



# IESA Chess Activity Update

2022-23

- Students will now participate in 8 rounds of play at the State Tournament. There will be 5 rounds on Friday and 3 rounds on Saturday.
- Regardless of record, all students will participate in all rounds of the two-day tournament.
- To accommodate the additional round, time control has been shortened. Time control is now 30 minutes with a 5 second delay.
- If you conduct a regular season tournament, please be sure to list that opportunity on the IESA website. Schools are always looking for competitions in which they may enter. You can view a listing of tournaments on the chess page of the IESA website.
- The Greater Peoria Chess Foundation will be providing boards and pieces for the playing floor for the 2023 State Tournament. **Schools will still be expected to provide clocks for every student in a given division up to 5 students.** It is recommended that schools bring back-up boards and pieces to the state tournament site. The player assigned to Black will be required to provide the competition clock.
- Only students in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate with and for your school. At no time may a student who is in 4th grade (or a lower grade) practice with or participate with your team.
- **Ranking Process:** A ranking process, based upon criteria and information submitted by participating schools, will provide the basis for assigning individual pairing numbers. On the online roster entry form, a school's coach will rank players in each division from 1-12 up to the number of players participating from that school, alternates must also be assigned a rank. No two players entered in the same division are permitted to have the same rank number. If a school has 5 players competing in a given division, the coach will only have the option to rank the players from 1-5.
- **The online entry form must include the coach's cell phone number.**
- The coach/school representative must check-in the school prior to the close of the check-in period listed on the competition schedule or students will not be paired for Round 1. Additionally, if a student must withdraw from competition, the coach must communicate this to the tournament staff.
- As a reminder, all players are required to keep notation as required in Rule 20.

### Equipment Reminder:

Please make sure that all of your chess equipment is labeled with your school name.



### Important Dates

- Entry Deadline: Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Final Entry Deadline: Feb 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- Online Roster Deadline: Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- State: Feb 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>

## Roster Information

Schools may list up to five (5) alternates per division on the online roster entry form. Schools may substitute players from the online roster entry form UP UNTIL THE END OF THE REGISTRATION PERIOD ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT. After the first round of play has begun, no substitutions may be made. Because this is an individual tournament and not a board-team tournament, substitutions are not permitted after the end of the registration period. Alternates not used as substitutes by 9:00 a.m. on Friday are not permitted to compete in the tournament. Please keep this in mind as you prepare your students for the state tournament.

## State Competition Information

- **Entry fee is \$15 per participant.**
- **Location-** Peoria Civic Center, 201 SW Jefferson Ave, Peoria, IL.
- Schools may enter a maximum of 7 students in each grade division- 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and/or 8<sup>th</sup>. A maximum of 5 alternates per division may be listed on the roster.
- **NEW:** 8 rounds will be played throughout the weekend (5 rounds on Friday, 3 rounds on Saturday)
- **Pairings:** Pairings will be posted in 2 locations outside of the competition hall and on the IESA website. Make sure you sign up for instant alerts regarding pairings. Information will be sent regarding the Remind.app that will be used during the tournament.
- Skittles rooms will be available; due to multiple events being held that weekend. Skittles will be located on the opposite end of the PCC and schools are welcome to utilize the space assigned to them; schools are encouraged to have adequate student supervision.
- Concessions will be available for purchase.
- **NOTATION IS REQUIRED.** Please make sure that your students are prepared to keep notation for every round of play. More Info on IESA website.

## STATE TOURNAMENT SCORE GROUPS:

Gold Medallions- 8.0 or next highest score group.  
Silver Medallions- 7.0-7.5  
Bronze Medallions- 6.0-6.5

## State Tournament Time Schedule (Rounds Only)

Time schedule for the round start times at the State Finals.

### Friday

Rd. 1- 10:00 a.m.  
Rd. 2- 12:00 p.m.  
Rd. 3- 1:30 p.m.  
Rd. 4- 3:00 p.m.  
Rd. 5- 4:30 p.m.

### Saturday

Rd. 6- 9:00 a.m.  
Rd. 7- 10:45 a.m.  
Rd. 8- 12:45 p.m.  
Awards- 2:45 p.m.

## Advisory Committee

- We are always looking for coaches who would be interested in serving on the IESA Chess Advisory Committee. The Committee meets once a year to evaluate the activity rules and state tournament. Members serve a 3-year term. Contact the IESA Office if you are interested in serving on the Committee.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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