

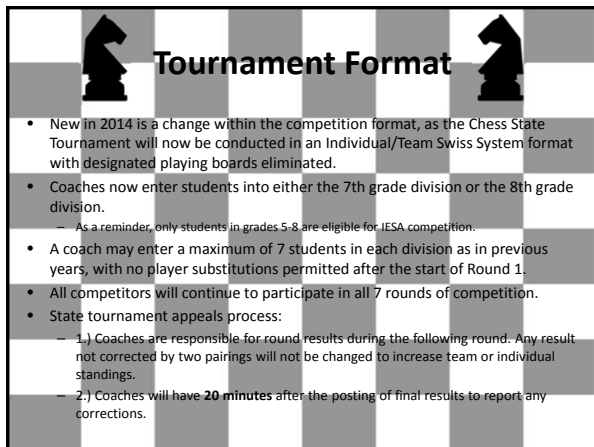
IESA CHESS

Everything You Need To Know As
An IESA Chess Coach.




Tournament Information

- The 2014 Chess State Tournament will mark the fourth year as an IESA activity.
- The tournament is a two day event taking place on Friday, February 28 and Saturday, March 1.
- For the second consecutive year, the Bone Student Center on the campus of Illinois State University will play host the Chess State Tournament.
- The entry deadline for the tournament is January 29th, with an entry fee of \$15.00 per student.




Tournament Format

- New in 2014 is a change within the competition format, as the Chess State Tournament will now be conducted in an Individual/Team Swiss System format with designated playing boards eliminated.
- Coaches now enter students into either the 7th grade division or the 8th grade division.
 - As a reminder, only students in grades 5-8 are eligible for IESA competition.
- A coach may enter a maximum of 7 students in each division as in previous years, with no player substitutions permitted after the start of Round 1.
- All competitors will continue to participate in all 7 rounds of competition.
- State tournament appeals process:
 - 1.) Coaches are responsible for round results during the following round. Any result not corrected by two pairings will not be changed to increase team or individual standings.
 - 2.) Coaches will have **20 minutes** after the posting of final results to report any corrections.



Awards

- Individual awards and team awards will be given in each division.
- Trophies will be presented to the teams in each division winning first, second, third, and fourth places. Medallions will be presented to the members and head coach of the first four placing teams.
- Individual awards will be presented to players in each division scoring 5.0 or more points.
 - Gold - Individuals scoring 7.0 points or next highest score.
 - Silver - Individuals scoring 6.0 - 6.5 points.
 - Bronze - Individuals scoring 5.0 - 5.5 points.



Equipment

- New for the 2014 Chess State Tournament, each school will be asked to provide chess boards, Staunton design chess sets, and digital chess time delay clocks that comply with the rules published by the IESA for more than half of the individuals they have participating.
 - RATIONALE: With the elimination of boards, additional equipment must be supplied by the participating schools.
 - Standard time delay is preferred.
 - Analog clocks are acceptable substitutes but not preferred.
 - Failure to provide the required equipment may result in the forfeiture of Boards which are without proper equipment.
- Please refer to the IESA Chess Rules, located on the Chess activity page of www.iesa.org, for guidelines on board and piece color requirements.



IESA Chess Requirements

- Understand how to use a chess clock. (set and adjust time)
- Time Control
 - In the Chess State Tournament, each player will be granted a time control of forty (40) minutes with 5 second delay per player.
 - Note: A digital clock using standard time delay is the preferred clock. Digital clocks are not to be used without the time delay being correctly set. (Count down does not start for 5 seconds)
- Understand the term “chess notation”, which refers to a system to keep track of your matches.
 - Replay them to study tactics, understand mistakes etc.
 - 20-4: Algebraic Notation describes squares and moves by use of a grid system of numbers and lower case letters.
 - http://www.iesa.org/documents/activities/IESA-CHS_NewCoachInformation.pdf

Tournament Officials

- **Tournament Manager** (Coach's Questions)
 - 23-1-2: The Tournament Manager is responsible for securing playing facilities, providing score sheets, providing score report forms, and providing a system for displaying tournament results.
 - 23-1-8: The Tournament Manager shall have power to impose penalties relative to player conduct. Such conduct and penalties shall be announced at the meeting of players and coaches as well as posted.
- **Chief Tournament Director**
 - 23-2: Will supervise the operations of the Tournament, the Pairing Directors, all Floor Officials and the Scorers.
 - 23-3-4: The decision of the Chief Tournament Director is final on all rule appeals.
 - 23-3-5: Authorized to rule on matters not specifically covered by the playing rules but is to file a written report of such occurrences that includes the action taken to enable rule changes to be made as needed.
- **Pairing Directors**
 - 23-4: Have sole responsibility for pairings.
 - 23-4-2: Appeals of a pairing shall first be considered by the pairing directors.
- **Floor Officials/Stewards** (Player's Questions)
 - 23-5: Assigned to matches to ensure adherence to the rules and to provide availability of an official.
 - 23-5-1: Enforce the rules on any violation they witness as provided in the rules.
- **Scorers**
 - 23-6: Charged with recording results of individual matches on suitable display sheets.
 - 23-6-1: Responsible for providing notation sheets for each round upon which a game may be recorded.
 - 23-6-2: Responsible for providing score reporting forms for each round.
 - 23-6-3: Does not make decisions concerning rules during a tournament unless he/she also is a Floor Official or Tournament Director.

Chess Rules Your Kids Should Know

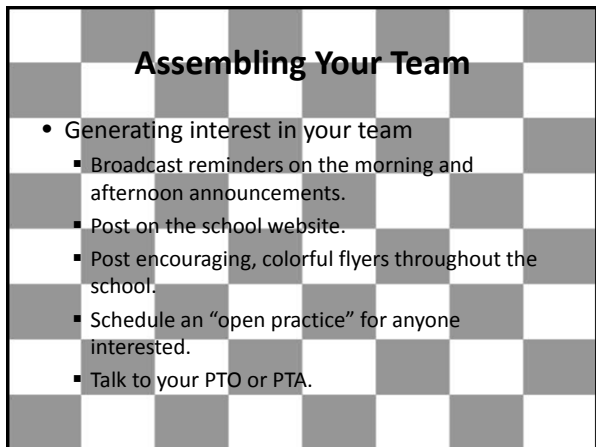
- **2-1:** The chessboard is composed of 64 equal squares, alternately light (the "white" squares) and dark (the "black" squares).
- **7-3:** Once a move is determined, the opponent may make his/her move, but the player still retains all rights to make draw offers or claims of draws.
- **12-5:** The game is drawn upon demand by one of the players when the same position appears three times, provided that the same player has the move after each of the three appearances of the same position on the chessboard.
 - This is three identical occurrences of the position, not just repeating moves.
- **12-6:** The game is drawn when a player having the move demonstrates that at least fifty moves have been made by each side without the capture of any chessman or the movement of any Pawns.
- **14-1:** Failure to use a clock when one is available or made available is sufficient grounds for forfeiture.

What To Expect At The IESA Tournament

- **Pairing procedure:**
 - Efforts will be made to avoid pairing teammates; however, teammates may be paired to avoid shifting players out of a score group.
 - Player ratings will be calculated after the conclusion of Round 4 to be used in pairing the remaining rounds of tournament play.
- Report scores to scores table before leaving the competition floor.
- Round results will be posted after each round – **PLEASE REVIEW**
- The skittles room (leisure room) will be assigned prior to the tournament.
 - Following play, please report back to your skittles room.
- Bring pencils
- Notation sheets provided
 - Participants will be allowed to use their own.
- Awards Ceremony will begin at 3pm on Saturday.









Practicing/Scheduling

- It is important to introduce your students to competitive play.
 - Touch base with surrounding schools.
 - “Open Dates” section of www.iesa.org
 - Develop a repore within the chess community.
 - Reach out to parents to volunteer.
 - Run concessions, car pools etc.
 - There are no limitations regarding the number of matches your school may play within the IESA for chess.
 - Schools may have their own local policy.
- Develop practice schedules.
- Get to know your players.
 - Understand the individual strengths for each of your students.
- Understand each tournament format.
 - Individual
 - Individual/Team
 - Team
 - Board Swiss
 - Round Robin
 - Quads
 - Octets
 - Class
- Label your equipment.



Make It Fun A Experience

- Develop team “slogans” or “mottos”.
- Produce team shirts for tournament play.
- Schedule a chess movie night.
- Vary up practice routines and locations.



Helpful Chess Websites

Organizations

- <http://www.iesa.org/activities/chs>
 - Includes a Documents & Links tab that provides access to the IESA Chess Rules, Terms and Conditions, a yearly activity update and much more.
- www.il-chess.org
 - Illinois Chess Association (ICA): Terrific resource for events and tournament information, with a large emphasis on youth development.
- www.uschess.org
 - United States Chess Federation (USCF): Governing body for chess in the United States. Constant news and information regarding chess throughout the US.

Instructional

- <http://www.chess.com>
 - Instructional website that uses video to showcase piece movement etc.
- <http://www.chess4kids.com/kidsgames.shtml>
 - Signup for free and play online chess vs. kids around the globe. Also offers instructional videos, articles, puzzles and more.

Materials and Equipment

- <http://www.wholesalechess.com/>
- <http://www.chesshouse.com/>
- <http://app.thechessstore.com/>