED**

To adopt the following changes to the Terms and Conditions:

1. Electronic devices will not be allowed in the general seating areas below row N. Use of any electronic devices in the general seating areas may only be used in the seating rows above row N. **APPROVED**

RATIONALE: Because of the proximity of some of the seating to the playing area, this would move distractions further from the competitors.

2. Appeal time lines:

- a. Coaches are responsible for round results during the following round. Any result not corrected by two pairings will not be changed to increase team standings.
- b. Coach will have 20 minutes after the posting of final results to report any corrections.

APPROVED

RATIONALE: Provides direction for tournament officials and coaches.

3. An assigned bye is 1 point. **APPROVED**

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4. To issue a Certificate of Participation to all competitors.

To adopt the following change to the IESA Chess Rules:

1. Rule 21, Section 5- A player's temporary or permanent physical disability...

Article 3- ...which limits mobility may, upon notification of tournament officials, be assigned a more accessible playing location. **APPROVED**

RATIONALE: Allows tournament officials the flexibility to accommodate specific needs of competitors with regard to facility set-up.

Committee Discussion:

- Necessary equipment
- Recruitment of new schools- what is holding schools back, what are some of the obstacles finding/retaining a coach
- Incorporating chess into the classroom
- Possible alternate formats- single day, multi-day, qualifying tournaments
- Side events offered at the state tournament
- Creating a 5th and/or 6th grade division
- Meal options
- Bus parking
- Chess workshop