



**2017 CHESS ADVISORY MEETING  
Minutes and Recommendations  
April 21, 2017**

**The following members were present for this meeting:**

Jim Aman (Tournament Pairings), Leslie Alappattu (IESA Assistant Executive Director), Michelle Chon (Bloomington JHS), Emily Dawson (Metamora St. Mary's), Bryan Devine (Tournament Pairings), Herb Ferguson (Homewood Hart), Chris Merli (Chief Tournament Director), Greg Moses (Franklin JHS), Betsy Zacate (Tournament Pairings via FaceTime), and Mike Zacate

**The IESA Chess Advisory Committee, in its meeting on April 21, 2017, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for their June 16, 2017 meeting:**

## **IESA CHESS TERMS AND CONDITIONS CHANGES**

### **Recommendation #1**

Current	Final appeals on the playing rules and conduct of play rest with the Chief Tournament Director.
Proposed	Final appeals on the playing rules in regards to the IESA Chess Rules Book rest with the Chief Tournament Director. The IESA Chess administrator enforces all elements of the IESA Chess Terms and Conditions and the IESA Handbook.
Rationale	This clarifies that the Chief Tournament Director is responsible for making rulings only on the IESA Chess Rules Book only.
Chess T&C	VI.A.3
IESA Handbook	4.165
<b>APPROVED</b>	

### **Recommendation #2**

Current	On the online roster entry form, a school's coach will rank players in each division from 1-7 up to the number of players participating from that school.
Proposed	On the online roster entry form, a school's coach will rank players in each division from <u>1-10</u> up to the number of players participating from that school; <u>alternates must also be assigned a rank.</u>
Rationale	This allows for the alternate to be ranked prior to the state competition and expedites the pairings process if the alternate is entered into the competition
Chess T&C	VI.E.3
IESA Handbook	None
<b>APPROVED</b>	

### **Recommendation #3**

Current	Any player unable to play a round will receive a "did not play" designation for each round score zero points. An individual who receives a bye is considered to have competed in a round.
Proposed	A "bye" designation is worth one (1) point and given when there are an odd number of students competing in a round. A person that receives a bye is considered to have competed in the round because that player was accounted for when pairings were completed. A "do not pair" designation is when a coach requests that a student not be paired for a round. The student will receive zero (0) points. This request to not pair a student must be submitted 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the round and a

player's status cannot be changed from "do not pair" to play within 30 minutes of the scheduled start time of the round.

Rationale	This clarifies the difference between an assigned bye vs. a do not pair bye and defines the time frame in which a coach must submit a request for a do not pair bye.
Chess T&C	VI.F.1
IESA Handbook	None
<b>APPROVED</b>	

#### **Recommendation #4**

Current	Any result not corrected by two pairings will not be changed to increase team or individual standings.
Proposed	Coaches are responsible for reviewing the previous round's results and reporting any discrepancies to tournament headquarters by the end of the following round.
Rationale	While it is necessary to make changes to scoring errors as they arise, set expectation that coaches check results when they are posted to correct errors as soon as possible.
Chess T&C	VI.L.1
IESA Handbook	None
<b>APPROVED</b>	

#### **Recommendation #5**

Current	During the last round only, consultation with a coach may be permitted in writing through a Steward.
Proposed	Remove
Rationale	This process is cumbersome as a Steward is not always available, coaches don't find this necessary to have as an option and making a change is consistent with current IHSA practice.
Chess T&C	X.A.11
IESA Handbook	None
<b>APPROVED</b>	

### **CHESS RULES BOOK CHANGES**

The rationale for each of the changes recommended for the IESA Chess Rules is to align our rules with both the IHSA and the United States Chess Federation. The adoption of these changes would support best practices for students participating in a chess competition. The recommendation is to accept all proposed changes (shaded) to the IESA Chess Rules.

**APPROVED**

### **DISCUSSION TOPICS**

1. The online roster deadline has been moved to Thursday of Week 33.
2. Explanation of how pairings are done once coach submits ranking - There is no guarantee that the kids that are ranked as #1 will be playing against the top players in the competition, but this process decreases the likelihood (vs. without a ranking system in place) that the top players will play each other. For example, with 100 students receiving a ranking, #1 will be paired against #51, #2 is paired against #52.
3. Discussion moved to whether or not coaches should indicate if a student has a USCF rating as well - no recommendation made
4. Reviewed current state competition check-in procedures and expectations - no recommendation made
5. Discussed requiring uniforms - no recommendation made
6. Discussed clocks and the current language that standard time delay is preferred, consideration that standard time delay should be required - no recommendation made
7. Require use of IESA notation sheets - no recommendation made
8. Individual tie-break penalty points - no recommendation made
9. Awards format - no recommendation made
10. Skittles location in relation to the competition hall - this is not changing based on the availability of the facility
11. Team tournament - no recommendation made

12. The Greater Peoria Chess Foundation has offered to donate chess boards and chess pieces (no clocks) for the IESA competition - IESA Chess administrator will communicate with schools about how this will work if this is an option. Schools are ultimately still responsible for providing the required equipment as outlined in VI.D of the Terms and Conditions.

The IESA Chess Advisory Committee's next meeting date is set for Friday, March 9, 2018.