



**CHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS
April 9, 2015**

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

The IESA Chess Advisory Committee makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for its April, 2015 meeting:

1. To explore the interest in adding a Team Chess Championship.

Basic framework of the event: This would be a team vs. team event with 4 rounds of play. The tournament would be a single day event tentatively scheduled for the Saturday of Week 35. Teams would be comprised of 6 players. Time control would be thirty (30) minutes with a 5 second delay per player. **APPROVED**

Survey the current schools for their interest in participating in this type of event for the 16-17 school year.

2. Adjusting the state tournament time schedule.

Friday

8:15 a.m.- 9:00 am	Check-in
8:30 a.m.	Meeting of Stewards
9:00 a.m.	All Roster Changes Complete
9:15 a.m.	First Round Pairings Posted
9:40 a.m.	All players at their assigned play location
9:45 a.m.	Opening Ceremony
10:00 a.m.	Round 1
Not before 12:30 p.m.	Round 2
Not before 2:30 p.m.	Round 3
Not before 4:30 p.m.	Round 4

Saturday

8:00 a.m.	Skittles rooms open
9:00 a.m.	Round 5
Not before 11:15 a.m.	Round 6
Not before 2:00 p.m.	Round 7
Not before 3:45 p.m.	Awards Ceremony

Rationale: The change in venue and the location of the skittles room in relation to the playing floor necessitates some adjustment to the schedule. **APPROVED**

3. To add to the Terms and Conditions:

a. VI., B: Participant Roster/Information- remove

Rationale: This is a repeat of existing information. **APPROVED**

b. VI., D., note: Remove **APPROVED**

Rationale: Addressed in a later rule.

c. VII., B. Official Representative, 3: Add- Coaches who have not officially checked-in prior to the close of the check-in time period will not be paired for Round 1. Teams may still be paired for the remaining rounds of the tournament. **APPROVED**

Rationale: This would set the procedure for late arriving teams and the pairing of the first round of play.

d. VII., E. Pairing Procedure, 1: Add- A seeding process based upon criteria and information submitted by participating schools will provide the basis for assigning individual pairing numbers. **APPROVED**

Rationale: Coaches will be asked to submit category information with regard to each player when completing their roster. The Committee will develop an easy classification rubric for coaches. This will help in the seeding of the first round and will help us avoid the situation that occurred this year in which we had two top rated players face each other in the first round of play.

e. VII., H. Equipment, 1: Revise- 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 the IESA for at least half of the individuals they have participating. It is recommended that schools be able to provide equipment for at least 2/3 of their team for any round. **APPROVED**

Rationale: The recommended amount for equipment was added as a "head's up" for the coaches to plan on bringing more playing sets.

3. To add to the IESA Chess Rules

a. Rule 13, Section 3, Article 3: Add- Electronic notation devices approved for use by the USCF may be used during play to record notation. **APPROVED**

Rationale: This provides clarification on devices being used during play.

Committee Discussion:

1. The 2015 Chess State Tournament received positive feedback, with a special thanks to the Bone Student Center for their contributions.
2. Discussion was held with regard to moving the tournament to the Peoria Civic Center.
3. The committee discussed allowing coaches on the playing floor during competition with no recommendation made.
4. The committee discussed adding additional spectator viewing space with no recommendation made.
5. The committee discussed the implementation of an "online chess regular season". IESA was asked to explore facilitating this venture.
6. The committee discussed the addition of the 6th grade division. Many positive comments were made regarding the addition of this division.
7. The committee discussed adding a section for the alternates to play in with no recommendation made.
8. The committee discussed moving the tournament later into March with no recommendation made.
9. The committee discussed shortening the time controls with no recommendation made.
10. The committee discussed allowing coaches on the playing floor with no recommendation made.
11. Chris Merli has been appointed to Chief Tournament Director following the retirement of Walter Brown.

The date of the Committee's next meeting is the Friday of Week 41