

# 2019-20

# Chess

Rule Book  
Manual for Schools and Managers



## Important Dates for 2019-20

early Sept.	Chess Manual & Rule Book posted online
November 1	Preliminary list of entries posted online
December 1	Official Entry due Official Entry should be submitted online by your school's official representative. <i>There is no entry fee, but late entries will incur a \$100 late fee.</i>
December 1	Updated list of entries posted online
December 1	List of Participants form available online Contact your activities director for your login ID and password. <i>Failure to fill out this form by the deadline constitutes withdrawal from the tournament.</i>
January 2	Required rules video posted
January 16	(4 pm) List of schools assigned to sectional tournaments posted online
January 22	Deadline to view online rules presentation Deadline to submit List of Participants (final roster of all players) <i>Failure to view the rules presentation or submit a roster constitutes withdrawal from the tournament.</i> Withdrawal deadline <i>Withdrawing or failing to appear at a tournament after this date will incur a \$100 penalty.</i>
January 23	(4 pm) Chesscalate passwords emailed to coaches; coaches may use Chesscalate to edit Strength Order and alternates for sectional and state tournaments
January 27	(10 am) Season summaries due (11 am) Sectional seeding begins
January 28	(noon) Sectional seeds due (4 pm) Sectional seeds posted
January 29	(midnight) Deadline to submit list of 12 participants and Strength Order for sectional tournament
February 1	Sectional tournaments conducted at various sites
February 3	(4 pm) Qualifiers for State Tournament posted
February 7	(midnight) Deadline to submit list of 12 participants and Strength Order for state tournament
February 9	State Tournament seeding meeting
February 13	(midnight) Deadline to specify tentative lineup for first round (may still be changed on scoresheet)
February 14-15	IHSA State Tournament at Peoria
March 20	Advisory Committee meeting

## Important Changes

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

- V- E-5 Provides that the first round of the state tournament will be paired immediately after registration is complete.
- VI-A-3 Requires that coaches declare their 12 participating players and strength order for the state final tournament by midnight on the Friday prior to the state final seeding meeting.
- VIII-G-2 Reduces the tie-break penalties used in sectional tournaments to one-fourth the value of tie-break penalties used in the state final tournament.
- VIII-H-3 Requires that the match scoresheet remain on the table next to Board 1.
- IX-H-2 Spells out the penalties for uniform violations. Failure to wear proper apparel shall be penalized by a minor violation. A player may be penalized once per day of competition. A team may be penalized for up to five minor violations per day. Willful refusal to comply with the uniform rule shall constitute unsportsmanlike conduct and may be penalized by team disqualification.

### RULE BOOK

There are no important changes to the rule book this year.

### PROCEDURES

The List of Participants and Strength Order process has changed. Coaches will receive a Chesscalate password on January 23 and must use Chesscalate to submit 12 participants, in Strength Order, for the sectional tournament, by midnight, Wednesday, January 29.

After the sectionals, coaches will continue to use Chesscalate to submit 12 state tournament participants in Strength Order. This deadline is Friday, February 7 — one week before the state tournament. No changes to the list or Strength Order will be allowed after the deadline. The bottom line is that coaches must declare their intended state tournament lineup prior to the seeding meeting.

**During the IHSA Team Chess Tournament, coaches are invited to use their smartphones to access Chesscalate, an interactive chess tournament management system, to submit substitutions and game results. More information about Chesscalate can be found on page 9.**

### FUTURE STATE SERIES DATES

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENTS	STATE TOURNAMENT
January 30, 2021	February 12-13, 2021
January 29, 2022	February 11-12, 2022
January 28, 2023	February 10-11, 2023

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# Coach's Guide to the IHSA Team Chess Tournament

The 46th Annual IHSA Team Chess **state series** will consist of two stages. Sectional tournaments will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020, and the state tournament be held at the Peoria Civic Center on Friday, February 14, and Saturday, February 15, 2020.

This manual consists of two major parts: the Terms & Conditions for the IHSA Team Chess state series and the competitive Chess Rules that are used throughout the season in tournaments and conference play. Please read these pages carefully. They contain valuable information and instructions that will be needed for this year's tournament.

## Entry and Withdrawal Procedures

### *Official Entry*

**The Official Entry is the first step in securing your team's entry in the state series.** Your school's Official Entry must be submitted by your school's activities director prior to December 1, 2019. Entries may be allowed after the deadline but will be charged a \$100 late fee. A preliminary list of entries will be posted on the IHSA Web site on November 1, 2019, and updated on December 1, 2019.

**You should not enter your team, or you should withdraw your team, if:**

1. Your team will not have competed in six contests (as defined by Section III-E of the Terms and Conditions) before the start of the state series, OR
2. Your team will not have competed in a "team-paired tournament" (as defined by Section III-F of the Terms and Conditions) before the start of the state series, OR
3. Your team will not have at least six players available to compete in all rounds of competition at the state series (Section III-G and Section VI-A of the Terms and Conditions), OR
4. It is not possible to have a coach or other authorized supervisor on site with your team at all times during play in the state series (Section VIII-B of the Terms and Conditions).

### *List of Participants Form*

**The List of Participants is the second step in securing your team's entry in the state series.** The roster portion of your school's List of Participants must be submitted online prior to Wednesday, January 22, 2020. This form is available in the Schools Center area of the IHSA Web site. You will need to obtain your Schools Center user ID and password from your athletic or activities director. On the form, you must list the names of all the students from your school who are potential participants in the IHSA Team Chess state series. All students listed must be eligible in accordance with By-law 4.000 of the IHSA Constitution and By-laws.

All possible participants in the state series must be listed on the form by the deadline.

*Failure to complete the List of Participants by the deadline will result in your team's automatic withdrawal from the state series.*

*A guide to the List of Participants is found on page 6 of this manual.*

### *Required Online Rules Video*

The online rules video presentation will be posted in the IHSA Schools Center by January 2, 2020. As head coach, you are required to view the online tournament rules presentation by Wednesday, January 22, 2020. The presentation must be watched in its entirety to receive credit.

*Failure to watch the online rules presentation by the deadline will result in your team's automatic withdrawal from the state series.*

### *Withdrawals*

If your school must withdraw from the state series, it is important that you take action immediately. If you have already submitted your List of Participants, your activities director must inform the IHSA Office of the team's intention to withdraw by Wednesday, January 22, 2020. If your team withdraws after this date, your school will be assessed a \$100 penalty. If your team does not withdraw and subsequently fails to appear at either the sectional tournament or the State Tournament, your school will be assessed a \$100 penalty.

## Sectional Tournament Procedures

### *Assignment to Sectional Tournament*

After the deadlines outlined above have passed and entry to the state series has been closed, teams will be assigned to sectional tournaments by the IHSA Office. These assignments will be posted on the IHSA Web site no later than 4 pm on Thursday, January 16, 2020. At that time you should begin finalizing transportation and other details for the sectional tournament on February 1.

### *Contact with the Sectional Manager*

The manager of the sectional tournament that your team is assigned to will generally be either the activities director at the school or the chess coach. The manager's name will be listed on the list of assignments that is posted on the IHSA Web site. The manager will contact you with specific instructions regarding the tournament site. If you do not hear from the sectional manager, you should reach out to him or her to make sure you have the necessary information.

### *Season Summary Form and Seeding Form*

Coaches are responsible for seeding the teams in each sectional. This is a two-phase process. The first is to fill out the Season Summary Form indicating your team's dual match scores and won-lost record during the season, along with any comments you would like to make about your team's level of play during the regular season and suggestions about where you think your team should be seeded. The Season Summary Form is available in same area of the Schools Center as the List of Participants Form. The Season Summary Form must be submitted by 10 am on Monday, January 27, 2020.

The second phase of the seeding process involves reviewing the Seeding Summary Forms submitted by the other coaches in your sectional and then seeding the teams in order of strength. The Seeding Form is also located in the Schools Center, and will be available for 25 hours, from 11 am on Monday, January 27, 2020 until noon on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Later that day, by 2 pm, you will be able to view the "seeding matrix" showing your ballot and the ballots of all the other coaches in your sectional. By 4 pm on

Tuesday, January 28, 2020, the seeds will be computed and posted on the IHSA Web site.

*A guide to filling out the List of Participants, the Season Summary Form, and the Seeding Form is found on page 6 of this manual.*

### *Traveling to the Sectional Tournament*

The check-in time for all sectional tournaments is 8:15 am. Please plan your arrival at the tournament site accordingly. Round 1 pairings will be determined immediately after check-in is complete, and play will begin promptly at 9:00 am.

The final round of the day (Round 4) is scheduled to start no sooner than 4:45 pm. A brief awards presentation is scheduled for 6:30 pm.

## State Series Policies

The following policies apply to both the sectional tournaments and the State Tournament.

**Official Representative:** Your team must have a coach or designated representative present at the tournament site at all times during tournament play. The coach or representative must be present in the competition area at the beginning of each round and remain available to tournament officials throughout the day. If no representative is on site, your team will not be allowed to participate.

**Food and Drink:** No food or drink, except for bottled water, is permitted in the competition area. Cups of water must be consumed and disposed of at the water station.

**Uniforms:** Each team member must wear a matching item of apparel (shirt, vest, or jacket) that clearly identifies the school. The clothing must be the outermost layer of clothing and must remain clearly visible while team members are in the playing hall. Matching shall be defined as being similar in style, color, and markings. Members of the same gender must have similar tops, though males may wear slightly different tops than females.

There are penalties for not adhering to the uniform policy (see Section IX-H of the Terms and Conditions).

Please prepare your team for the uniform rule during state tournament play. Arrange for your uniforms early and familiarize your players with the policy. The uniforms don't have to be fancy. Something as simple as a T-shirt worn over other clothing is enough to satisfy this rule. Just be sure to include the school name and keep any other text or graphics G-rated, if you please.

#### **Cell Phones, Smartwatches & Electronic Devices:**

The competition area is designated as a Cell-Free Zone. (An exception is made for coaches using the Chesscalate system.) Other coaches and adults may not handle cell phones while in the competition area. All coaches and adults must have their ringers set to vibrate and must leave the competition area to use their phones. Students are required to turn their cell phones completely off and must not handle or view them while in the competition area.

Smartwatches are specifically prohibited and may not be worn or viewed by players during competition.

In general, other than devices being used by coaches to access the Chesscalate system and devices approved for taking notation, no electronic devices may be used in the competition area.

**Prohibited Items:** Alcohol, tobacco, liquid nicotine and similar items are not permitted anywhere on the tournament premises. If a competitor is observed using a prohibited item, he/she will be disqualified from further participation.

## **State Tournament Logistics**

The 2020 IHSA Team Chess State Tournament will take place in the Ballroom of the Peoria Civic Center in downtown Peoria.

*The numbers in this section refer to the maps of the Peoria Civic Center and the surrounding streets and parking lots. The maps are found on pages 9 and 10 of this manual.*

**Emergency Number:** The general number of the Peoria Civic Center is (309) 673-8900.

**Hotel/Motel Accommodations:** Schools are responsible for making their own housing arrangements. It is suggested that you make your reservations early and cancel them if your team does not qualify for the State Tournament. For a list of Hotel/Motel Accommodations, please visit the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau web site at [www.peoria.org](http://www.peoria.org). For the 2020 State Tournament a special group rate has been arranged with the Marriott Pere Marquette in downtown Peoria and Embassy Suites just across the river in East Peoria.

**Arrival and Drop-Off:** Upon arrival in Peoria you should drive down S.W. Jefferson Ave. (a one-way street running southwest) past the Civic Center, then immediately turn right into the access drive. The building entrance is on the right (8). Players may proceed through the Great Hall (9) to the skittles room in Exhibit Hall D (12).

**Parking:** The Civic Center generally does not allow buses of any size to park in the adjacent parking lot (10). Instead buses should go around the building to park in one of the Fulton St. lots (19) after drop-off.

**Registration:** Check-in will take place in the Great Hall (9) on Friday, February 14, 2020, from 8:15 to 9:30 am. At that time, you will pick up your school packet and souvenir programs. Please schedule your arrival so that your registration is completed prior to the Opening Ceremony.

**Opening Ceremony:** Players and coaches should be in the Ballroom by 9:30 am and in place and set up for Round 1 by 9:40, when introductions begin.

**Time Schedule:** A time schedule is included on page 13 of this Manual. All Round 1 matches are scheduled to begin at 10:00 am. **Forfeit time for Round 1 is 9:50 am.** When a round begins, the clocks for all matches will be started, even if the team has not yet arrived. Please plan your team's passage to the competition area so that it will be on time for the beginning of your match.

**Tournament Office:** The Tournament Office is located near the main entrance to the Ballroom (29).

**Competition Area:** The competition area is in the Ballroom (27) at the top of the escalators.

**Hospitality Area for Coaches:** The Skyline Lounge (31) is just outside the Ballroom. No players are permitted in this area.

**Restrooms:** Restrooms (30) on the upper level are located off the Ballroom concourse.

**Skittles Room:** The skittles room is directly under the Ballroom in Exhibit Hall D (12).

**Passing between competition and skittles:** Two flights of escalators separate the competition area and the skittles room. It is recommended that students and coaches with limited mobility start moving toward the Ballroom well in advance of the general call for competition. The elevators are reserved for coaches and students with limited mobility.

**Dining Accommodations:** By policy, no outside food is allowed in the Peoria Civic Center, so please plan accordingly. Concessions are available in the building. For a list of restaurants in the Peoria area, please visit the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau website at [www.peoria.org](http://www.peoria.org).

## State Tournament Policies

**Pairings:** Pairings for all rounds will be posted on the IHSA website ([www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org)). During the tournament, pairings will be announced via Twitter ([@IHSACHess](https://twitter.com/IHSACHess)) and on Chesscalate.

**Roped Area:** The roped area near the stage is reserved for the following:

- Coaches of the competing teams.
- Players involved in one of the games.

Everyone else must stand outside the ropes. Once a game played inside the ropes is finished, the players must quickly gather their equipment and exit the inner ropes.

**Programs:** Each competing school will receive a program for one coach and up to 12 competitors. Additional souvenir programs will be available for purchase.

**Souvenirs:** T-shirts and chess merchandise will be available for purchase in the skittles area.

**Lost and Found:** A lost and found area is maintained in the Tournament Office (29). You can reduce your chances of losing valuable equipment by labeling items with your school name and by encouraging students to place identification on or in any item they do not always carry with them. Items that are unclaimed and unidentified at the end of the tournament may be donated.

**Chesscalate:** The IHSA uses a mobile Web application called Chesscalate to expedite the reporting of substitutions and results at the State Tournament. Coaches are strongly encouraged to learn about Chesscalate prior to the State Tournament.

*A guide to Chesscalate is found on page 11 of this manual.*

An email with instructions and a password for using the Chesscalate system will be sent to the head coach of every on Thursday, January 23, 2020.

## Expectations

One important part of coaching is ensuring that your players have a thorough knowledge of the Chess Rules. Procedures are more precise in competitive chess than in a casual game. Many games and matches (and even the state title) have been determined by a player making correct use of the rules. Players are required to call infractions to the attention of an official. During the school year, your team may compete as individuals at some events and as a team against other schools in conference or non-conference play as well as in one or more tournaments.

Listed below are the expectations of a coach at the IHSA Chess Team state series and most other high school team chess tournaments in Illinois.

### Submit the Tournament Roster and Strength Order

- The Tournament Roster is a list up to twelve eligible players.
- The Strength Order is a sorted list of the eligible players, ranked by playing strength.

- You can use Chesscalate to manage and submit your Tournament Roster and Strength Order.

#### **Know how to make substitutions**

- At the state tournament, you should use Chesscalate to submit your lineup for each round. Chesscalate is not available for this function at the sectional tournaments.
- At both the sectional and state tournaments, the substitution must be recorded on the Official Scoresheet by writing in the name of the substitute at the proper board.
- Substitutions must be recorded no later than 10 minutes after the start of the round.

#### **Be ready for the start of each round**

- A coach is required to be present with the team at the start of each round.
- Maintain quiet during announcements and remind your players to be attentive. Special information and instructions for coaches may be part of announcements.
- Place the Official Scoresheet and your team's placard at the end of the table next to where the Board 1 players are sitting.
- Be sure your players are at the correct table and each player is playing the correct color pieces.
- Check each player's board and chessmen to ensure they are set up properly.
- Check that each clock is properly set and positioned correctly.
- Move team and personal belongings out of walking paths.

#### **Remind your players**

- The team uniform must be worn as the outermost piece of clothing at all times.
- Bottled water is OK but cannot be placed on the table.
- Cups of water must be consumed at the water station.
- After the conclusion of a game, the board, set, clock, and personal belongings must be removed from the table.
- The result of the game must be written on the Official Scoresheet and turned in to the Scorekeeper.

#### **Regarding Chesscalate and scoring procedures:**

- Chesscalate is used during the State Tournament.

### **Points of Emphasis for 2020**

A coach is required to be present with the team at the start of each round.

Mascots and placards are not required. If one is used, it must be of a suitable size for placement on the table. Some mascots have gotten so large that they obstruct the vision of spectators and could cause serious disruption if bumped into.

#### **Regarding Strength Order**

Prior to a tournament, the coach must declare a Strength Order, from 1 to 12, covering all the eligible players.

At the start of each match, the players participating must seat themselves in Strength Order.

Any number of substitutions may be made, but the players must always be seated in Strength Order.

The names of the players must always be written on the Scoresheet at the proper board.

- Lineups for each round should be submitted through Chesscalate.
- Coaches should input results into Chesscalate.
- Players must mark the result of each match on the scoresheet.
- Teams may keep a running score on the scoresheet.
- At the completion of the team match, a school representative from both teams must sign the scoresheet and deliver it to the scorekeeper.

#### **Regarding communication and player behavior:**

- Coaches are not allowed to communicate with a player during the game unless a player obtains a steward's permission to communicate.
- Players who are spectating must stand on their own side of the table and may not watch games from the opposite side.
- Players may not communicate (even non-verbally) with any other player.
- Stewards have the authority to ask spectators to leave the playing area if they are viewed to be a distraction in any way to either player.

# How to fill out the List of Participants, Season Summary Form, and Seeding Form

1. Log in to the Schools Center using the credentials given to you by your Activities Director. Click on the link for the “**Sport and Activity Tracker**.” You should see a box similar to the one shown below.

TEAM CHESS	Status of Head Coach	Status in IHSA State Series	Status of Program	Online Forms	Rating of Officials	Documents, Printed Forms and Other Information
		team entry has been received	status OK	<a href="#">Participation Survey</a> should be submitted on fifth day of practice		
		you may withdraw without penalty on or before 1/16	head coach has not viewed rules video deadline is 1/16	List of Participants opens 8 am on 12/1 deadline is midnight on 1/16		
				Season Summary Form opens 8 am on 12/1 deadline is 10 am on 1/21		
				Seeding Form opens 11 am on 1/21 deadline is noon on 1/22		

2. In the **List of Participants** is a series of three pages (numbered 2 through 4). First you should enter the names of your **coaching staff** as shown in the following form.

[Return to Tracker](#) | [1. Instructions](#) | [2. Coaches](#) | [3. Roster](#) | [4. Participants](#) | [5. Team contests](#) | [6. Coach's comments](#) | [7. Certify & submit](#)

On this page you should enter the names of the coaches who will be active during the IHSA state series.

**Be sure to press the button to save your changes.**

<b>Head coach</b>	<input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text" value="--- NO NAME ---"/>	<i>If a name does not appear in the pull-down menu, the person you are looking for either is not listed on your school's roster of staff members or has not met all the compliance requirements.</i>
<b>Assistant coaches</b>	<input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<i>Please list only one coach per box.</i>
<b>Supervisory personnel</b>	<input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text"/> <input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<i>Supervisory personnel are not coaches for your school but other persons who you may ask to keep an eye on your team when necessary.</i>

3. Your **roster** (form below) should contain all the players on your team, even those who may not participate in the sectional or state final.

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On this page you should enter the name of any student who might compete in the IHSA state series.

**TIPS:** Tab between the fields. Hit "S" twice for "So." Tab over to the button and hit Enter to add the name.

**"Rule 21"** indicates a player with a disability who needs assistance while playing a game.

First Name	Last Name	Year in School	Gender (M/F)	Pronunciation	Rule 21?	
<input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text" value="M"/>	<input style="width: 95%; height: 25px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="button" value="Add name"/>

3. The **Season Summary Form** (below) should include all Team Chess contests your school has played throughout the season. It will be used to facilitate the seeding of the sectional and the state final tournaments. You don't have to wait until the deadline to put these contests into the database. You can come to this page and enter the contests throughout the season.

[Return to Tracker](#) | [1. Instructions](#) | [2. Coaches](#) | [3. Roster](#) | [4. Participants](#) | [5. Team contests](#) | [6. Coach's comments](#) | [7. Certify & submit](#)

On this page you should enter all your games or matches. **TIPS:** Tab between the fields. Hit Enter to add the contest.

Date	Opponent	Own Score	Opp. Score	No. of Boards	Tournament (leave blank if none)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add contest"/>					

4. Use the **Seeding Form** (below) to seed the teams assigned to your sectional (shown below is an example using central Illinois teams). Rank the teams in order with the strongest at the top. The ballots will be compiled by the IHSA Office and sectional seeds will be assigned based on the votes of the coaches.

This is the same method that team sports use to seed the first level of tournaments in the state series.

[Return to Tracker](#) | [1. Instructions](#) | [2. Season summaries](#) | [3. Seeding form](#) | [4. Seeding matrix](#)

Before you begin seeding, you should examine the [Season Summaries](#) listing the schools in your sectional. You can print the sheet if you wish.

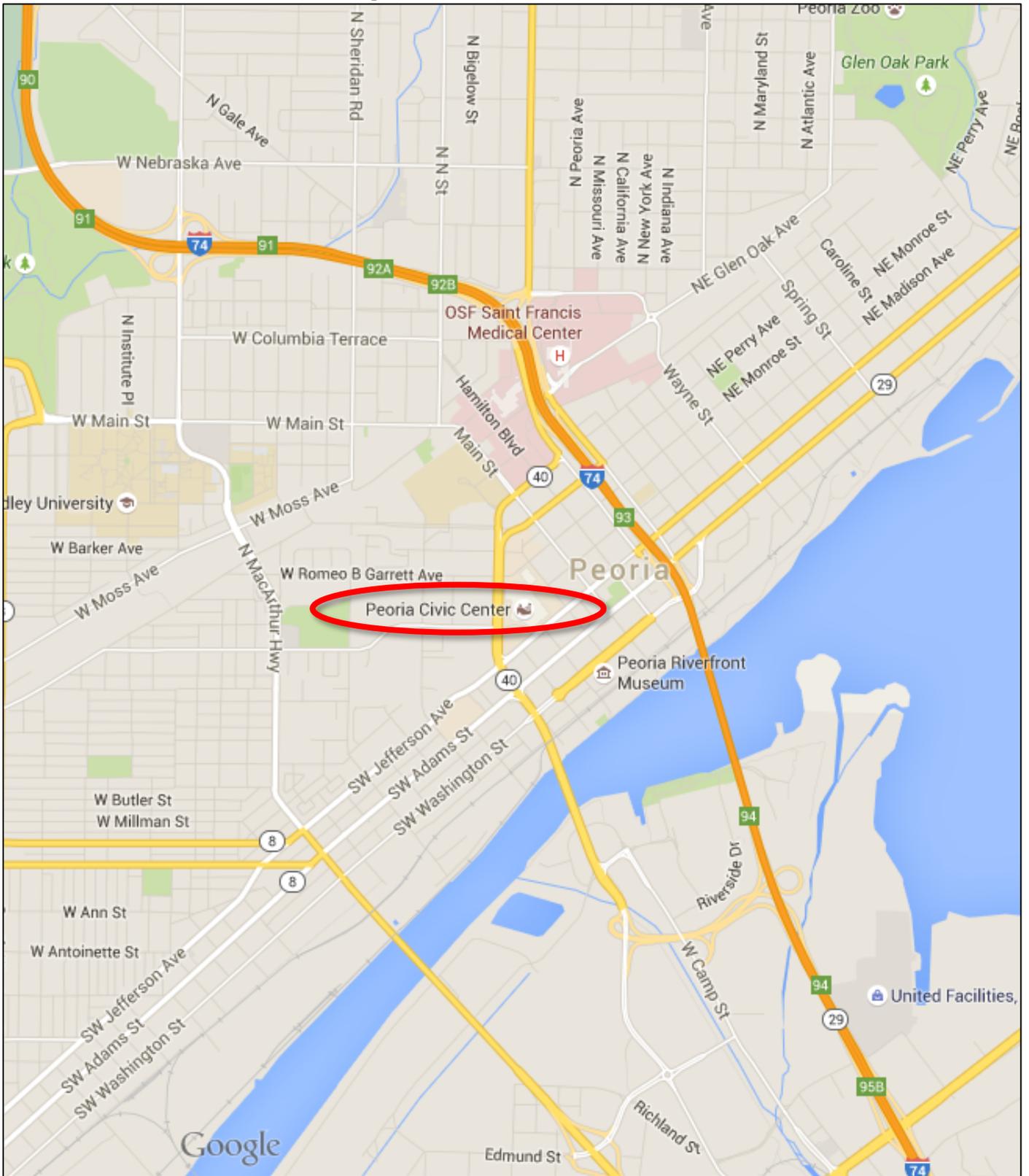
In the right column below is a list of all the schools in your sectional, except your own. Start with the school you think should receive the #1 seed and click "**add**" to place each school in the grid at the left. After you have moved all the schools into the grid, you can adjust your seeds by clicking "**up**" or "**down**". **You must rank all the schools** for your ballot to be counted.

Seed	School
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	School
<a href="#">add</a>	Bartonville (Limestone)
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<a href="#">add</a>	Brimfield
<a href="#">add</a>	East Peoria
<a href="#">add</a>	Georgetown (Notre Dame de La Salette)
<a href="#">add</a>	Metamora
<a href="#">add</a>	Morton
<a href="#">add</a>	Peoria (H.S.)
<a href="#">add</a>	Peoria (Manual)
<a href="#">add</a>	Peoria (Richwoods)
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<a href="#">add</a>	Urbana (University)
<a href="#">add</a>	Washington

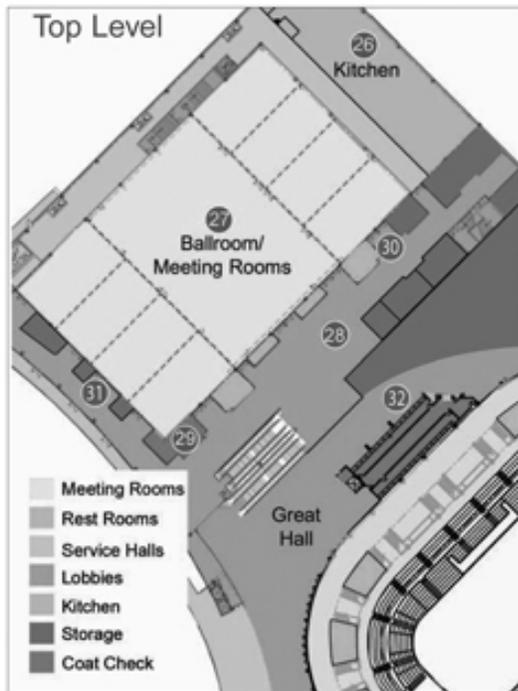
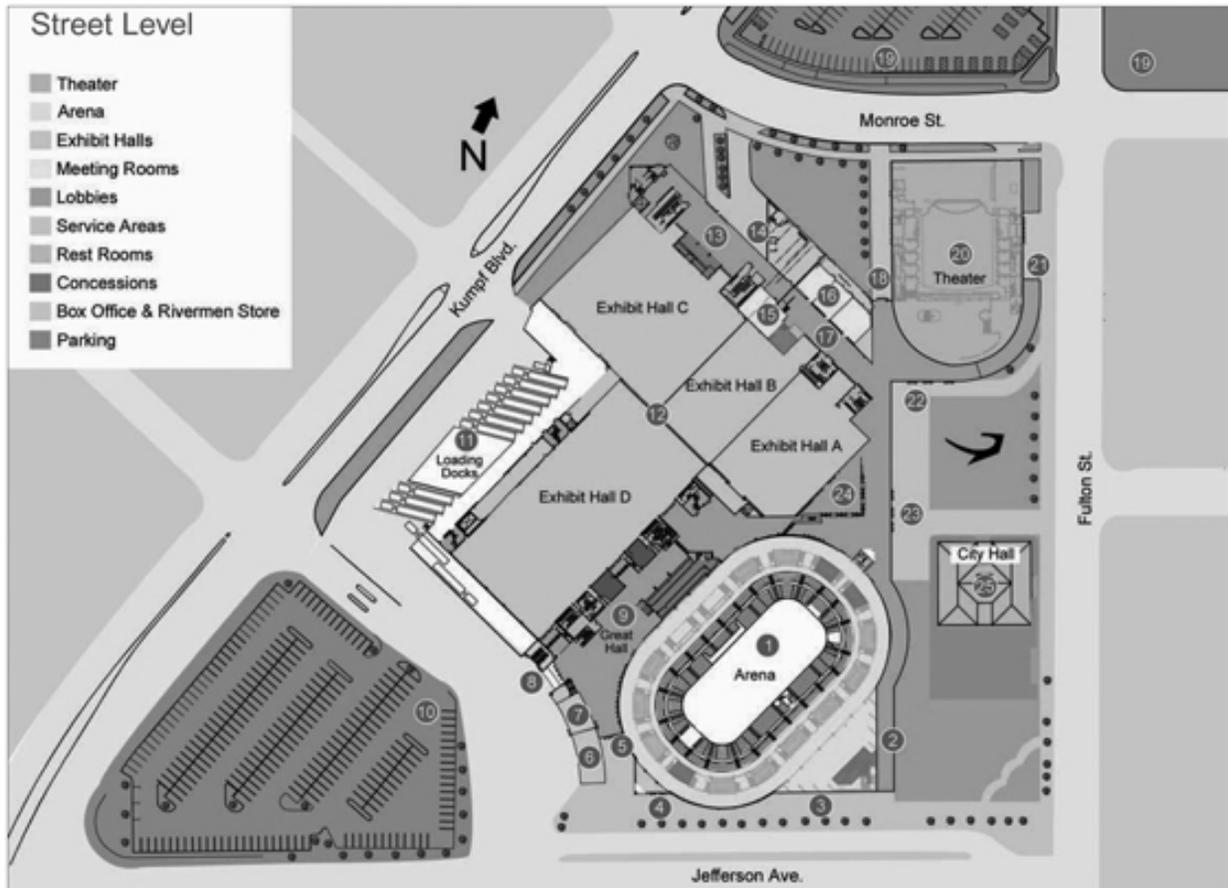
5. For all the forms, please heed the **deadlines**, which are strict. If you miss a deadline, you will not be able to complete the form and may put your team's participation at risk.

# Map of Downtown Peoria



[Google Maps directions to Peoria Civic Center](#)

# Map of Peoria Civic Center



## FINDING YOUR WAY

### Street Level

- 1 Arena
- 2 Arena Entrance
- 3 Arena Entrance
- 4 Arena VIP Entrance
- 5 Great Hall Entrance
- 6 Peoria Rivermen Hockey Team Store
- 7 Box Office
- 8 Box Office Entrance
- 9 Great Hall
- 10 Marquee Parking Lot
- 11 Loading Docks
- 12 Exhibit Halls
- 13 Terrazzo Lobby
- 14 Terrazzo Entrance

### 15 Business Center

- 16 Meeting Rooms
- 17 Skylight Lobby
- 18 Monroe Theater Entrance
- 19 Fulton Parking Lot
- 20 Theater
- 21 Fulton Theater Entrance
- 22 Skylight Lobby Entrance
- 23 Triangle Lobby Entrance
- 24 Triangle Lobby
- 25 City Hall

### Top Level

- 26 Kitchen
- 27 Ballroom / Meeting Rooms
- 28 Pre-function Space
- 29 Coat Check
- 30 Restrooms
- 31 Skyline Lounge
- 32 Club Room

# Coach's Guide to Chesscalate

Chesscalate, a Web application for smartphones, is designed to make your State Tournament experience smoother. It can:

- Reduce the confusion and bottleneck that occurs before the first round when coaches are checking in.
- Allow coaches to set their lineups prior to start of each round.
- Allow coaches to post the results of individual boards as soon as those games are complete and view results of other boards from around the competition area while the round is still under way.
- Inform a coach immediately after an incident has occurred or a penalty has been assessed.

Here is a brief Q&A about the Chesscalate system.

## **Q. Am I required to use Chesscalate?**

A. We strongly recommend that you (or another coach from your school) learn to use Chesscalate. Almost all coaches now use the app. It benefits other coaches, players, and parents and greatly streamlines tournament operations.

The Official Scoresheet still needs to be filled out, signed by representatives of both teams, and turned in to the Scorekeeper to confirm any results submitted through Chesscalate.

## **Q. If our team wants to use Chesscalate, whose phone should we use?**

A. Any head coach or assistant coach can be authorized to use the system, but only one device per school can do so. Choose a coach who is comfortable with using a smartphone and who will be with the team throughout each round (especially at the start of the round, when substitutions need to be reported).

## **Q. Will wireless service be available in the Civic Center Ballroom?**

A. In order to facilitate the Chesscalate system, wireless service will be provided to all coaches, free of charge, in the Ballroom and upper concourse areas.

Coaches will be asked not to share the passcode with students or other adults. Coaches relaxing in the Sky-line Lounge may use the wireless service without restriction, except for streaming audio or video.

## **Q. How will I be notified of penalties?**

A. If your team is penalized, a message will appear on the Chesscalate menu page. Tapping the message will display information about the infraction.

## **Q. How can I learn to use Chesscalate, or refresh my memory on how to use it?**

A. In early January you will be emailed a link to a video with information about Chesscalate. Then on Thursday, January 23, you will be emailed a Chesscalate password and further instructions.

## **Q. How does Chesscalate fit into the registration process?**

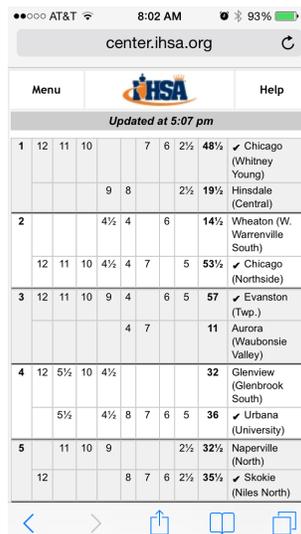
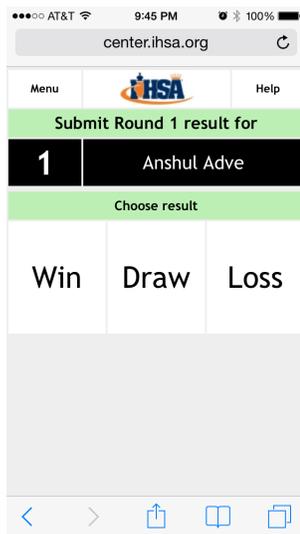
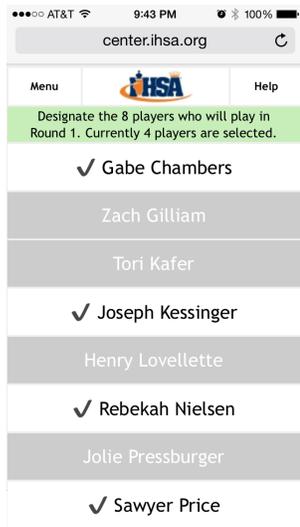
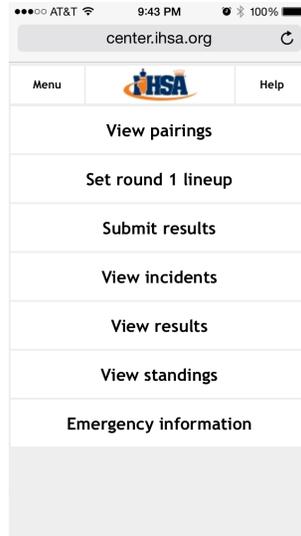
A. The first step of registration, filling out the Roster, does **NOT** use Chesscalate (see instructions on page 7). The Roster should include all the players on your team, not just the ones who will be participating in the sectional or state final tournaments. The Roster is due by midnight, Wednesday, January 22.

On Thursday, January 23, you will receive the Chesscalate password. You can use the app to edit your sectional List of Participants (the 12 players coming to the sectional, chosen from the Roster) and your Strength Order.

After the sectional you can edit your State Tournament List of Participants and Strength Order until midnight, Friday, February 7 (one week before the state tournament). You will not be able to make any changes after the deadline.

On the following page are some screenshots of the Chesscalate system, with sample data from a previous tournament.

# Screenshots of the Chesscalate App



# IHSA Team Chess

## State Final Tournament Time Schedule

### Friday, February 14, 2020

8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	Registration and check-in
8:45 a.m.	Meeting of stewards
9:15 a.m.	Doors open to competition area
9:30 a.m.	Opening ceremony
9:50 a.m.	Forfeit time for Round 1
10:00 a.m.	<b>Start of Round 1</b>
not before 1:00 p.m.	<b>Start of Round 2</b>
1:15 p.m.	Time reserved for individual meetings of conferences (This is an opportunity for conferences to meet regarding issues of interest.)
not before 3:45 p.m.	<b>Start of Round 3</b>
not before 6:30 p.m.	<b>Start of Round 4</b>

### Saturday, February 15, 2020

8:30 a.m.	Doors open to competition area
8:50 a.m.	Players seated for announcements
9:00 a.m.	<b>Start of Round 5</b> (forfeit time 30 minutes after clock start)
not before 12:00 noon	<b>Start of Round 6</b>
not before 2:45 p.m.	<b>Start of Round 7</b>
not before 5:30 p.m.	Awards Ceremony



# 2019-20 Team Chess State Series

## Terms and Conditions

In accordance with Section 1.450 of the IHSA Constitution, the Board of Directors has approved the Terms and Conditions governing the 2019-20 IHSA Team Chess state series.

### I. SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION

Competition in the IHSA Team Chess state series will be held for all member schools without classification.

### II. DATES AND SITES

#### A. State Tournament

The IHSA Team Chess State Tournament will be held on February 14-15, 2020, at the Peoria Civic Center, Peoria, Illinois.

#### B. Sectional Tournaments

Qualifying sectional tournaments will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2020.

### III. ON-LINE ENTRIES, WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES, ELIGIBILITY, AND ONLINE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

The policy for Original Entry Deadlines, Late Entries, and Late Withdrawals shall be the policies and procedures regarding entry for all IHSA-sponsored sports and activities included in the 2019-20 Entry Policies and Procedures.

#### A. Online Entries

All member schools must enter their school into the state series competition through the IHSA School Center on the IHSA Website at [www.ihsa.org](http://www.ihsa.org). The deadline for entry is December 1, 2019. All member schools should have received in April, 2019, the 2019-20 Entry Policies and Procedures that outline the online entry procedures for all IHSA-sponsored tournaments.

#### B. Late Entries

Schools wishing to enter the Team Chess state series after the deadline will be considered late. To be considered for late entry, the Principal or Official Representative must contact the IHSA Administrator. The penalty for late entry shall be a payment of \$100.

#### C. Withdrawal Procedure

1. To withdraw without penalty, the Principal must notify the IHSA Office, in

writing, of the school's withdrawal from the Team Chess state series prior to the date the List of Participants is due for that sport or activity.

2. A team that withdraws after the List of Participants deadline or fails to appear at either the sectional tournament or State Tournament shall be charged a \$100 penalty.

#### D. Eligibility

All member schools in good standing may enter one team under the provisions of IHSA By-law 4.071.

#### E. Six-Contest Requirement

A school may enter and participate in the IHSA Team Chess state series only if the school's chess team participates in at least six chess contests prior to the IHSA Team Chess state series, counted as follows:

1. Only contests involving the school's varsity team shall count toward the total.
2. Every team match involving five or more boards, whether conducted independently or in a tournament, shall count as a single contest.
3. All other competitions involving five or more varsity players competing as individuals shall count as one contest per date.

#### F. Team Tournament Requirement

1. Teams qualify for the Team Chess state series by participating in at least one team tournament during the regular season. For the purposes of this requirement a team tournament must involve at least six teams of at least five players each, playing at least three rounds with a minimum of 30 minutes per player, and must be team-paired and not prescheduled (as would occur in a round robin).

2. Qualifying tournaments are expected to use IHSA rules.

#### G. Complete Participation Requirement

In accordance with IHSA By-law 6.041, a school shall not enter a team in the Team Chess state series unless the team will compete in all rounds of competition.

#### H. Online List of Participants

1. Each school must complete the online List of Participants by Wednesday, January 22, 2020. The List of Participants

is located in the Schools Center of the IHSA Web site.

2. It may include any number of eligible students but must include a minimum of six players who are eligible in accordance with the Activity By-laws of the Illinois High School Association. The List of Participants must also include the name(s) of the school's coach(es) or school representatives.

3. Failure to submit the List of Participants by the deadline constitutes withdrawal from the tournament.

#### I. Online Rules Presentation

1. A representative from each school must view the online video presentation covering the rules and procedures of the sectional and State Tournaments. The deadline for viewing the presentation is Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

2. Failure to view the online video presentation constitutes withdrawal from the tournament.

### IV. HOST FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

#### A. Sectional Host Allowance

The host school shall pay all local tournament expenses and issue checks to tournament workers. The host school shall receive a \$250 guarantee. Tournament officials will be reimbursed by the IHSA.

#### B. Team Tournament Expense

Neither the IHSA nor local meet management will assume responsibility for any team expenses for any tournament.

#### C. Admission Prices

There shall be no admission price for the sectional tournaments or the State Tournament.

### V. TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENTS AND SEEDING MEETINGS

#### A. Assignment Structure

1. All schools entered in the IHSA Team Chess state series will be assigned to sectional tournaments on a geographical basis by the IHSA Office.

2. The number of schools assigned to each sectional shall be approximately equal except where, in the opinion of the IHSA Office, it is prudent to organize a sectional

with fewer teams to serve a remote part of the state.

3. Assignments to the sectional tournaments will be posted on January 16, 2020.

### **B. Online Seeding of Sectionals**

1. Coaches are instructed to use the List of Participants Form in the IHSA Schools Center to submit win-loss-draw records and other pertinent information to be shared with other coaches in the seeding process. The deadline for submitting this information is 10 am on Monday, January 27, 2020.

2. Seeding of the sectionals shall be conducted through the Schools Center. The seeding form will open at 11 am on Monday, January 27, 2020, and close at noon on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

3. Each school has one vote in the seeding process. Using personal knowledge and the information supplied by the other schools, the head coach shall rank all the teams in the sectional except his or her own. When the voting is complete, the highest and lowest rank submitted for each school shall be removed and the remaining ranks for that school averaged. All the averages shall then be sorted and ranked to determine the sectional seeds.

4. In the case of a tie for a particular seed, a head-to-head result between the two teams shall be used to break the tie, if possible. Otherwise a random method shall be used to break the tie.

### **C. Pairing Procedures — Sectional**

1. In sectional tournaments, teams will be paired using a standard non-accelerated Swiss pairing system, based on their seeds.

2. In the event of an odd number of teams, a bye shall be assigned within the lowest score group to the lowest-seeded team that has not already received a bye.

3. Teams shall be paired immediately before the start of the first round.

### **D. State Tournament Seeding Meeting**

1. The Seeding Committee will meet on Sunday, February 9, 2020, to seed the teams advancing to the State Tournament. Each conference shall be invited to send one representative to the Seeding Meeting.

2. The Seeding Committee shall rank teams based upon the results of the sectional tournaments as well as information submitted during the registration process and other related data.

### **E. Pairing Procedures — State Tournament**

1. The following procedure shall be used to determine groups and pairing numbers for Round 1:

a. Divide the teams into 16 groups of 8.

b. Order the teams in groups 1 and 2, and randomly assign a pairing number within groups 3 through 16.

2. After all teams have been assigned a pairing number, proceed as follows:

a. If there are up to 128 teams, pair the teams according to a non-accelerated Swiss System.

b. If there are more than 128 teams, pair the highest-ranked 8 groups as the top half of an accelerated Swiss System and pair the remaining teams so the teams in groups 9, 10, 11, and 12 play the teams in groups 13, 14, 15, and 16 in Round 1.

3. The number of competing teams determines the pairing system and whether acceleration is necessary:

a. If there are up to 128 teams, a standard non-accelerated Swiss system pairing shall be used.

b. If there are more than 128 teams, modified accelerated Swiss pairings shall be used for Rounds 1 and 2. The acceleration break shall be set at the number of teams in the higher-ranked part formed in 2a.

4. In the event of an odd number of teams, the lowest-seeded team shall receive a first-round bye.

5. Teams shall be paired immediately before the start of the first round of competition.

6. If only one team remains in the highest score group entering the final round, it shall be paired with the highest-seeded team in the next pair group that it has not already played.

7. If a team has already been paired into a higher score group twice in the tournament, the coach may request that the team's pairing be restricted to its own score group for the remainder of the event, unless an out-of-group pairing is unavoidable. Such a request must be made before pairings for the round are completed. The restriction shall be removed from any team within one point of first place before pairing the final round.

## **VI. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE AND PLAYING SCHEDULES**

### **A. Participating Players**

1. A standard team consists of 8 players, plus 4 alternates. A team may play

with only 6 or 7 players, but must forfeit all matches on any empty board.

2. Prior to competition, the coach must designate a list of up to 12 players who will be eligible to play during the sectional tournament or State Tournament.

3. The deadline for designating the list of 12 participants is: (a) for the sectional tournament, midnight on Wednesday, January 29, 2020; (b) for the State Tournament, midnight on Friday, February 7, 2020.

4. No changes to the list of 12 participants will be allowed after the deadlines.

### **B. Complete Participation Requirement**

1. At the sectional tournament or State Tournament, all teams must compete in all rounds of competition.

2. Failure of a team to compete in all rounds may result in penalties and affect future participation in the IHSA State Series.

### **C. Time Schedule — Sectional**

The time schedule for the 2019-20 IHSA Team Chess sectional tournaments is as follows:

#### Saturday, February 1, 2020

8:15 am–8:45 am..... Check-in  
9:00 am..... Round 1  
11:30 am..... Round 2  
2:15 pm..... Round 3  
4:45 pm..... Round 4  
6:30 pm..... Awards

Rounds and awards may start ahead of the schedule time at the manager's discretion, after consultation with the head coaches.

### **D. Time Schedule — State Tournament**

The time schedule for the 2019-20 IHSA Team Chess State Tournament is as follows:

#### Friday, February 14, 2020

8:15 am–9:15 am..... Registration  
8:45 am..... Meeting of Stewards  
9:15 am..... Doors open to Ballroom  
9:30 am..... Opening Ceremony  
9:50 am..... Forfeit time for Round 1  
10:00 am..... Round 1  
not before 1:00 pm..... Round 2

not before 3:45 pm..... Round 3  
not before 6:30 pm..... Round 4

**Note:** In Round 1, the clock for each player on a team shall be started at 10:00 am. Any team failing to appear by 9:50 am

for its Round 1 match will receive a forfeit for that round.

#### Saturday, February 15, 2020

8:30 am..... Doors open to Ballroom  
8:50 am.. Players seated for announcements  
9:00 am..... Round 5  
not before 12:00 noon..... Round 6  
not before 2:45 pm..... Round 7  
not before 5:30 pm..... Awards Ceremony

All participants are encouraged to attend the awards ceremony.

#### E. Time Control

In the Team Chess state series, each player shall be granted a time control of 55 minutes per player, plus a 5-second delay.

In the event a clock without a delay is used, the clock shall be set to 55 minutes.

**Note:** A digital clock is required. Time delay is preferred. Time delay clocks may not be used without the time delay being correctly set. Use of increment time controls is not permitted.

#### F. Accommodation for Very Long Games

During the IHSA Team Chess State Tournament, at the end of Round 3 and Round 6 only, a player who is involved in a very long game may ask the Head Steward for a 10-minute delay in starting his or her game in the next round. This request must be made before leaving the playing area.

### VII. ADVANCEMENT OF QUALIFIERS

#### A. Advancement and Determination of Qualifiers

1. A total of 128 teams shall qualify for the State Tournament.

2. To determine the State Tournament field, the sectional competitors shall be sorted first by the number of team points earned, and second by the IHSA tie-breaker system (VIII-F). In the case of a tie for the 128th qualifying spot, a head-to-head result between the two teams in the sectional tournament shall be used to break the tie, if possible. Otherwise a random method shall be used to break the tie.

3. A team that withdraws from the State Tournament may be replaced no later than 4 pm on the Friday preceding the tournament by the next available team on the list.

4. If a sectional cannot be completed prior to the State Tournament Seeding Meeting, the committee shall determine which schools shall advance from the sec-

tional to the state tournament, using the sectional seeds as a guideline.

### VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES

#### A. Playing Rules

The official playing rules for the IHSA Team Chess and State Tournament are those included in the 2019-20 IHSA Chess Rules Book, these Terms and Conditions and any printed instructions distributed from the IHSA Office. Enforcement of these rules will be the responsibility of the Tournament Manager, the Tournament Director, the Head Steward, and their assistants.

#### B. Official Representative

1. In accordance with IHSA By-law 2.020, all schools are required to have a coach or school representative, previously designated on the school's Entry Form, present at the tournament site at all times during tournament play to assist tournament officials, if needed.

2. If a school does not have a designated coach or school representative present at the tournament site at all times during tournament play, that school's competitors shall not be permitted to participate.

3. If a school's competitors are not permitted to participate due to the designated coach or school representative not being present, those competitors shall not be permitted to return to competition in the tournament and the team shall be disqualified from the tournament. Any exception must be approved by the Tournament Director.

4. A coach or designated school representative shall be present in the competition area at the beginning of each round to ensure that everything is in order prior to the start of the match.

5. A team whose coach or designated school representative is not present in the competition area when a round is started shall not be permitted to begin play until the coach or designated school representative appears. Any exception must be pre-approved by the Tournament Director.

#### C. Tournament Roster, Strength Order, Participation, and Substitution

1. Prior to the beginning of Round 1, the coach or official representative of a competing team shall submit to the Tournament Director the team's Tournament Roster of up to 12 players, listed in Strength Order. All players must have been listed on the team's List of Participants.

2. A team is required to compete on the same number of boards (or more) in all rounds as the number of boards on which the team competes in Round 1. Only the Tournament Director may approve exceptions.

3. If a team does not compete in a round (excluding Round 1), the team will be disqualified from further participation in the tournament.

a. If a team arrives at a match more than 30 minutes after the beginning of the round but before time expires, the team shall forfeit that match to its opponent but is not disqualified from further participation in the tournament.

b. If a team arrives more than one hour after the beginning of the round (excluding Round 1), the team shall be disqualified from further participation in the tournament.

c. A team that receives a bye is considered to have competed in a round.

4. If a player does not compete in a round and no alternate is legally substituted for that player, the team shall forfeit that board for the round.

a. If a player arrives at a match more than 30 minutes after the beginning of a round but before the flag falls one hour after the beginning of the round, that player shall forfeit the match to his or her opponent.

b. If a player arrives more than one hour after the beginning of a round (excluding Round 1), the player shall be disqualified from further participation in the tournament.

c. If a player arrives at a match but is disqualified because of 5a or 5b, the scores for that player (board) in prior rounds shall stand.

5. For every round, the coach must indicate the players competing on each board by marking the names on the official scoresheet (and optionally, at the State Final Tournament, by using the Chesscalate system).

a. The players competing in each round must play in Strength Order, with the strongest player in the lineup for that particular round on Board 1, the next strongest on Board 2, and so on.

b. If a team's players do not compete in Strength Order, the result will be recorded as a forfeit by any player playing below a teammate who is lower in the Strength Order submitted by the coach.

**EXAMPLE:** The eight boards (numbered 1 to 8) are occupied by players whose Strength Order is 1, 2, 4, 5, 3, 6, 8, 7. Player #3 (on Board 5) and Player #7 (on Board 8) must forfeit.

6. Improper substitution or failure to follow correct substitution procedures will result in penalties that can include forfeiture and/or loss of team tie-break points.

**D. Stacking**

1. In accordance with the provisions of IHSA By-law 2.041 (Sportsmanship), players shall be assigned a Strength Order in order of their individual playing strengths. “Stacking” is not an acceptable or appropriate strategy in the IHSA Team Chess state series.

2. “Stacking” is the practice of arranging the Strength Order in a manner that results in an advantage over opponents by placing a person of low playing strength at a high strength order to enable the remaining team members to play against opponents of a lower playing strength than they would have otherwise.

3. Stacking is unsportsmanlike conduct and is penalized by team disqualification. All team and individual wins and draws are scored as forfeits. All team and individual losses stand as recorded.

4. A charge of stacking shall not be considered after Round 2 has been concluded for 30 minutes in sectional tournament competition, or after Round 4 has been concluded for 30 minutes in State Tournament competition.

**E. Scoring System**

1. The team assigned White shall be White on boards 1, 3, 6 and 8.

2. The following weighted scoring system will be used in all matches:

	<b>Win</b>	<b>Draw</b>	<b>Loss</b>
Board 1	12.0	6.0	0.0
Board 2	11.0	5.5	0.0
Board 3	10.0	5.0	0.0
Board 4	9.0	4.5	0.0
Board 5	8.0	4.0	0.0
Board 6	7.0	3.5	0.0
Board 7	6.0	3.0	0.0
Board 8	5.0	2.5	0.0

3. For purposes of tie breaks, byes are scored as 48 to 20 wins. Forfeits are scored as the sum of the wins on the individual boards.

4. The team scoring the most individual points in a match is the winner.

**F. Team Tie-Break System**

1. If two or more teams are tied on points at end of the tournament, a tie-break system shall be used (when E-3 or E-4 do not apply) to determine the final standings.

2. For each match played, adjust the results as per E-5 if needed, add 10 to the team’s match points, multiply by 1 plus the square of the opponent’s tournament points, and divide by 100. Add the values for all seven matches to determine the tie-breaker.

Example:

<b>Rd.</b>	<b>Own Match Pts.</b>	<b>Opp.’s Tourn. Pts.</b>	<b>Divide by</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	$(60+10) \times$	$(3^2+1) \div$	100 =	7.00
2	$(35+10) \times$	$(3^2+1) \div$	100 =	4.50
3	$(10+10) \times$	$(6^2+1) \div$	100 =	7.40
4	$(50+10) \times$	$(4^2+1) \div$	100 =	10.20
5	$(68+10) \times$	$(3^2+1) \div$	100 =	7.80
6	$(33+10) \times$	$(5^2+1) \div$	100 =	11.18
7	$(24+10) \times$	$(6^2+1) \div$	100 =	12.58
<b>Total Tie-Break Points</b>				<b>60.66</b>

**G. Tie-Break Penalties**

Violations of the rules may be penalized by the loss of team tie-breakpoints as follows:

1. At the state final tournament:
  - a. Major violation: up to 5 tie-break points
  - b. Minor violation: 1 tie-break point
2. At the sectional tournaments:
  - a. Major violation: up to 1.25 tie-break points
  - b. Minor violation: 0.25 tie-break points

**H. Official Scoresheet**

1. Once the Official Scoresheet is signed, the individual match scores are official. It is the responsibility of each coach to ensure that the results are reported quickly and correctly.

2. If a team does not follow the specified procedure for submitting the Official Scoresheet, it may be penalized by losing tie-break points.

3. The scoresheet must remain on the table next to Board 1. Moving the scoresheet to any other location may constitute kibitzing.

4. Results submitted through the Chesscalate system are not official. Results can only be verified by the signed Official Scoresheet.

**IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES**

**A. Spectators**

Spectators are permitted at the tournament; however, they are required to observe silence during all tournament play. Failure to observe proper decorum during tournament play will be considered unsportsmanlike conduct. Other than as specifically allowed elsewhere in the Terms and Conditions or the IHSA Rules of Chess, the use of electronic devices in the competition area is prohibited.

**B. Damage to Property or Equipment**

If contestants or people from any school entered in a state series are found guilty of carelessness or maliciously breaking, damaging or destroying property or equipment belonging to another school, such school shall be held responsible for costs incurred in replacing or repairing such property or equipment.

**C. Tobacco/Liquid Nicotine Products:**

The use of tobacco or liquid nicotine products in any competition area, either during a practice or while a contest is in progress, or affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest by any coach, player, any other person connected with a team, or fan shall be prohibited. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, tobacco/liquid nicotine free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site.

**D. Use of Inhalers**

A student with asthma may possess and use his/her medication during an IHSA competition, while under the supervision of school personnel, provided the school meets the outlined procedures of self-administration in the Illinois School Code.

**E. Alcoholic Beverages and IHSA State Series**

The possession, distribution, sale and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of any IHSA state series contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site. Violation of this

policy by an event host will subject the host to a penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Such penalty may include but not necessarily be limited to prohibition against subsequent event hosting assignments. Violation of this policy by a non-hosting member school will subject the school to penalty for violation of IHSA By-law 2.020. Patrons of any IHSA state series contest determined to be in violation of this policy will be removed from the premises, and law enforcement officials will be called as warranted. No ticket refunds will be granted in such cases.

#### **F. Equipment**

1. Each school must provide four chess boards, four Staunton chess sets, and four digital time-delay capable chess clocks that comply with the rules published by IHSA. A clock capable of increment time controls only is not permitted. A digital clock not capable of being set to a time delay setting of five seconds can be used as though it were an analog clock. Chess boards and pieces must conform to the guidelines in IHSA Chess Rules 2 and 3. *Failure to provide the required equipment may result in forfeiture of the board.*

2. Each team may provide a stand and team placard, in good taste and of an appropriate size and including the school name, to be placed on the table to identify the teams playing in each match.

#### **G. Electronic Devices**

1. The use of electronic devices in the competition area is prohibited, except as specified in the IHSA Chess Rule Book.

2. A cell phone that goes off in the playing area will result in the following penalties:

- a. Player's cell phone in use: minor violation and forfeiture of game.
  - b. Player's cell phone vibrating or ringing: minor violation, plus the loss of 10 minutes on the player's clock, or half the time on the clock, whichever is less.
  - c. Coach's cell phone ringing or in use, except for official tournament business: minor violation. There is no violation for a phone vibrating.
3. No headphones of any type may be worn in the playing area.
4. A player viewing, wearing, or displaying any electronic device, including but not limited to a smartwatch, shall be penalized according to the provisions in IX-G-2a.

#### **H. Apparel**

1. Each team member must wear a matching item of apparel (shirt, vest, or jacket) that clearly identifies the school. The clothing must be the outermost layer of clothing and must remain clearly visible while team members are in the playing hall. Matching shall be defined as being similar in style, color, and markings. Members of the same gender must have similar tops, though males may wear slightly different tops than females.

2. Failure to wear proper apparel shall be penalized by a minor violation. A player may be penalized once per day of competition. A team may be penalized for up to five minor violations per day. Willful refusal to comply with the uniform rule shall constitute unsportsmanlike conduct and may be penalized by team disqualification.

3. Each coach must wear an item of apparel that clearly indicates the name of the school, and an IHSA-issued coach's pass.

4. Apparel worn by players and coaches should be in good taste, show good sportsmanship, and be appropriate for state series competition. Hats, visors, sweatbands, hoodies, and other items of apparel that cover a player's head (except those of a religious or medical nature) are not permitted. The Tournament Director and Head Steward have the authority to require that inappropriate apparel be corrected.

#### **I. Food and Drink**

Food and drink are not permitted in the playing area at any time during the tournament, except for water, which may be consumed, but not placed on the playing table.

#### **X. AWARDS**

An Awards Ceremony will take place immediately following the tabulation of results.

##### **A. Team Awards — Sectional**

1. A plaque will be presented to any team that finishes the tournament with a perfect score.

2. In the event no team finishes with a perfect score, a plaque will be awarded to the team with the highest score, including tie-breaks.

##### **B. Team Awards — State Tournament**

1. Trophies will be presented to the teams winning first, second and third places. Medallions will be presented to the members and head coach of the first three placing teams.

2. A plaque will be presented to any team that scores at least six points in the tournament but does not finish in first, second or third place.

3. In the case of teams tying with perfect match win scores, the tie shall stand.

4. If one team has beaten all other teams they are tied with for an award, that team is awarded first in that score group.

#### **XI. OFFICIALS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES**

##### **A. IHSA Administrator**

1. The IHSA Administrator is responsible for the overall conduct of the IHSA Team Chess state series.

2. The IHSA Administrator distributes the IHSA Chess Manual, including the Tournament Terms and Conditions and the Chess Rules, to coaches and other interested parties.

3. The IHSA Administrator selects the sites of the sectional tournaments and assigns officials as required.

3. The IHSA Administrator collects the official entries to the state series and assigns schools to the sectional tournaments.

4. The IHSA Administrator collects the List of Participants and seeding information provided by the head coaches and provides this information to the sectional Tournament Manager.

5. The IHSA Administrator collects the Winner Reports from the sectional tournament managers and determines the teams that have qualified for the State Tournament.

6. The IHSA Administrator distributes information about the qualifying schools to the conference representatives who attend the Seeding Meeting.

7. The IHSA Administrator distributes the pairings and results of the State Tournament.

##### **B. Tournament Manager**

1. The Tournament Manager is responsible for the general conduct of the tournament. The IHSA Administrator acts as the Tournament Manager of the State Tournament and delegates this responsibility for sectional tournaments.

2. The Tournament Manager is responsible for securing the facilities, furniture, and other items necessary for competition and skittles activity.

3. The Tournament Manager is responsible for communication with the head coaches of the competing schools to ensure that they are aware of the time schedule and other tournament procedures.

4. The Tournament Manager is responsible for promptly reporting the results of each match and posting the pairings of each round.

5. The Tournament Manager is responsible for arranging the awards ceremony at the end of the competition.

6. The Tournament Manager is responsible for promptly filing the Financial Report with the IHSA Office after the competition is complete.

#### **C. Tournament Director**

1. The Tournament Director is responsible for duties as described in the IHSA Chess Rules (Section 23-1).

#### **D. Pairing Director**

1. The Pairing Director is responsible for duties as described in the IHSA Chess Rules (Section 23-2).

2. The Pairing Director is responsible for making the pairings of each round and keeping track of and verifying the results of each round.

#### **E. Head Steward**

1. The Head Steward is responsible for duties as described in the IHSA Chess Rules (Section 23-3).

2. The Head Steward is responsible for hearing disputes on rulings made by the stewards and for rendering judgment on such disputes.

3. The Head Steward is responsible for keeping track of infractions of the IHSA Chess Rules and assigning penalties when appropriate.

4. The Head Steward is responsible for supervising the stewards and ensuring the consistency of their rulings throughout the tournament.

5. The Head Steward assesses tie-break penalties.

#### **F. Stewards**

1. Stewards are responsible for duties as described in the IHSA Chess Rules (Section 23-4).

2. Stewards are responsible for enforcing the IHSA Team Chess Tournament Policies (Article IX) and bringing violations to the attention of the Head Steward or Tournament Director.

#### **G. Scorer**

1. The scorer is responsible for duties as described in the IHSA Chess Rules (Section 23-5).

#### **H. Sectional Officials and Fees**

Sectional officials will be appointed by the IHSA Office. The host school shall

issue payment to each official which will be reimbursed by the IHSA Office upon receipt of the Financial Report Form.

Tournament Director: \$100

Steward: \$20 per round

#### **I. State Final Officials and Fees**

State Final Officials will be appointed and paid by the IHSA Office.

Tournament Director: \$275

Chief Steward: \$225

Steward: \$25 per round

Scorer: \$25 per round

#### **J. Mileage Reimbursement Policy**

The officials appointed by the IHSA will be paid mileage from the IHSA Office upon receipt of a mileage voucher submitted by the appointed official to the IHSA Office within 30 days of the contest. Appointed officials will receive 30 cents per mile for every mile over 70 miles for each round trip. Mileage vouchers can be printed from the IHSA Web Site through the IHSA Officials Center. Note: Mileage is determined to and from the official's home to the site of the competition, unless prior approval has been given from the administrator in charge of the sport/activity.

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# 2019-20 Chess Rules & Situations

## RULE 1 Introduction

**SECTION 1.** The game of chess is played between two opponents by moving objects, referred to as chessmen, on a board with squares of two alternating colors called a chessboard.

**SECTION 2.** Players and coaches must conduct themselves in an ethical manner in the spirit of fair play.

**SECTION 3.** Chess contests may be individual, team, medley team, or board Swiss.

**Article 1.** An Individual Tournament is an event in which players are paired against each other.

**Article 2.** A Team Tournament is an event in which players from one team are simultaneously paired against the same number of players from another team, and the individual results are compiled to produce a team score.

**Article 3.** A Medley Team (often called Individual/Team) is an event in which members of a team are treated as individual contestants that are paired against each other and the scores of the individuals are added together to produce a team score.

**Article 4.** A Board Swiss is an event in which a team of players is divided into subgroups. Each subgroup is paired as an Individual event. A team score is obtained by adding together the scores of the team members from each subgroup.

**SECTION 4.** Each school must provide the equipment specified by the rules of competition or be subject to forfeiture. The responsibility for providing equipment in a given match is the player of the Black chess pieces as determined by the pairings.

**Article 1.** The equipment of the player of Black shall be used unless...

a) ...more suitable equipment can be provided by the opponent, or...

b) ...the equipment does not fulfill the requirements of Rules 1 and 2.

**Article 2.** The player of Black must provide a standard time-delay clock that does not produce an audible signal. An add-back clock such as an Increment timer is not considered a standard clock. If a standard clock is not available, a non-standard clock may be used without a time delay.

**Article 3.** In determining who shall forfeit if both teams fail to provide the re-

quired amount of equipment, the decision is based on 1-4.

## RULE 2 The Chessboard and Its Arrangement

**SECTION 1.** The chessboard is composed of 64 equal squares, alternately light (the "white" squares) and dark (the "black" squares).

**Article 1.** The chessboard must have a color combination that clearly distinguishes between the light-colored squares and the dark-colored squares.

**Article 2.** The following colors are acceptable for...

a) ...light squares: cream, white, and buff.

b) ...dark squares: green, brown, black, and blue.

*SITUATION: A team whose players will be playing the Black pieces sets up four boards with squares less than two inches on a side and colored red and black (commonly used in checkers). a) The opposing players object to the boards. b) The opposing players start the game and their coach objects. c) The opposing players start the game but after four moves object. d) The opposing players start the game but after 12 moves object.*

*RULING: In each case, the board may be exchanged under the supervision of a Steward with the position reached transferred to the replacement board. The clocks are stopped while the exchange occurs.*

**Article 3.** The sides of the squares shall be between 2 inches and 3 inches on a side.

**Article 4.** The most acceptable chessboard in terms of square size is the one with squares closest to 2 inches on a side.

### SECTION 2

**Article 1.** The chessboard is placed between the players so that the corner square nearest and to the right of each player is the light color.

**Article 2.** If, during a game, it is found that the board has been incorrectly placed...

a) ...the position reached shall be transferred to a chessboard correctly placed and...

b) ...the game shall continue.

*SITUATION: While a game is in progress, it is observed by a) a coach, b) a player of another game in progress, c) a spectator, or d) a Steward that the board is incorrectly turned. The individual tells the players of the game.*

*RULING: In a), b), and c) the individual has kibitzed and should be penalized. In d) the Steward should not have intervened. In all cases, once the players become aware of the situa-*

*tion the Steward should apply the provisions of Rule 2-2-2 by transferring to a chessboard the position at the time of the discovery. The correct action by a), b), or c) would be to call the situation to the attention of a Steward who, while not intervening, would be available in case of a claim.*

### SECTION 3

**Article 1.** The eight rows of squares running from the edge of the chessboard nearest one of the players to the edge nearest the other player are called "files."

**Article 2.** The eight rows of squares running from one edge of the chessboard to the other edge at right angles to the files are called "ranks."

**Article 3.** The straight rows of squares of one color, touching corner to corner, are called "diagonals."

## RULE 3 The Chessmen and Their Arrangement

**SECTION 1.** At the beginning of the game, one player commands 16 light-colored chessmen (the "White" chessmen) and the other commands 16 dark-colored chessmen (the "Black" chessmen).

**Article 1.** The following colors are acceptable for...

a) ...White chessmen: cream, white, and buff.

b) ...Black chessmen: brown or black.

**Article 2.** The size of the chessmen shall be proportional to each other.

**Article 3.** The height of the King shall be between 3 inches and 5 inches.

**Article 4.** The height of the Pawn shall be slightly shorter than the length of a square.

**Article 5.** The chessmen shall be of the Staunton design.

*SITUATION: Player B sets up the equipment using a Renaissance chess set and/or a board with colors red and black. Player W, the coach, or the Steward objects.*

*RULING: The goal of these rules is to standardize the appearance of the pieces to avoid confusion on the part of players, coaches, or Stewards regarding the position on the board. A player, coach or Steward who objects to a set of pieces should do so at their earliest opportunity. If the game has already begun, only the opponent may object and the position shall be transferred to an acceptable set under the supervision of a Steward provided that no more than 20 moves have been made in the game.*

**SECTION 2.** The chessmen and their notational symbols are as follows:

	K	1 White King
	Q	1 White Queen
	R	2 White Rooks
	B	2 White Bishops
	N	2 White Knights
	P	8 White Pawns
	K	1 Black King
	Q	1 Black Queen
	R	2 Black Rooks
	B	2 Black Bishops
	N	2 Black Knights
	P	8 Black Pawns

**SECTION 3.** The initial position on the chessboard of the chessmen is as diagrammed in figure 3-3.

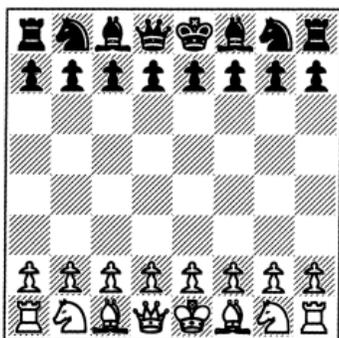


Figure 3-3.

Position of chessmen at start of game.

**SECTION 4.** The chessmen other than the Pawns are referred to as pieces.

**Article 1.** The Rook and Queen are major pieces.

**Article 2.** The Knight and Bishop are minor pieces.

**SECTION 5.** If, during a game a player discovers that...

**Article 1.** ...the initial position of the chessmen was incorrect (other than when the board is turned)...

a) ...if fewer than 10 moves of the game have been played, the game shall be annulled and a new game begun with the correct starting position and the remaining time divided equally between the players.

b) ...if 10 or more moves have been made, the game continues.

c) The Steward shall determine whether Rule 17-1-4 applies.

*SITUATION: While a game is in progress, it is pointed by a) a coach, b) a player, c) a spectator, or d) a Steward that the chessmen must have been set up incorrectly because a particular piece, which has not been moved, is not on the proper initial square.*

*RULING: In a), b), and c) the individual has kibitzed and should be penalized. In d) the Steward should not have intervened but should have made a note of the situation and remained discreetly available until 10 moves had occurred. In all cases, once the players become aware of the situation, the Steward should apply the provisions of Rule 3-5-1 (annul the game if fewer than 10 moves and have the game continue if 10 or more moves had occurred).*

**Article 2.** ...the player's color was reversed from those assigned, the game shall...

a) ...continue to a conclusion with...

b) ...the result counting as though no reversal had occurred.

*SITUATION: A team (or player) comes late to a round, begins the game, and later complains that his/her opponent has the board set up with the player to play Black although according to the pairing list a) he/she should have had White. b) In addition a witness claims that the opponent had boasted of doing this deliberately to ensure himself/herself an extra White.*

*RULING: a) Regardless of the cause of the color mix-up, 3-5-2 stipulates that once a game begins, it must continue to a conclusion, and, if the game is already over, then the result stands. It is the duty of all players to confirm color assignment from the pairing lists. They should not automatically take someone else's word for it. b) But within the discretion of the officials if the witness is considered reliable and unbiased, then unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of the one player could be ruled (17-1) and penalized as the official saw fit under 18-2.*

## RULE 4

### Conduct of the Game

**SECTION 1.** The two players must alternate making one move at a time.

**SECTION 2.** The player with the White chessmen makes the first move.

**SECTION 3.** A clock able to signal the end of a time control shall control the time allotted for each player's moves (see also Rule 14).

**Article 1.** Each game has a time limit specified in advance of the tournament and controlled by the clock.

**Article 2.** The clock shall be placed...

a) ...as directed by tournament officials...

b) ...to the right of the player with the Black chessmen in individual tournaments.

*SITUATION: Games are in progress when it is pointed out that one clock is not facing the*

*correct way by a) a coach, b) a player, c) an official, or d) a spectator.*

*RULING: In all cases, the irregularity should be corrected under the supervision of an official to avoid disagreement when the times are switched from one clock unit to the other. In addition, while either a, b, or c could intervene directly into the game to point out the difficulty and start proceedings to correct it, should a spectator intervene in the game to tell the players directly, then 17-2 would be violated and the individual penalized accordingly (18-3). The correct procedure for a spectator would be to call the matter to the attention of a Steward.*

**SECTION 4.** At the time determined for the start of the game, the clock of the player who has the White chessmen is set in motion.

**Article 1.** If both players arrive late, the first to arrive must split the elapsed time before starting the opponent's clock.

**Article 2.** Should only the player of the Black chessmen be absent at the start of the game:

a) ...the player of the White chessmen shall start his/her clock, make a move, then start the absent player's clock, but...

b) ...if no clock is available, the player of the White chessman shall inform a Steward of the absence of the Black player. In a team tournament, the absent player's time shall be reduced until present at the board based on total elapsed time of games of teammates in the absence of a clock.

c) ...upon the arrival at the chessboard of the Black player, he/she makes a move, stops his/her clock (thereby starting his/her opponent's clock), and the game continues normally.

*SITUATION: White is present at the start of the game but Black is absent. Player W writes down his/her first move and starts Player B's clock without making a move on the board. Player B arrives later at the board, observes his/her clock running, and that Player W has not made his/her first move on the board. Player B appeals to an official seeking an adjustment of the clock.*

*RULING: Current rules require the move to be made on the board. As with any other move, pressing the clock prior to releasing the piece is a violation. White is penalized 2 minutes.*

**SECTION 5.** Even when not in time trouble,...

**Article 1.** ...a player must press his/her clock with the same hand with which he/she moved the piece. A player violating this rule shall initially receive a warning, but repeating the offense may result in imposition of a time penalty.

**Article 2.** ...a player does not have to move the chessmen with the hand with which he/she takes notation.

**SECTION 6.** When a game is completed, the result must be reported immedi-

ately in the manner required by the tournament officials. Failure to report shall result in a penalty on either the player, his/her team, or both.

## RULE 5 Definition of the Move

**SECTION 1.** With the exception of castling (6-2) and promotion of a Pawn (6-8), a move is the transfer of a chessman commanded by a player from one square to another square which is either a) vacant or b) occupied by a chessman of the opponent.

**SECTION 2.** No chessman may cross a square occupied by another chessman except...

**Article 1.** ...the Rook, when castling (6-2-1) and...

**Article 2.** ...the Knight (6-6).

**SECTION 3.** A chessman played to a square occupied by a chessman of the opponent, in the same move, captures the opponent's chessman...

**Article 1.** ...which must be removed from the chessboard by the player making the capture...

**Article 2.** ...with it making no difference whether the opponent's chessman being captured or the player's chessman making the capture is touched first, providing the capture is a legal one.

## RULE 6 Moves of the Individual Chessmen

**SECTION 1.** The King may make...

**Article 1.** ...the Castling move or...

**Article 2.** ...a move to an adjacent square that is not attacked by an opponent's chessman.

**SECTION 2.** Castling is a move of the King, which must be touched first, and either Rook. Castling counts as a single move of the King.

**Article 1.** The castling move is made by...

a) ...transferring the King from its original square two squares in the same rank, and then...

b) ...transferring the Rook, towards which the King moved, over the King to the square the King crossed.

**Article 2.** Castling is momentarily prevented if...

a) ...the King is in check (Rule 10),...

b) ...the square which the King must cross is occupied,...

c) ...the square which the King must cross is attacked by a chessman of the opponent,...

d) ...the square which the King will occupy is attacked by a chessman of the opponent, or...

e) ...any chessman occupies a square along the rank between the King and the Rook towards which the King will move.

**Article 3.** Castling is permanently impossible if...

a) ...the King has previously moved, or...

b) ...the Rook towards which the King will move has previously moved.

**Article 4.** If a player starts to castle and it is determined that castling is illegal, the player must move his/her King unless the King has no legal move.

**Article 5.** If a player intending to castle touches the Rook first, castling is not allowed and the player must move the Rook if it has a legal move.

*SITUATION: A player, intending to castle, clearly touches the Rook before touching the King. The opponent objects to the castle move made, saying the Rook was touched first. A Steward is called to the board.  
RULING: As per 8-3-1, the Rook must be moved and the castle move is denied.*

**SECTION 3.** The Rook moves to any square on the file or rank on which it stands except as limited by 5-2.

**SECTION 4.** The Bishop moves to any square on the diagonals on which it stands except as limited by 5-2.

**SECTION 5.** The Queen moves to any square on the file, rank or diagonals on which it stands except as limited by 5-2.

**SECTION 6.** The Knight move is composed of two different steps.

**Article 1.** The first step is a move of a single square along the rank or file.

**Article 2.** The second step is done by taking one step of a single square on a diagonal while still moving away from the square of departure.

**Article 3.** In making the move of the Knight, the first step of a single square along the rank or file is not stopped by the presence of any chessman.

**Article 4.** In finishing the move of the Knight, the Knight may not come to rest on a square already occupied by a chessman of the same color.

**SECTION 7.** The Pawn moves forward only.

**Article 1.** The Pawn advances one vacant square along the file on which it is placed except...

a) ...a Pawn may advance one or two vacant squares along the file it occupies at the start of the game and...

b) ...when capturing the Pawn advances forward on the diagonal to a square con-

tiguous to its own that is occupied by a chessman of the opponent.

**Article 2.** A Pawn attacking a square crossed by an opponent's Pawn that has been advanced two squares in one move from its original square, may capture the opponent's Pawn as if the latter had been advanced only one square, providing the capture is made on the move immediately following such advance. Such a capture is called "en passant."

**SECTION 8.** A Pawn, upon reaching the 8th rank, undergoes promotion.

**Article 1.** The Pawn that undergoes promotion...

a) ...becomes one of the following pieces of the same color: Queen, Rook, Bishop, or Knight...

b) ...as part of the same move...

c) ...at the choice of the player making the move.

*SITUATION: Player B is on the move with a Pawn on the 7th and the 8th rank vacant. a) Player B removes the Pawn from the board, places a Black Rook on the board, and stops the clock. b) Player B places a piece on the 8th rank then removes the Pawn from the board and stops the clock. White stops both clocks, summons a Steward and claims improper procedure because Player B did not move the Pawn to the 8th rank before the promotion.*

*RULING: The proper method of promotion is to move the Pawn to the 8th rank, take it from the board, replace it with a piece, and stop the clock. The intent of the move in both a) and b) is clear and no penalty is provided for not following the procedure precisely. The claim is denied.*

*SITUATION: Player W is on the move with a Pawn on the 7th rank, the 8th rank vacant, and a possible capture on a diagonal 8th rank. a) Player W picks up a captured Queen starts to place it on the 8th rank, returns the Queen to the captured pieces and captures with the Pawn on the diagonal. b) Player W moves the Pawn to the 8th rank, removes it from the board without releasing it, and then captures the Black piece on the diagonal. Player B stops both clocks, summons a Steward, and claims improper procedure.*

*RULING: a) Since the Pawn was not released on the 8th rank and a promotion is not final until a piece is released on the promotion square, the action is legal. b) Until a chessman is released on a square, a move is not determined. Once touched and not released, a chessman may make any legal move. The action is legal.*

*SITUATION: Player W is on the move with a Pawn on the 7th rank, the 8th rank vacant, and a possible capture on the diagonal 8th rank. Player W moves the Pawn to the 8th rank, removes it from the board without releasing it, and then captures the Black piece on the diagonal. Player B stops both clocks, summons a Steward, and claims improper procedure.*

*RULING: Player B's claim is denied. By not releasing the Pawn, or having touched a captured piece, changing the move of the Pawn is no different than changing which square a piece moves to when it hasn't been released.*

*SITUATION: Player W is on the move with a Pawn on the 7th rank, the 8th rank vacant, and a possible capture on the diagonal 8th rank. Player W moves the Pawn to the 8th rank, removes it from the board sets it down and picks up a Knight. Changing his/her mind, Player W sets the Knight down, captures Black's piece on the diagonal replacing it with a Queen. Player B stops both clocks, summons a Steward, and claims improper procedure.*

*RULING: The player B's claim is upheld 2 minutes added to player B's clock. By releasing the Pawn the move to the 8th rank was determined as with the released of any chessman upon a square to which it has been moved.*

**Article 2.** The selection of the piece to which the Pawn is promoted is made without reference to other pieces remaining on the chessboard.

**Article 3.** The action of the promoted piece is immediate.

*SITUATION: Player B moves a Pawn to the 8th rank and removes it from the board. Player B then picks up a Queen and without letting go, places the Queen on the square to which the Pawn had been moved. Player B then removes the Queen, places a Bishop on the square and lets go. Player W calls a Steward and requests that Player B be required to restore the promotion to a Queen.*

*RULING: As when applying the touch move rule, a chessman is not considered moved to a square until the move is determined which includes releasing. Until the piece chosen for promotion is released on the promoting square, the move is not determined and may be altered. Selection of the promotion is considered similar to selection of a square (e.g., which square a Bishop is moved to when slid along a diagonal).*

**Article 4.** On the promotion of a Pawn, the move is not determined (7-1) until the promoted Pawn is exchanged for a new piece. If a player presses his/her clock without exchanging the promoted Pawn for a new piece, the player is breaking Rule 14-9 and can be penalized by having two minutes added to the time of the opponent providing the opponent calls the violation to a Steward's attention before touching a chessman.

*A. SITUATION: Player W advances a Pawn to the 8th rank and looks around for a Queen. Seeing none, he/she informs his/her opponent he/she is promoting the Pawn to a Queen. He/she then presses his/her clock, makes the suitable notation on his/her notation sheet and goes in search of a White Queen. Player B protests to an official.*

*RULING: A player is not allowed to press his/her clock until his/her move is complete. In the case of a promotion, the move is not com-*

*plete until the Pawn has been replaced with the new piece (7-1-3). The penalty, as specified, is to have 2 minutes added to the opponent's clock.*

**Article 5.** Substitutions for pieces are not permitted. Should the piece to which a player wishes to promote a Pawn not be immediately available, the player should request assistance from a Steward before making his/her move. When there is a delay in obtaining the new piece, both clocks may be stopped until the required piece is obtained by the player having the move.

## **RULE 7**

### **Determination and Completion of a Move**

**SECTION 1.** Except for the last move, a move is determined but not completed...

**Article 1.** ...in the transfer of a chessman to a vacant square when the player's hand has released the chessman;

**Article 2.** ...in a capture when the captured chessman has been removed from the chessboard and the player, having placed on its new square his/her own chessman, has released the latter from his/her hand;...

**Article 3.** ...in the promotion of a Pawn when the Pawn has been removed from the chessboard and the player's hand has released the new chessman after placing it on the promotion square (if the player has released from his/her hand the Pawn that has reached the promotion square, the move is not yet completed, but the player no longer has the right to play the Pawn to another square); and...

**Article 4.** ...in castling...

a) ...when the player's hand has released the Rook on the square crossed by the King; ...

b) ...when the player has released the King from his/her hand, the move is not yet completed but the player no longer has the right to make any other move than castling-

**SECTION 2.** A move is completed when a move is determined (7-1) and the clock of the player with the move stopped.

**SECTION 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.

*SITUATION: While Player W has released a chessman on a legal square (move is determined), he/she has not pressed the clock. Player B makes a move. Player W complains to a Steward that player B moved before his/her move was completed (as per 7-8).*

*RULING: A player may begin a move once the opponent's move is determined. However, it may be considered unsportsmanlike to not al-*

*low sufficient time for an opponent to press their clock after their move is determined before touching a piece to make a move.*

**SECTION 4.** A player is never allowed to take a move back.

**SECTION 5.** It is illegal to permit a player to take a move back.

**SECTION 6.** The player whose turn it is to move, is said to have the move.

**SECTION 7.** A determined move is sufficient to satisfy conditions for rules 11-1, 12-2, and 12-7.

## **RULE 8**

### **The Touched Chessman**

**SECTION 1.** The player whose turn it is to move may adjust one or more chessmen on their squares providing...

**Article 1.** ...that he/she first warns his/her opponent by saying "adjust" or "j'adoube".

**Article 2.** If the opponent is absent, the player whose turn it is to move may adjust one or more chessmen on their squares ...

a) ...providing he/she notifies a Steward or ...

b) ...when a Steward is not readily available, has a spectator or player who is not on the move witness the adjustment.

*SITUATION: Player W constantly places his/her pieces on the edges and corners of squares. Player B adjusts them after each of Player W's moves, but fails once to say, "I adjust", although it is obvious that he/she is adjusting. Player W claims that Player B must capture the touched piece. Player B protests that the pattern established in that game (Player W sloppily pushing the piece approximately onto the square and then adjusting it) constituted extenuating circumstances and that the touch-move rule should not be invoked when it was patently clear that he/she was adjusting a piece that badly needed adjusting.*

*RULING: Player B had steps he/she could have taken under the rules and failed to use them. Thus, Player B must take the piece (8-3). Any complaint Player B had should have been filed with a Steward long before. Such a protest may have been upheld (17-1) with a warning issued (18-2) and further sloppy placement penalized even with loss of the game (18-1). Lacking a prior complaint, the rules recognize no extenuating circumstances, but the action of the other player should be recorded (18-3).*

**SECTION 2.** If the player who does not have the move adjusts any chessmen on the chessboard, he/she is to be penalized as per 17-8-4 for distracting an opponent.

**SECTION 3.** Except as provided in 8-1, if the player whose turn it is to move touches one or more chessmen in a manner that may be reasonably interpreted as the

beginning of a move one or more chessmen of the same color, he/she must move the first chessman that can make a legal move.

**SECTION 4.** If a player intending to castle touches the King first, or the King and Rook at the same time, and then realizes that castling is illegal, the player may choose to either ...

**Article 1.** ...move the King or ...

**Article 2.** ...castle on the other side if legal.

**Article 3.** If the King has no legal move, the player is free to choose any move.

**SECTION 5.** A player on the move who deliberately touches one or more chessmen of each color, or who moves his/her chessman and intentionally displaces the opponent's chessman with it,...

**Article 1.** ...must capture the opponent's chessman with his/her chessman, or, ...

**Article 2.** ...if this is illegal, must move or capture the first chessman touched that can be moved or captured.

**Article 3.** If it is impossible to establish which piece was touched first, the player's chessman shall be considered the touched chessman.

*SITUATION: Player W grasps a black Pawn with intent to capture and then touches his/her Rook to complete the capture. It is realized that the Rook cannot make the intended capture so Player W replaces the Pawn and moves his/her Rook. Player B protests saying the Pawn was touched first and so must be captured as the capture is possible with another piece.*

*RULING: Player B's protest is upheld providing Player W can capture the touched Pawn with another chessman. If no capture is possible, then Player W must move the Rook if legal.*

*SITUATION: Player B takes a Bishop, moves it toward a white Pawn, and touches the Pawn with the Bishop. Suddenly realizing the Bishop could be recaptured, Player B retreats the Bishop two squares and releases it to complete the move. Player W demands the Pawn be captured.*

*RULING: The chessman being held is considered an extension of the individual holding it therefore touching of a chessman with another chessman is the same as physical contact. Player B must make the capture.*

*SITUATION: Player W is on the move hovers his/her hand over the board for just a few seconds before grasping the piece to be moved. But in the process, his/her trailing fingers clearly touch one of Player B's pawns. Player W then grasps the piece his/her hand has been slowly approaching and makes a move. The opponent demands that the player capture the Pawn.*

*RULING: Rule 8-3 provides the touch must be in a manner to indicate intent to move. Accidental touching of chessmen is not penalized. If a question is in the mind of an opponent about whether a touching was accidental or not, a Steward should be brought to the game. Unless a Steward sees a touch, it may not be possible for a Steward to enforce the touch move rule.*

**SECTION 6.** In all situations of multiple touched chessmen...

**Article 1.** ...if the player touches a chessman of his/her own with no legal moves, or any opponent's chessman that cannot be captured, the situation shall be regarded as one in which the player did not touch the said chessman;

**Article 2.** ...if none of the player's touched chessmen can be legally moved and none of the touched chessmen of the opponent can be captured, the player is free to make any move he/she chooses.

**SECTION 7.** The enforcement of touched chessmen can be done...

**Article 1.** ...if a player claims a violation before he/she touches a chessman himself/herself and

**Article 2.** ...there is an agreement with the opponent and...

**Article 3.** ...by appeal to a Steward determining whether or not a touch occurred after a player makes a claim against an opponent for an act not witnessed by a Steward. In making such a determination, the Steward may question witnesses who can provide unbiased testimony to the events.

**Article 4.** When a Steward rules that a player must move or capture specified chessmen he shall direct the offending player as to what action must be taken and start the player's clock. Unless the offending player makes an immediate appeal, he/she shall respond directly per the ruling or be penalized under provisions of 17-1.

**SECTION 8.** There is no penalty for a piece touched off the board. A player who advances a Pawn to the 8th rank and then touches a piece off the board is not obligated to promote the Pawn to the piece touched until that piece has been released on the promotion square.

**SECTION 9.** When a player's claim against an opponent is made and disallowed for lack of proper witness, the Steward shall record the claim.

**SECTION 10.** The Steward must stop the clocks of both players while arriving at a ruling.

## **RULE 9** **Illegal Position Created** **During the Game**

**SECTION 1.** If it is found that one of either player's last five moves was illegal (unless the game is in time trouble where Rule 16-1-2 applies)...

**Article 1.** ...the position shall be reinstated to what it was before the illegal move was made, and...

**Article 2.** ...the game shall then continue by applying touched chessmen provisions of Rule 8 to the move replacing the illegal move...

**Article 3.** ...and the player making the illegal move is penalized by adding two minutes to the opponent's time.

**Article 4.** If the position cannot be reinstated, then the illegal move shall stand. The Steward shall determine whether Rule 17-1-4 applies.

**Article 5.** If it is found that an illegal move was made prior to each player's last five moves, the illegal move shall stand and the game continues.

*SITUATION: An illegal move occurs during a game, which is not brought to the attention of either player. Player W does not notice the illegal move. Player B does notice the illegal move, but does not mention it to Player W. The game continues. Player W gains material advantage over Player B. Player B calls a Steward and says that he/she believes that an illegal move was made earlier in the game.*

*RULING: If five moves have not occurred, the game is returned to the half move before the illegal move and a legal move is made applying the Touch Move Rule. If more than 5 moves have occurred, then the game continues without correcting the illegal move.*

**SECTION 2.** If, during a game, one or more chessmen have been accidentally displaced and incorrectly replaced, then the displacement shall be treated as an illegal move.

*SITUATION: Player B bumps the table and several pieces overturn. It is determined that the position cannot be re-established. Player W complains that Player B did it intentionally to avoid losing the game.*

*RULING: If it can be determined from unbiased witnesses (or other evidence such as a hopelessly lost game) that the charge is true, Player B would be forfeited (17-1 and 18-2-7).*

**SECTION 3.** If, during the course of a move, a player inadvertently knocks over one or more pieces...

**Article 1.** ...the player must not press the clock until the position has been reestablished.

**Article 2.** The opponent may press the clock without moving, if necessary, to

force the player who knocked over the piece(s) to restore the position on his/her own time.

**SECTION 4.** If any illegal positions or moves are made during a game and the game is finished the result of the game stands.

## RULE 10 Check

**SECTION 1.** The King is in check when the square on which it stands is attacked by an opponent's chessman. Likewise, a player's chessman is said to give check to the opponent's King when it attacks the square on which the opponent's King stands.

**SECTION 2.** Check must be parried by the move immediately following.

**Article 1.** Check can be parried by...

a) ...moving the King to a square that is not attacked by an opponent's chessman, ...

b) ...capturing the chessman that is giving the check, or...

c) ...interposing a chessman between the King and the opponent's chessman that is giving check.

**Article 2.** If check cannot be parried, it is said to be "checkmate".

**SECTION 3.** A chessman intercepting a check to the King of its own color can itself give check to the opponent's King.

**SECTION 4.** A player is not required to announce check.

**SECTION 5.** It is illegal to expose one's own King to check in any manner whatsoever.

## RULE 11 Won Game

**SECTION 1.** The game is won by the player who delivers checkmate to the opponent's King.

**SECTION 2.** The game is won by the player whose opponent resigns the game.

*SITUATION* Player B is down in material. Sighing, he/she stands and extends his/her hand to his/her opponent. They shake. Player B walks to the side of the board where he/she sees a combination, which could lead to a draw some moves hence. He/she returns to his/her place and makes a move. Player W protests to a Steward.

*RULING:* The act of shaking hands cannot, in itself, be taken as an act of resignation as provided in 11-2. For a handshake to constitute an agreement, it must be in response to a verbal offer of a draw or statement of "checkmate" or resignation.

**SECTION 3.** The game is won by the player whose opponent exceeds the time limits provided for the contest (except under the conditions in 12-7).

**Article 1.** Only the opponent can inform a player that he/she has lost a game by exceeding the time limit.

**Article 2.** Sudden Death is a time limit that states the amount of time allowed for each player for the entire game. The game ends if one player exceeds the time provided.

**Article 3.** When a player's time limit is exceeded, the opponent may claim a win on time to a Steward.

**Article 4.** If the time on both clocks shows expired, the game is a draw.

**Article 5.** The player must still retain sufficient mating material as described in 12-7.

**SECTION 4.** The game is won by the player whose opponent during the game refuses to comply with the rules of chess and consequently is forfeited. Should both players refuse to comply with the rules of chess the game shall be declared forfeited by both players.

**SECTION 5.** If a player arrives more than 30 minutes late for the start of any game, the game is forfeited.

## RULE 12 Drawn Game

**SECTION 1.** The game is drawn when the King of the player who has the move is not in check, but such player cannot make any legal move. Such a draw is called a stalemate.

**SECTION 2.** The game can be drawn by agreement between the two players.

**Article 1.** A proposal to draw by agreement may be made...

a) ...by a player only after he/she has just made a move, but...

b) ...before he/she starts the clock of the opponent.

**Article 2.** The player to whom the draw offer was made may...

a) ...accept, or...

b) ...reject the proposal orally or by making a move.

**Article 3.** While the decision to accept or reject the draw offer is being made, the player who made the proposal of a draw cannot withdraw it.

**Article 4.** When fewer than 10 moves have been made, draws of this Section must be presented to a Steward who may...

a) ...allow the draw,...

b) ...rule a double forfeit for unsportsmanlike conduct,...

c) ...cause a new game to be played in its place without resetting the clocks.

**SECTION 3.** An offer of a draw not made in accordance with 12-2 is illegal.

**Article 1.** An illegal offer of a draw may be accepted by the opponent.

**Article 2.** If a player proposes a draw while his/her opponent's clock is running the opponent may...

a) ...agree to draw, or...

b) ...reject the offer either orally or by making a move.

**Article 3.** If a player proposes a draw while his/her own clock is running and before moving, the opponent...

a) ...may accept the offer,...

b) ...may reject the offer, or...

c) ...postpone his/her decision until after the player has made a move.

**Article 4.** The illegal offer of draw shall be penalized by a Steward adding two minutes to the time of the opponent.

*SITUATION:* Player W, on the move, offers his/her opponent a draw without making a move on the board. Player B makes no reply but begins to study the position carefully. Player W looks again at the position and sees that he/she can win a Pawn by a combination. Player W grasps the piece to make the intended move, but while he/she is holding the piece, Player B says, "I accept the draw". Player W claims that the offer is no longer in effect since Player B had made no response before the piece had been touched for the next move.

*RULING:* It is a draw. The draw offer remains in effect until declined, accepted or a move is made by the player who was offered the draw (12-2-3).

**SECTION 4.** Attempts to determine what an opponent would do if he/she were offered a draw will be treated as an offer of a draw.

**Article 1.** The opponent shall have the right to accept such offers.

**Article 2.** If offered illegally, they shall be treated as 12-3 provides.

**Article 3.** Within the meaning of this Section are statements, whether directed toward the opponent or not, that include but are not limited to the following:

a) "Think I can get a draw?"

b) "I think I can get at least a draw!"

c) "My opponent can't even get a draw."

d) "My opponent is trying to find a draw," and

e) "What would you do if I offered you a draw?"

**SECTION 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.

**Article 1.** The position is considered the same if...

a) ...chessmen of the same kind and color occupy the same squares, and...

b) ...the possible moves of all chessmen are unchanged.

**Article 2.** The right to claim the draw belongs exclusively to the player who...

a) ...is in a position to play a move leading to such repetition provided that he/she indicates the move and claims the draw before making the move, or...

b) ...must reply to a move which has produced the repeated position, provided that he/she claims the draw before executing his/her move.

*SITUATION: Player B in time pressure has the opportunity to make a move that repeats the position for the third time. He/she makes the move, says "Draw" at the same time, then releases the moved piece. His/her time expires before he/she can press his/her clock, but he/she claims the draw on the grounds that the move which established the third repetition was completed before the time expired and that therefore the game was over in view of his/her announced intention to draw as he/she made the move. He/she points out that with his/her time about to expire, he/she had no time to do more than say "Draw" and to indicate the move by making it. Player W argues that Player B did not announce his/her intention to make a move that repeated the position before he/she made the move (12-5-2).*

*RULING: The draw cannot be allowed (12-5-3). Player W could then claim a win on time (11-3).*

**Article 3.** If a player's claim of a draw proves to be incorrect and the game continues...

a) ...then the player who has indicated a move according to 12-5-2 is obliged to execute this move on the chessboard...

b) ...2 minutes shall be added to the opponent's clock.

**Article 4.** If a player makes a move without having claimed a draw in the manner given in 12-5-2,...

a) ...he/she loses the right to claim a draw, but...

b) ...this right is restored to him/her if the same position appears again, the same player having the move and the possible moves of all chessmen being unchanged.

**Article 5.** Where fewer than 10 moves have been made, draws of this Section must be brought to the attention of a Steward who may...

a) ...allow the draw,...

b) ...rule a double forfeit for unsportsmanlike conduct,...

c) ...cause a new game to be played in its place without resetting the clock.

**Article 6.** A player may request that a steward observe the game for purposes of a later claim.

**SECTION 6.** The game is drawn when a player having the move demonstrates that at least 50 moves have been made by each side without the capture of any chessman or the movement of any Pawns.

**Article 1.** The right to claim the draw belongs exclusively to the player who...

a) ...is in a position to play a move leading to a situation where 50 or more moves have been played provided that he/she indicates the move and claims the draw before making the move, or...

b) ...must reply to a move which has exceeded 50 moves, provided that he/she claims the draw before executing his/her move.

**Article 2.** If a player's claim of a draw proves to be incorrect and the game continues,...

a) ...then the player who has indicated a move according to 12-6-1 is obliged to execute this move on the chessboard...

b) ...2 minutes shall be added to the opponent's clock.

**Article 3.** If a player makes a move without having claimed a draw in the manner given in 12-6-1,...

a) ...he/she loses the right to claim a draw, but...

b) ...this right is restored to him/her if the situation appears again.

**SECTION 7.** A drawn game occurs when a player can demonstrate that his or her opponent has insufficient material for a win. Insufficient material occurs when a player's opponent has:

**Article 1.** Insufficient material occurs if the opponent has...

a) ...a lone King,...

b) ...a King and Knight, or...

c) ...a King and Bishop...

...unless the opponent can demonstrate a forced mating sequence.

**SECTION 8.** A drawn game may be claimed in the following cases:

**Article 1.** By the weaker side when ...

a) ...facing a King and Rook Pawn if the player's King is on the same file as the Pawn and directly in front or in front of the Pawn and on the adjacent file, or...

b) ...the opponent has only King and two Knights...

...unless the opponent can demonstrate a forced mating sequence.

**Article 2.** By either side when players have equivalent material when the remaining pieces are...

a) ...K & Q v. K & Q, or...

b) ...K & R v. K & R...

...unless the opponent can demonstrate a forced winning sequence that does not take into account the time remaining on either player's clock.

*SITUATION: With both players in time trouble, and each having a K and R, Player W stops both clocks and claims a draw. Both Player W and Player B each have a K and R, and Player W's time is near expiring. Player B does not acknowledge the draw and a Steward is called.*

*RULING: Draw claim is upheld.*

**Article 3.** By the stronger side when they have K & Q v. K & R unless the player with the Rook can demonstrate a forced winning sequence that does not take into account the time remaining on either player's clock.

**SECTION 9.** If both Kings are in check and it is not possible to establish a correct position from the last move.

**SECTION 10.** The game is drawn if both clocks show no time remaining.

**SECTION 11.** A Steward may intervene and declare a game drawn when...

**Article 1.** ...the same position has appeared, as in 12-5, for at least five consecutive alternate moves by each player, or...

**Article 2.** ...any consecutive series of 75 moves have been completed by each player without the movement of any pawn and without any capture.

## RULE 13 Recording of Games

**SECTION 1.** In the course of play, each player is required to record the game.

**Article 1.** The recording of the game is done move after move.

**Article 2.** The recording includes a player's own moves and those of the opponent.

*SITUATION: Player B objects to Player A using an electronic notation device.*

*RULING: Only approved electronic devices (see Rule 20-8) are acceptable. Any other electronic notation device must be approved by the IHSA Administrator for use. In the event the electronic device is not approved, the penalty is limited. Penalty shall be limited to changing to paper notation if the match has been underway for more than 15 minutes. If the match has been underway for less than 15 minutes Player A must change to paper notation and bring the notation sheet up to date with time running on Player A's clock.*

**Article 3.** A player in time trouble is not required to record the game. See Rule 16-2.

**Article 4.** The record shall be...

a) ...clear,...

- b) ...legible, and...
- c) ...on a notation sheet approved for the contest.

*SITUATION: Player B complains that Player W is not using the proper notation sheet for the tournament.*

*RULING: Any sheet upon which the moves may be recorded for both Black and White for each move in order is acceptable. Players who do not use the tournament provided notation sheets need to remember that all notation sheets are the property of the tournament organizer.*

**Article 5.** In the event that a player gets more than three moves behind in notation, the opponent may object to a Steward. Upon verification, the Steward shall instruct the offending player that...

- a) ...the move notation must be caught up, if possible, on his time (13-4),...
- b) ...in any case to start recording moves from that point forward,...
- c) ...a time penalty will result if the same player, in the same game, should again become three or more moves behind in notation (except as permitted in 16-2) and the opponent objects to a Steward, and...

d) ...forfeiture will result if the same player, in the same game, should again become three or more moves behind in notation (except as permitted in 16-2) and the opponent objects to the Steward.

**SECTION 2.** No person may act as the deputy of a player in recording moves except as in Rule 21.

**Article 1.** A player may not hand off his or her notation sheet so that another person can record moves.

*SITUATION: Player A has less than 5 minutes remaining. Player A stops taking notation and passes his/her notation sheet to a teammate to continue notation.*

*RULING: This practice is no longer permitted.*

**SECTION 3.** In recording the moves of the game, a player may use...

**Article 1.** ...the algebraic system (Rule 20) of notation,...

**Article 2.** ...an approved electronic chess notation system (see Rule 20-8), or...

**Article 3.** ...any other notation system, such as the Descriptive System, that allows the game to be replayed.

**SECTION 4.** If a Steward instructs a player to write down missing moves according to 13-1-5 and the player declares he/she cannot do so without consulting his/her opponent's notation sheet, ...

**Article 1.** ...the request for this sheet will be made to the opponent who cannot refuse his/her notation sheet.

**Article 2.** While using the opponent's notation sheet, the player's clock shall be running regardless of whose turn it is to move.

## RULE 14 Use of the Chess Clock

**SECTION 1.** A time delay clock is the preferred choice for use in games. A clock set with Increment time is not permitted.

**NOTE:** As a consequence of this rule, no player has recourse to a claim of insufficient losing chances.

**SECTION 2.** Under no circumstances may any person (except the opponent) call to the attention of any player the fact that he/she has failed to press his/her clock after completing a move.

**Article 1.** Any individual who indicates to a player to press his/her clock shall be penalized.

*SITUATION: Player A has moved a piece and recorded the move but did not press the clock. Player B does not want to move without the clock being pressed and after waiting several minutes tells Player A to press the clock. Player A requests a Steward to penalize Player B.*

*RULING: Player B is not penalized. The wording of "any individual" in the case applies to everyone except the players of the game in question.*

**Article 2.** A time penalty is imposed against the player told to press his/her clock if in the opinion of the Steward such information could have had a substantial influence on the outcome of the contest.

**SECTION 3.** Players may stop both clocks during a game to call a Steward.

**Article 1.** A player who stops both clocks other than as provided for in the rules shall be penalized by the addition of two minutes to the opponent's clock.

**Article 2.** Officials may stop both clocks (see 8-10, 14-5, 14-7, and 19-1-2)...

a) ...in accordance with IHSA Chess Tournament Rules or...

b) ...when it is believed justifiable.

**Article 3.** Once stopped, a clock may only be restarted by a Steward or at the instruction of a Steward.

**SECTION 4.** If during a game, it is determined that a clock is not functioning properly or the initial settings are determined to be incorrect, then a Steward should correct or replace the clock.

**Article 1.** Time on a clock replacing a defective clock shall be indicated as accurately as possible for the time used up to when the game was interrupted.

**Article 2.** If one unit of the defective clock has stopped, the corresponding unit

of the new clock shall be advanced so that the total time indicated by the two units is equal to the time the playing session has been in progress.

**Article 3.** If both units of a clock have stopped, the difference between the total of the time registered by the defective clock and the elapsed time of the playing session shall be divided in half and each unit of the new clock advanced by this amount.

**Article 4.** A Steward should use his/her best judgment in setting the time on a new clock if any clock adjustment ...

a) ...would result in a player exceeding the time limit, or ...

b) ...the time used by each player cannot be accurately determined.

**SECTION 5.** If the game must be interrupted because of some situation for which neither player is responsible, the clocks shall be stopped under the direction of a Steward until the situation has been adjusted.

**SECTION 6.** In the absence of a player's misconduct, the expiration of time on the clock is conclusive.

**SECTION 7.** In the event of a claim of a draw that must be verified by a Steward, the clock of the players shall be stopped while the claim is being validated.

**SECTION 8.** When a clock is not available at the beginning of the round, but is obtained or provided later the following procedures apply:

**Article 1.** If one player is absent when the round begins,...

a) ...he/she is charged with the elapsed time up to the moment of his/her arrival, and ...

b) ...the time from his/her arrival until a clock becomes available is divided equally between the two players.

**Article 2.** If both players arrive late, the first to arrive must split elapsed time before starting the opponent's clock.

**Article 3.** If only one player is present he/she must report his/her opponent missing and the lack of a clock to the Steward in charge of the game.

a) The Steward records the necessary information to properly adjust the time on the clock when one becomes available.

b) If a player fails to report the necessary information to the Steward, the Steward shall divide the time equally between the players when a clock becomes available.

**SECTION 9.** A player who presses his/her clock without moving (except when an opponent must replace accidentally displaced chessmen) is penalized by adding 2 minutes to the opponent's clock.

**SECTION 10.** In the case of a medical emergency, a player or coach may stop the clock. A steward must be informed of the emergency. The clock shall not be stopped for more than five minutes per player per round for medical reasons.

### **RULE 15 Time Limit**

**SECTION 1.** The time limit requires each player to make all the moves of the game in a period of time specified in advance.

**SECTION 2.** The game ends when the time limit is exceeded.

*SITUATION: In a game in sudden death, the position on the board becomes such that White has a King and a Pawn and Black has a King and two Knights. Upon his/her move, Black captures the Pawn. Before Black is able to stop his clock, Black's time expires. White claims a win on time.*

*RULING: White's claim is upheld. While it is true that the capture of the White Pawn means White no longer has enough material for a checkmate, the move (and thus the capture) is not complete until the clock is stopped. Had the move created stalemate or been a checkmate, the game would have ended and the time expiring would have been ignored.*

**Article 1.** The game is won by the player whose opponent's time limit expires first at any time before the game is otherwise ended, except as in 12-7 and 12-10.

**Article 2.** A player claims a win by stopping both clocks and notifying a Steward. The player making the claim must still have time on the clock after the clocks have been stopped.

**Article 3.** A game is drawn if both clocks have expired before a win is claimed or a Steward has determined a player lost on time.

### **RULE 16 Time Trouble**

**SECTION 1.** A player is deemed to be in time trouble when he/she has fewer than five minutes remaining to a time limit.

**Article 1.** A player in time trouble must...

a) ...continue to operate the clock with the same hand with which he/she moves the chessmen.

b) ...remove his/her hand from the clock button after depressing the button and must keep his/her hand off the clock until it is time to press it again.

c) ...not pick up the clock.

d) ...replace chessmen on his/her own time, if he/she accidentally displaces one or more of them.

*SITUATION: Player W in time trouble is moving the chessmen with his/her right hand, pressing the clock with his/her left hand, and then writing his/her move on the notation sheet with his/her right hand. Player B has a Steward summoned to stop Player W's action because he/she presses the clock immediately with his/her left hand after releasing the piece with the right hand. a) It is early in the game. b) The game is in time trouble.*

*RULING: In both cases the players must move pieces and press clock with the same hand. A warning to use correct procedure is sufficient for a first offense. The player has no obligation to record moves with the same hand that handles the pieces. In b) The Steward should endeavor to remain with the game to observe the play until the time control is reached.*

**Article 2.** If either player is in time trouble and an illegal move is not corrected before the opponent of the player who made the illegal move completes two moves, the illegal move stands and there is no time penalty.

*SITUATION: Playing in time pressure, Player B moves a piece exposing his King to check and presses the clock. Player W, not noticing the check, makes a move and presses his/her clock. Player B notices the check, and moves his/her King out of check. Player W realizes the illegal moves, stops the clocks and summons the Steward to back up one move and correct Player's B's move to expose his King to check.*

*RULING: No correction is made. Play continues from the position reached. No time penalty given to either player. Had the game not been in time pressure, then Player W's appeal would have been upheld.*

**Article 3.** In case of a dispute, either player may stop the clocks while a Steward is being summoned.

**SECTION 2.** If one player is in time trouble, either player may discontinue taking notation.

**SECTION 3.** In positions that are clearly drawn, as in 12-7 or 12-8, either player may stop the clocks and ask a Steward to rule a draw. If the request is rejected, two minutes will be added to the time of the opponent of the player making the request.

**SECTION 4.** A game is drawn when...

**Article 1.** ...a player demonstrates a forced repetition of position as in Rule 12-5 (Note: This does not require notation).

**Article 2.** ...neither player has sufficient material for a possible checkmate as in 12-7.

**Article 3.** ...a player has insufficient material for a possible checkmate, as in 12-

7, and his/her opponent's time expired first.

**Article 4.** ...both clocks are expired.

**SECTION 5.** Any player using excessive force on a clock may be warned by a Steward and penalized by up to the loss of the game for a second infraction.

### **RULE 17 Conduct of the Players, Coaches And Spectators**

**SECTION 1.** The Rules of Chess are to be interpreted in as broad a manner as necessary to prevent unsportsmanlike conduct from interfering with the outcome of a game. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

**Article 1.** Humiliating an opponent.

*SITUATION: Player W, down in material and position, complains to a Steward that Player B has just suggested he/she should resign.*

*RULING: There are many ways to humiliate an opponent (17-1-1). Suggesting a player is defeated and doesn't know enough to quit is one of them. A player has the right to play out the game until checkmated if he/she wishes without verbal abuse from his/her opponent. Opponent should be penalized as in 18-3.*

**Article 2.** Playing under a) another's name, or b) an assumed name.

**Article 3.** Rudeness.

**Article 4.** The Steward determines that deception, including trying to use the rules in an attempt to gain an advantage, has been used.

**SECTION 2.** A kibitzer is any person who gives advice to a player.

**Article 1.** Kibitzers are to be penalized (see 18-3).

**Article 2.** An individual who unintentionally kibitzes (by accidentally speaking loudly enough to another person to be overheard by the players) shall be ...

a) quieted,

b) removed from the area of play,

c) expelled from the playing area for the duration of the round, or

d) penalized (18-3).

**Article 3.** In addition to adjustments on the board (see the Situations below), the penalty for kibitzing also normally involves a major violation, with 2 minutes added to the opponent's clock. At the Head Steward's discretion, a minor violation may be assigned.

*SITUATION: A kibitzer's comments are loud enough to be heard by Player W on the move. The comment points out that a certain move leads to a) checkmate, b) stalemate, c) win of material, d) permits the opponent to checkmate, or e) the opponent to win the material.*

*RULING: Even if the advice was clearly unsolicited as provided in 17-3-3, a penalty must be imposed when the outcome of the game may be seriously influenced. It is not sufficient for a player to avoid making the kibitzed move. Such avoidance in itself may influence the game as the player may have made that move had the kibitzer not mentioned it. In all cases the kibitzer is to be penalized the greatest. Such penalty should keep in mind his/her possible interest in the outcome of the game. Penalties may be applied to the kibitzer and/or the team he/she is supporting and may even serve as sufficient penalty for the player of the game in progress.*

*Penalties in the game can include the player being permitted, directed to, or denied making the kibitzed move. The scoring of the outcome of the game may be changed from that provided in the rules; for example, a win scored for one player and a draw for the other. An official may direct play to continue and postpone final judgment pending a) outcome of game, b) conference with other officials, or c) further consideration. Spectators kibitzing shall be thrown out for at least a round.*

*SITUATION: In the final game of a dual team match, whose outcome has already been decided, Player A is working to defeat Player B on time in sudden death. Though only his/her King remains, Player A refuses to take Player B's only remaining piece, a Rook, thus avoiding a draw. (The best Player A can do is to score a draw because Player A does not have mating material.) Player B's time expires, but before Player A notices it, a teammate says: "Time has expired".*

*RULING: Sudden death games end automatically when time expires, so the result of the game stands. However, the kibitzer should be penalized as in Rule 17-3-3.*

*SITUATION: A coach moves from game to game a) observing and studying them, b) makes notes and/or diagrams, c) makes faces or gestures, or d) makes comments or exclamations.*

*RULING: A coach's proper place is with his/her team (17-13). His/her natural concern and interest should be permitted in observing games. He/she must be permitted to take any notes or make any diagrams deemed useful for later instruction of his/her players. Such notes or diagrams must not be used or seen by a player still in a contest nor shall a coach discuss any game or part of a game with a player whose game is still in progress (17-3). In observing games in progress, it is a natural mannerism to express through facial expressions or gestures one's own thoughts of a game. For this reason, a coach must be behind his/her players (17-13-2). A coach in a position where a player will be able to see gestures and/or facial expressions must expect to be challenged and should expect to have his/her player, his/her team, or himself/herself-penalized as the best judgment of the official dictates. Audible comments of any nature are unacceptable and should be treated as in 17-2-2 and 17-3-3.*

**SECTION 3.** During play, the players are forbidden to receive assistance.

**Article 1.** During play, the players are forbidden to make use of notes, manuscripts, or printed matter.

**Article 2.** During play, a player may spectate but is forbidden from analyzing any game on a chess board.

**Article 3.** The penalty for violation of 17-3 is at least forfeiture of the game in progress except when advice was clearly unsolicited, in which case a lesser penalty than forfeiture shall be imposed. The severity of the lesser penalty shall be in accordance with the influence the advice could have had on the game.

*SITUATION: Player W complains that he/she overheard his/her opponent talking away from the board with a friend about the sacrifice he/she was considering. The friend had said, "Sacrifice a whole piece? Are you crazy?" A neutral observer confirms the conversation. The player asks for a forfeit on the grounds that the opponent was discussing the game. The opponent protests that though he/she mentioned a planned move, he/she had received no help from his/her friend and that it was absurd to suppose his/her weaker playing friend could give him/her useful advice.*

*RULING: The Steward would be entirely justified in recommending to the Head Steward to award a win by forfeit (17-3-3) and penalizing the friend (17-2-2). While likely the conversation was intended to be casual and the advice was not useful to Player B, the discussion caused the advice to be given.*

**SECTION 4.** It is not a violation to...

**Article 1.** ...write the next move on the notation sheet prior to making a move.

**Article 2.** ...change the move written on the notation sheet prior to making a move.

**Article 3.** ...make a move on the board different from the move on the notation sheet then correct the notation sheet.

**SECTION 5.** Writing two or more moves ahead may be interpreted as analyzing.

**SECTION 6.** It is not a violation to annotate previously made moves in a game on the same notation sheet.

**SECTION 7.** While any tournament game is in progress in the playing room...

**Article 1.** ...there shall be no analysis including discussion, use of printed material or electronic aids.

**Article 2.** ...there shall be no skittles games.

**Article 3.** ...players shall not go over a completed tournament game.

**Article 4.** It is required that players promptly remove all chess equipment from the table at the end of a game.

**Article 5.** Cell phone photography and flash photography is permitted only during the first 10 minutes of play.

**Article 6.** Violation shall result in those involved being penalized. In the case of analysis, the player may be forfeited. For violation of 17-7-2 or 17-7-3, the team shall be penalized as a minor violation with additional occurrences by members of the same team being penalized more severely.

**SECTION 8.** Players are forbidden to distract their opponents in any manner whatsoever.

**Article 1.** Making repeated offers of a draw without strong positional grounds for such an offer.

**Article 2.** A player not on the move must refrain from behavior and mannerisms that might be distracting or annoying.

**Article 3.** A player, even with the move, must refrain from mannerisms or behavior that distract other players.

**Article 4.** Stewards should penalize players only when...

- a) ...a claim is made,...
- b) ...the behavior or mannerisms of a player are judged intentional, or...
- c) ...a warning for unintentional mannerisms or behavior that clearly interfere with the proper conduct of the game goes unheeded.

**Article 5.** In case of mannerisms regarding disabled players or 17-8-4c, a Steward may create special playing arrangements even to the extent of observers under the direction of Stewards.

**Article 6.** Application of this Section is not limited to those provisions mentioned in 17-8-1 to 17-8-5.

*SITUATION: Player B arises from his/her playing position and a) begins to play while standing, b) moves to the side of the board and plays from there, or c) moves behind the opponent and plays from there.*

*RULING: A player need not remain seated or even in the immediate area of the game throughout the contest. Rules do not specify what position a player should assume to play his/her game. In some situations an unusual position or mannerism could be penalized under 17-8 after a warning. In general, a player whose turn it is to move has a great deal of latitude in behavior. A player not on the move should be much more restricted in his/her behavior.*

*SITUATION: Player W arises from his/her playing position and moves from game to game looking them over.*

*RULING: A player need not remain seated or even in the immediate area of the game throughout a contest. A player who does move from his/her normal playing position should expect to come under suspicion (17-3-1). An opponent or opposing coach may inquire of an official regarding the legality of such movement. Upon such an inquiry, an official should exer-*

*cise his/her judgment regarding the player's possible misconduct or violation of the rules. Regardless of the decision, the official should a) note the circumstances for the record for later reference as in a penalty (18-3) and b) inform the player of the complaint and the decision. The official may advise the player as to proper future behavior to avoid further difficulties.*

*The player should not be dealt with in such a manner as to restrict team members' interest and concern regarding the outcome of their teammates' or competing teams' games. However, movement must not be permitted to a) allow players to gain information for their game by seeing how another game is being played, b) to convey in any manner moves or position evaluation to a player. A Steward's best judgment shall prevail.*

**SECTION 9.** A spectator is an individual in a playing room other than an official or player of a game in progress.

**Article 1.** Upon completion of their game, players become spectators.

**Article 2.** Spectators are forbidden to a) kibitz, b) distract, or c) annoy in any manner whatsoever.

**Article 3.** Observing a game from a reasonable distance is not to be interpreted, by itself, as being distracting or annoying.

**SECTION 10.** During playing sessions,...

**Article 1.** ...players with games in progress must not leave the table without first informing a Steward and/or the opponent.

**Article 2.** ...players a) with games in progress or b) who have become spectators, may view other games of their teammates, but must stay behind them where they cannot easily be seen.

**SECTION 11.** A player who does not wish to continue a lost game without being courteous enough to resign or notify a Steward may be penalized up to forfeiture from further play in the tournament. Before penalty for violation of this Section is applied,...

**Article 1.** ...a player must report his/her opponent absent from the board to a Steward who will a) inspect the game to see if it is a lost game, and b) after a reasonable wait will attempt, c) with reasonable effort and time to locate such opponent.

**Article 2.** If the absent player is located, a) he/she will be asked why he/she is away from the board, and b) if a satisfactory answer is obtained the player may return within a reasonable time to the board and continue the game, but c) if the answer is not satisfactory to the Steward the player shall be penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct for his/her absence and be instructed to return to the game immediately, and d) should refusal or unwarranted delay in returning occur, the full penalty be applied.

**Article 3.** If the absent player is not located with reasonable effort and time, the Steward shall declare the game abandoned and apply the penalty provided.

**Article 4.** If a player is at the board and refuses to move, the Steward may request that the player make a move within a reasonable time (as determined by the Steward), or face penalties.

**SECTION 12.** Penalties (see 18-2) shall be applied in cases of unsportsmanlike efforts to obtain results in games including...

**Article 1.** ...agreeing with an opponent to draw before a serious contest has begun.

**Article 2.** ...agreeing to throw a contest.

**Article 3.** ...prompting a player to extraordinary efforts to win or draw, except in a Team Tournament from a fellow team member or the player's coach.

**SECTION 13.** The name of the coach(es) must be entered on the entry form.

**Article 1.** A coach is responsible for his/her players following the rules.

**Article 2.** A coach must be behind his/her players where they cannot easily see him/her while they have a game in progress.

**Article 3.** A coach is responsible for submitting the Strength Order at registration. Any player change in any round from the Strength Order requires a substitution. Substitutions may be made...

a) ...on a player-for-player basis only...

b) ...but, not in such a way that any player would play on more than one board...

c) ...by the coach reporting any substitute to tournament officials within 10 minutes of the start of the round, and...

d) ...providing the name of the substitute has been included on the Strength Order submitted to the Tournament Director prior to the beginning of Round 1.

**Article 4.** For a game in progress, a coach may summon a Steward, but only for the Steward to be an observer. The coach, in such a case, must not make it known to the players that a Steward is being summoned, or indicate in any other manner, that an infraction of the rules may have occurred. Only one of the players in a game may request a ruling by a Steward relative to any question connected with the game itself. Coaches may request Stewards to take action on matters beyond the actual playing of a game in progress, such as noise.

## RULE 18

### Penalties

**SECTION 1.** Infractions of the rules may incur penalties, even to the extent of the loss of the game.

**SECTION 2.** The judgment of the tournament official will determine the penalty to be imposed where it is not specified in the rules. Penalties that may be imposed include:

**Article 1.** Recorded warning.

**Article 2.** Additional time added to clock of offender's opponent.

**Article 3.** Loss of tie-break points a) of individual offender and/or b) the offender's team.

**Article 4.** Loss of match points of a) individual offender and/or b) the offender's team.

**Article 5.** Expulsion from the playing room a) for the round, or b) for the tournament.

**Article 6.** Forfeiture of a number of future rounds in which case no substitute may be used.

**Article 7.** Loss of the game in progress.

**Article 8.** Altering the normal scoring for the outcome of the game.

**Article 9.** Combinations of any items listed in 18-2-1 to 18-2-8.

**Article 10.** Canceling (annulling) a game and ruling that a new game to be played in its place.

**Article 11.** Declaring a game lost by both players.

**SECTION 3.** In the event of a penalty, a Steward shall...

**Article 1.** ...record the names of all individuals involved,

**Article 2.** ...record the circumstances causing the penalty,

**Article 3.** ...record the name of the Steward(s) imposing the penalty,

**Article 4.** ...the penalty imposed, and

**Article 5.** ...secure the information so as to be readily available in future rounds of the Tournament to ensure that previous circumstances are considered in future rulings involving the same individual and/or team.

**Article 6.** The information is recorded and provided to the Head Steward as directed.

## RULE 19

### Appeals

**SECTION 1.** A player or coach may immediately appeal a ruling by a Steward on his/her own game to the Head Steward.

**Article 1.** The appeal must be made to a Steward before the player making the appeal makes any further move.

**Article 2.** The clock shall be stopped and the Steward shall summon the Head Steward to the table.

**SECTION 2.** The Head Steward may:

**Article 1.** Gather any information from players, witnesses or coaches. The Head Steward may require the appeal or information regarding the appeal to be submitted in writing.

**Article 2.** Consult with any other individuals.

**Article 3.** Use reference materials.

**Article 4.** The Head Steward shall always give preeminent weight to the testimony of Steward(s) as to anything said or done in their presence.

**SECTION 3.** The Head Steward may choose to:

**Article 1.** Uphold the ruling of the Steward.

**Article 2.** Reverse or modify any previous decision made by a Steward.

**Article 3.** The decision of the Head Steward is final. Any further activity may be ruled unsportsmanlike and penalized appropriately.

**SECTION 4.** A coach may appeal a pairing to the Pairings Chief only if the coach can demonstrate that the pairing is illegal or potentially illegal.

**Article 1.** An illegal pairing includes a pairing against a player from a previous round.

**Article 2.** Potentially illegal pairings include:

- a) Being assigned the same color 3 times in a row.
- b) Being paired against an opponent outside one's own pairing group.
- c) Being paired against an opponent in one's own conference in violation of stated restrictions.

*SITUATION: A player or coach objects to the assignment of color in the pairings.*

*RULING: If a player or coach or official believes an error has been made, it is appropriate to call it to the Pairing Director's attention to consider a change in the color assignment questioned. Such a change could be made only when better color balance can be achieved for all teams involved. Such claims for reassignment must not be considered after the contest is substantially under way.*

**Article 3.** No pairing appeal will be considered after 10 minutes have elapsed from the start of the round.

**Article 4.** The decision of the Pairings Chief is final. Any further activity may be ruled unsportsmanlike and penalized appropriately.

## RULE 20 Notation

**SECTION 1.** Players record the moves of games using the algebraic system (20-4).

**SECTION 2.** In recording the symbol of the chessmen, the letters as given in 3-2 are to be used.

**SECTION 3.** Except as provided in 20-4 and 20-5, the following symbols shall be used:

**Article 1.** x or colon (:) = capture

**Article 2.** hyphen (-) = move to

**Article 3.** 0-0 = castle to Kingside, and 0-0-0 = castle to Queenside

**Article 4.** plus sign (+) or ck = check

**Article 5.** e.p. = en passant

**Article 6.** ( ) = used to show promotion following a Pawn move to the 8th rank, with the symbol of the piece to which the Pawn was promoted being placed in the parenthesis.

**SECTION 4.** Algebraic Notation describes squares and moves by use of a grid system of numbers and lower case letters.

**Article 1.** The chessmen are designated by their initials (3-2).

**Article 2.** The files are designated by lower case letters a to h from left to right on White's side of the board (see Figure 20-5).

**Article 3.** The eight ranks are numbered from 1 to 8 counting from White's first rank (see Figure 20-5).

### BLACK

8	a8	b8	c8	d8	e8	f8	g8	h8
7	a7	b7	c7	d7	e7	f7	g7	h7
6	a6	b6	c6	d6	e6	f6	g6	h6
5	a5	b5	c5	d5	e5	f5	g5	h5
4	a4	b4	c4	d4	e4	f4	g4	h4
3	a3	b3	c3	d3	e3	f3	g3	h3
2	a2	b2	c2	d2	e2	f2	g2	h2
1	a1	b1	c1	d1	e1	f1	g1	h1
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h

### WHITE

Figure 20-5  
Algebraic Notation

**Article 4.** Each square is identified by a symbol comprising first the letter of the file and then the number of the rank, which is the same no matter which piece is moving.

**Article 5.** A move by a piece is described by giving the initial of the piece followed immediately by the symbol of the square of departure then, following the separation symbol, the symbol for the

square of arrival. The separation symbol is...

a) ...a hyphen if the move is to a vacant square and...

b) an x or colon (:) if the move is a capture.

**Article 6.** Additional symbols given in 20-3 may be added as necessary.

**SECTION 5.** When no ambiguity will result, abbreviations in the algebraic system may be used as follows:

**Article 1.** For Pawns...

a) ...a move by a Pawn is described as given in 20-4-5 except the letter P for Pawn is omitted.

b) ...the omission of a preceding initial always indicates that a move or capture is made by a Pawn

c) ...captures by Pawns are shown by combining the letters of the files of departure and the file of arrival.

**Article 2.** The description of a move may omit the square of departure and give only the square of arrival.

**Article 3.** Captures by pieces are shown by giving the initial of the piece and the symbol of the square on which the capture occurs linked by an x or a colon (:).

**Article 4.** If the omission of the square of departure would result in ambiguity, the letter of the file or the number of the rank is added to the initial of the piece moved.

**SECTION 6.** Other systems of notation may be used to record a game provided the game notation is consistently recorded and the game may be reproduced from the notations to the satisfaction of tournament officials. Such other systems include a) Descriptive System, b) computer notation, and c) any recognized variety of algebraic and includes the use of foreign language abbreviations for pieces in any notation system.

**SECTION 7.** Players may choose to use Forsythe notation to quickly record a position especially when restarting notation.

**Article 1.** The board is described from White's 8th rank to the 1st by using initials and numbers.

**Article 2.** The chessmen are represented by their letter symbols (3-2):

a) To notate White chessmen use capital letters.

b) To notate Black chessmen use lower case letters and/or circle the letters.

**Article 3.** Numbers are used to tell the number of vacant squares.

Example of Forsythe Notation recording a position using the position shown in Figure 20-7.

N 1 b k 3 r  
p 5 p p

3 b 1 p 2  
8  
2 B n P 2 K  
3 P n 3  
P P P 4 P  
R 1 B 1 Q 2 R

Or slashes may be used to separate the ranks:

N 1 b k 3 r/p 5 p p/3 b 1 p 2/8/2 B n P 2  
K/3 P n 3/P P P 4 P/R 1 B 1 Q 2 R



Figure 20-7

**SECTION 8.** The following notation-taking devices are approved for use in competition, provided that each move is made on the board before it is recorded:

- a) Monroi
- b) Personal Chess Manager (PCM).

## RULE 21 Players With Disabilities

**SECTION 1.** Players with disabilities that are either temporary or permanent and which prevent them from fulfilling certain rules shall have special consideration in meeting the rules.

**SECTION 2.** Request for special consideration under Rule 21 must be presented to the Head Steward prior to the beginning of a game and is expected to be submitted during registration.

**SECTION 3.** To be eligible to compete, a player must be able to communicate in some clear manner his/her selection of moves in a way that does not require prompting of any kind.

**SECTION 4.** When a temporary or permanent disability prevents a player from taking notation...

**Article 1.** ...a player may appoint a deputy to take notation with notification to Stewards of the necessity prior to the game who shall,

**Article 2.** ...notify the opponent of the circumstances and inform him/her that he/she may appoint a deputy to take notation at any time he/she requests.

**Article 3.** ...the notation of the game may be taken...

- a) ...in Braille, or...
- b) ...on a tape recorder.

**SECTION 5.** When a temporary or permanent disability prevents a player from operating his/her clock,...

**Article 1.** ...said player may appoint a deputy to operate his/her clock with notification to Stewards of the necessity prior to the game, who...

**Article 2.** ...shall notify the opponent of the circumstances and inform him/her that he/she may appoint a deputy to operate his/her clock at any time requested.

**Article 3.** ...a chess clock with an end of game signal especially for the blind shall be admissible.

**Article 4.** ...an opponent's clock may be started when a board with securing apertures is used as provided in 21-6-1 only after the move is deemed executed as determined in 21-7-2.

**SECTION 6.** A player's temporary or permanent disability may require...

**Article 1.** ...the use of two chessboards, with the disabled player using one with securing apertures.

**Article 2.** ...the announcement of moves clearly, in which case...

- a) ...the opponent shall repeat them,...
- b) ...the move shall then be executed, with ...
- c) ...a slip of the tongue in announcing the move must be corrected immediately and before starting the clock of the opponent.

**SECTION 7.** When a board with securing apertures is used as provided in 21-6-1:

**Article 1.** A chessman shall be deemed touched when it has been taken out of the securing aperture.

**Article 2.** A move shall be deemed as executed when,

- a) A chessman is placed into a securing aperture,
- b) In the case of a capture, the captured chessman has been removed and the capturing chessman inserted in its place, or
- c) The move has been announced.

d) If, during the game, different positions should arise on the two boards, such differences have to be corrected with the assistance of a Steward and by consulting both players' notation sheets. In resolving such differences, the player who has written down the correct move, but executed

the wrong one has to accept certain disadvantages.

e) If, during a game, different positions should arise on the two boards and the notation sheets are also found to differ, the moves shall be retraced up to the point where the two notation sheets agree, and the Steward shall readjust the clocks per Rule 14.

**SECTION 8.** Where a temporary or permanent disability prevents a player from making moves on the board, said player may appoint a deputy to make the moves with notification to a Steward of the necessity prior to the game.

**Article 1.** Stewards shall notify the opponent of the circumstances.

**Article 2.** The move shall be confirmed by the opponent before the deputy makes the move on the board.

**Article 3.** No communication between the deputy and the player shall occur before the move on the board.

**Article 4.** Confirmation of the move between the players shall constitute application of Rule 8.

**SECTION 9.** As the nature of a disability requires, a player shall have the right to make use of a deputy who shall have the following duties:

**Article 1.** To make the moves for him/her on the board of the opponent;

**Article 2.** To announce the moves of the opponent;

**Article 3.** To take notation for him/her.

**Article 4.** To inform him/her at his/her request, of the number of moves made;

**Article 5.** To inform him/her, at his/her request, of the time used by both players;

**Article 6.** To start the clock of the opponent;

**Article 7.** To claim the game in cases where the time limit has been exceeded, and

**Article 8.** To carry out necessary formalities in cases where the game is adjourned.

**SECTION 10.** A non-disabled player in a contest against a disabled player may make use of a deputy whose duties shall be to...

**Article 1.** ...announce the moves of the disabled player, and

**Article 2.** ...make the disabled player's moves on the board.

**SECTION 11.** The disabled player may elect to utilize partial assistance by electing such provisions as deemed necessary but such selection must be specified to both a Steward and the opponent prior to the start of the game.

## RULE 22

### Application of the Rules

**SECTION 1.** All provisions of Rules 1 to 22 shall apply in all chess contests covered by IHSA regulation, unless advance notification of exceptions has been given to participants.

**SECTION 2.** The rules of chess cannot and should not attempt to regulate all possible situations. In situations not explicitly covered, the Head Steward is charged with reaching a fair decision by considering similar cases and applying their principles analogously. The Head Steward is presumed to have the competence, sound judgment, and absolute objectivity needed to arrive at fair and logical solutions to problems not specifically treated by these rules.

**SECTION 3.** Except in the IHSA Team Chess State Tournament, experimentation with rule changes involving any change not specifically allowed shall be permitted, provided that:

**Article 1.** Notification is made to the IHSA Office and members of the IHSA Chess Advisory Committee at least four weeks prior to mailing notice to participants, and

**Article 2.** All participants are informed of the differences prior to initial registration.

**SECTION 4.** The IHSA Chess Advisory Committee shall recommend to the Board of Directors at the earliest possible time adoption of rule changes believed desirable and changes to conform to the FIDE and USCF Chess Rules.

**SECTION 5.** The IHSA Chess Advisory Committee shall receive and consider recommending to the Board of Directors suggestions for changes from any interested party at an annual meeting.

## RULE 23

### Responsibility of the Officials

**SECTION 1.** The **Tournament Director** will supervise the operations of the Tournament.

**Article 1.** The Tournament Director is responsible for supervising the Head Steward, the Pairing Director, and the Scorer.

**SECTION 2.** The **Pairing Director** has sole responsibility for pairings.

**Article 1.** Appeals of a pairing shall be considered by the Pairing Director.

**SECTION 3.** The **Head Steward** is in charge of the Stewards.

**Article 1.** The Head Steward shall conduct a meeting with the Stewards to review rules, assignments, and duties.

**Article 2.** The Head Steward shall assign and supervise the Stewards.

**Article 3.** The Head Steward shall receive and rule on all forfeits arising from the Rules of Chess.

**Article 4.** The Head Steward shall receive all rule appeals.

**Article 5.** The decision of the Head Steward is final on all rule appeals.

**Article 6.** The Head Steward is authorized to rule on matters not specifically covered by the playing rules but must file a written report of such occurrences, including the action taken, in order to enable rule changes to be made as needed.

**SECTION 4.** The **Stewards** are assigned to matches to ensure adherence to the rules and to provide availability of an official.

**Article 1.** Stewards shall enforce the rules on any violation they witness as provided in the rules.

**Article 2.** Whenever possible, a Steward will be present at all games where there is time trouble.

**Article 3.** Stewards shall rule on matters brought to their attention by the players of a game in progress or a coach.

**Article 4.** A Steward may intervene in a game...

a) ...when clocks are not functioning or set incorrectly.

b) ...to declare a game drawn under the provisions of Rule 12-11.

**Article 5.** A Steward may not otherwise intervene in a game unless requested by a player of the game.

*SITUATION: A Steward observes that: a) a player castles incorrectly, b) a player makes an illegal move, or c) a player sets up a board incorrectly and begins play.*

*RULING: A Steward does not intervene in any of these events. The function of a Steward in these situations is to wait for a claim by a player, but not in a manner that suggests something is incorrect. In addition for c) the Steward should discreetly record the times on the clocks and the move number in order to be able to properly enforce Rule 9-1 in case of a player claim.*

**Article 6.** Stewards may not declare a game a forfeit but may recommend such action to the Head Steward.

**SECTION 5.** The **Scorer** is charged with recording results of team and individual matches on suitable display sheets.

**Article 1.** The Scorer is responsible for providing notation sheets for each round upon which a game may be recorded.

**Article 2.** The Scorer is responsible for providing team scoresheets for each round.

**Article 3.** The Scorer does not make decisions concerning rules during a tournament unless he/she also is a Steward or Tournament Director.

# Summary of Penalties

(This list is an aid, not a rule.)

## Types of Penalties

Penalties, in general order of increasing severity:

- Warning (18-3-1)
- Tie-break points lost (18-2-3)
- Time penalty assessed (18-2-2)
- Match points lost (18-2-4)
- Expulsion (18-2-5)
- Forfeiture of game (18-2, 18-2-7)
- Game lost by both players (18-2-11)
- Alter scoring of game result (18-2-8)
- Combination penalties (18-2-9)
- Cancel (annul) a game and have a new game played (18-7-10)

Discretionary penalties (18-3):

- For minor infractions, a steward is advised to start with the smallest penalty.
- For additional offenses, check Incident cards in Tournament Director's room and use a greater penalty.
- Two minutes added to opponent's clock is Standard Time Penalty

## Types of Events

<b>Event</b>	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
Accidental touch	8-1	No penalty
<b>Adjust chessmen...</b>		
multiple of one color	8-3	Move first touched chessman
not own move	8-2	Discretionary
Allow move over	7-4	Discretionary
Arrives late to game	11-5	Forfeit if more than 30 minutes
Board not available	1-4	Black Player forfeited
Board turned wrong	2-2-2	Correct and transfer game
Both kings in check	12-9	Treat as illegal move, game a draw if cannot correct with last played move
Castling found to be impossible	6-2-4	King must be moved if legal move available, plus Standard Time Penalty
Castling found to be impossible; rook touched first	6-2-5	Rook must be moved if legal move available, plus Standard Time Penalty
<b>Chessmen knocked off board...</b>		
accidentally, but can reset game	9-3	Replace on own time
in time trouble and can reset game	16-1-1d	Replace on own time
accidentally, cannot reset game	9-1-4	Reset from notation sheets
and ruled it was done on purpose	17-1-4	Forfeit
Chessmen not available	1-4	Black Player forfeited
<b>Chessmen set up wrong...</b>		
with respect to each other	3-5-1	New game or continue
because board turned wrong	2-2-2	Correct and transfer game
because players used wrong color	3-5-2	Play as is
Clock not available	1-4-2	Black time runs until one is made available
Clock not used	11-4	Forfeit if one available
Draw offered incorrectly	12-3	May be accepted, plus Standard Time Penalty
Equipment not available	1-4	Black Player forfeited
Game outcome not reported	4-6	Discretionary
Illegal draw offer	12-3	May be accepted, plus Standard Time Penalty
<b>Illegal move...</b>		
found after game completed	9-4	Result stands
during game	9-1	Go back to position just before illegal move and apply touch move provisions plus Standard Time Penalty
Kings both in check	12-9	Treat as illegal move, game a draw if cannot correct with last played move
Late arrival to game	11-5	Forfeit if more than 30 minutes
Move taken back	7-3, 7-4	Discretionary

<b>Event</b>	<b>Rule</b>	<b>Penalty</b>
<b>Notation of game not kept...</b>		
moves behind in recording	13-1-5	Must catch up while his/her clock is running and discretionary
refused to do	11-4	Forfeit
<b>Pawn promoted...</b>		
clock pushed before piece on board	6-8-4	Standard Time Penalty
substitute used for piece	6-8-5	Treat as illegal move limited to 1 move back from promotion announcement
<b>Pieces set up wrong...</b>		
with respect to each other	3-5-1	Game annulled
because board turned wrong	2-2-2	Correct and transfer game
because player with wrong color	3-5-2	Play as is
Result not reported	4-6	Discretionary
Rook touched before king when castling	6-2-5	Must move Rook, plus Standard Time Penalty
Set not available	1-4	Black Player forfeited
Take move back	7-4	Discretionary
<b>Spectator says to...</b>		
move a piece	17-3	Treat as kibitzer; discretionary for player
punch clock	14-2	Treat as kibitzer; discretionary for player
player in time trouble	14-2-2	Treat as kibitzer; discretionary for player
<b>Touch chessmen...</b>		
accidentally	8-1	No penalty
multiple of own color	8-3	Move first touched chessman
not own move	8-2	Discretionary
own move, own chessmen	8-1, 8-3-1	Must move if not warn opponent of adjust
own move, opponent's chessmen	8-5	Must capture if not warn opponent of adjust
own move, own & opponent's chessmen	8-5	Must capture and if not legal, move own

Provided solely for your convenience

# Team Roster & Summary Team Scoresheet

SCHOOL:					Pairing No. _____					
Team Number of Opponent										
Own Team Result										
Own Team Score										
Opponent Team Score										
Tie-Break Points										
Bd	Player	Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Totals
1										
2										
3										
4										
5										
6										
7										
8										
<b>Alternates:</b>										
A.										
B.										
C.										
D.										

**COACHES: READ AND UNDERSTAND THE STACKING RULE**

In accordance with the provisions of IHSA By-law 2.041, for Round 1, players shall be assigned to boards in order of their individual playing strengths with the best players assigned to Board 1, the next best to Board 2, etc. Note: "Stacking" is not an acceptable or appropriate strategy in the IHSA Chess Team State Tournament

1. "Stacking" is the practice of arranging a line-up that results in an advantage over opponents by placing a person of low playing strength on a high value board to enable the remaining team members to play against opponents of a lower playing strength than they would have otherwise.
2. Stacking is unsportsmanlike conduct whose punishment is team disqualification. All team and individual wins and draws are scored as forfeits. All team and individual losses stand as recorded.
3. Special circumstances of switching players from their respective boards shall be brought to the Tournament Director prior to the beginning of the tournament during check-in.
4. A charge of stacking will not be considered after round 4 has been concluded for 30 minutes.

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STACKING RULE, CONTACT THE TOURNAMENT MANAGER.**

**CHESS INCIDENT CARD (18-3)** Round # \_\_\_\_\_ Table # \_\_\_\_\_ Board # \_\_\_\_\_

PERSON CITED:      Player      Spectator      Coach

Pairing # \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Other Party/Team \_\_\_\_\_ Pairing # \_\_\_\_\_

Witnesses/Team \_\_\_\_\_

VIOLATION/SITUATION: *(check the appropriate box and explain details below)*

- |                                     |                                       |   |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Touch Move | <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal Move | <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal Position | <input type="checkbox"/> Notation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clock      | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone/Device | <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other    |

Explain the situation: \_\_\_\_\_

RULING/ACTION TAKEN: *(check the appropriate box and explain details below)*

- Warning    Time Penalty    Minor Violation    Major Violation    Other

Explain the ruling/action taken: \_\_\_\_\_

Steward Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

## Steward Action Items

*These are things you should act upon without request from a player, coach, or spectator*

**Major violation:** Up to 5 team tie-break points      **Minor violation:** 1 team tie-break point

Situation	Rule	Penalty
<b>Electronics</b>	T&C's J-2	
cell phone or smartwatch in use		Minor violation and forfeiture of game.
cell phone ringing or vibrating		Minor violation, plus the loss of 10 minutes on the player's clock, or half the time on the clock, whichever is less.
coach's cell phone ringing or in use		Minor violation. (No violation for a coach's phone vibrating.)
headphones	T&C's J-3	Must be removed. Warning on first offense.
<b>Spectator/player/coach conduct including, but not limited to, kibitzing</b>	17	Recorded warning for each offense. Discretionary (see Penalty Summary page).

### Quick References

Situation	Rule
<b>Draws</b>	12
legal offer	12-2-1
can't withdraw after offer	12-2-3
offer when less than 10 moves	12-2-4
accept an illegal offer	12-3
penalize illegal offer	12-3-4
position appears 3 times in game	12-5
50 moves without capture or Pawn move	12-6
insufficient material to win	12-7, 12-8
both Kings in check	12-9
no time remains on both clocks	12-10
Steward calls after 75 moves without capture or Pawn move	12-11-1
Steward calls if position repeats 5 times in a row	12-11-2
<b>Legal clocks and equipment</b>	T&C's I-1
<b>Clock problems (set-up and malfunction)</b>	14
player told to press	14-2
clocks stopped	14-3
when Steward stops clocks	14-3-2
restart stopped clocks	14-3-3
malfunction	14-4
not available at start of game	14-8
press clock before move completed	14-9
<b>Substitutions</b>	Ready to provide Substitution Card if asked

## Player Action Items

*These are things that may be acted upon ONLY WHEN REQUESTED by a player*

**Major violation:** Up to 5 team tie-break points

**Minor violation:** 1 team tie-break point

Situation	Rule	Penalty
<b>Touch move</b>		
accidentally	8-1	No penalty.
own move, own chessman	8-3-1	Must move if did not warn of adjust.
own move, opponent's chessman	8-3-1	Must capture if did not warn of adjust.
own move, multiple chessmen	8-5	Must move or capture first touched.
not own move	8-2	Discretionary (see Penalty Summary page).
<b>Illegal move</b>	9-1	Go back to position just before illegal move and apply touch move provision; add 2 minutes to opponent's clock unless more than 5 moves have been made or a player is in time trouble (see 16-1-2).
<b>Notation</b>		
refuse to take	11-4	Call Head Steward to consider forfeit.
either player in time trouble	13-1-3	Excused from taking notation.
3 or more moves behind	13-1-5	Catch up on own time (with opponent's notation if necessary).
notation not algebraic	20-6	No penalty.
<b>Distracting opponent or kibitzing</b>		
distracting or annoying	17-1, 17-8	Discretionary (see Penalty Summary page).
no outside help (material or individual)	17-3	Call Head Steward to consider forfeit.
leaving game for extended time	17-11, 17-10	If opponent and/or Steward not informed beforehand, call Head Steward to consider forfeit.
<b>Game set-up at start of game*</b>		
board turned incorrectly	2-2-2	Transfer position to correctly turned board.
chessmen on wrong squares (fewer than 10 moves made)	3-5-1a	Annul game; begin new game with the correct starting position and divide the remaining time equally between the players.
chessmen on wrong squares (10 or more moves made)	3-5-1b	Game continues.

\* Before start of round, Steward should try to check all boards and sets in his/her area of responsibility.

### Time Penalties

Situation	Rule	Penalty
<b>Illegal move</b>		
within previous 5 moves	9-1	Go back to position just before illegal move, apply touch move provision, and add 2 minutes to opponent's clock.
more than 5 moves ago	9-1-5	Play on from position reached.
game completed before discovered	9-4	Result stands.
<b>Illegal draw or incorrect draw claim</b>	12-3-4, 12-5-3b & 12-6-2b	Add 2 minutes to opponent's clock.
<b>Clock pressed before move (or promotion) complete</b>	6-8-4, 14-9	Add 2 minutes to opponent's clock.
<b>Player's cell phone ringing or vibrating**</b>	T&C's J-2	Minor violation plus loss of 10 minutes on player's clock or half the time on the clock (whichever is less).
<b>Player's cell phone or smart-watch in use</b>	T&C's J-2	Call Head Steward to consider forfeit.

\*\* This is the only time penalty that involves subtracting time from the offender's clock.

# **IHSA Team Chess**

## ***Manual for Sectional Managers***

### **Welcome!**

Dear IHSA Chess Sectional Manager,

Thank you for being a host in the first round of sectional tournaments ever held in the IHSA Team Chess state series. The Illinois High School Association appreciates your willingness to tackle this exciting task.

In order to make your job as easy as possible, this Manager's Manual has been assembled to help guide you along the way. It includes information about how to prepare for the tournament, how to conduct the tournament, and how to sew things up after the tournament is over.

We wish good luck with your tournament and thank you again for the hard work you will put into making it a success.

If you have questions about any aspect of this manual, please contact Raye McDonald at the IHSA Office ([rmcdonald@ihsa.org](mailto:rmcdonald@ihsa.org), 309-663-6377).

## **Important Dates**

November 1	Preliminary list of entries posted on IHSA website
December 1	Updated list of entries posted on IHSA website
December 5 (4 pm)	Teleconference with all sectional managers
January 16 (4 pm)	List of schools assigned to sectional tournaments posted on IHSA website
January 17	List of officials assigned to sectional tournament mailed to Tournament Manager
January 17 (approx.)	Awards and pre-printed material mailed to Tournament Manager
January 22 (midnight)	Deadline for coaches to submit original List of Participants in IHSA Schools Center
January 27 (10 am)	Deadline for coaches to submit season summary information in IHSA Schools Center
January 27 (11 am)	Coaches may begin submitting rankings of other schools in IHSA Schools Center
January 28 (noon)	Deadline for coaches to submit rankings of other schools in IHSA Schools Center
(4 pm)	Sectional seeds posted on IHSA website
January 29 (midnight)	Deadline for coaches to change list of 12 participants for sectional tournament in IHSA Schools Center
January 30 (by 4 pm)	Sign-up sheet, list of eligible participants and Strength Orders, and WinTD files sent to Tournament Manager
February 1	<b>Sectional tournaments conducted at various sites</b>
February 3 (by 4 pm)	Qualifiers for state final tournament posted on IHSA website
February 4 (approx.)	Sectional managers send postmortem commentary to IHSA Office
February 14	Deadline for submitting sectional financial report
February 14-15	IHSA State Tournament at Peoria

# 1 Preparation for Sectional Tournament

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## 1.1 Time Schedule

The time schedule for the 2019-20 IHSA Team Chess sectional tournaments is as follows. An extra half-hour is built into the schedule at the end of Round 2.

The time schedule is adaptable to the circumstances at your sectional. If a round finishes early and all teams are ready to play, you may start a round earlier than the posted time schedule.

### Saturday, February 1, 2020

8:15 am–8:45 am	Check-in
9:00 am	Round 1
11:30 am	Round 2
2:15 pm	Round 3
4:45 pm	Round 4
6:30 pm	Awards

## 1.2 Personnel

### 1.2.1 Officials

You don't have to worry about hiring officials. IHSA will take care of this aspect of your tournament. Sectional tournaments will be assigned a Tournament Director/Pairings Chief (who may also be the Tournament Manager) as well as two stewards (except in the case of a small sectional, which will be assigned one).

IHSA will pay the officials directly. Payment will be mailed from the IHSA Office on the Monday following the sectional tournament.

### 1.2.2 Other Help

You will need probably need some assistance. Here are some areas where you could use some help:

- The registration desk, between 8 and 9 am.
- Concessions, if you choose to have them.
- Supervision, especially in the skittles area.

## 1.3 Preparations

As the Tournament manager you will be responsible for preparing your school's facilities for the sectional tournament.

### **1.3.1 Building & Grounds**

Be sure to inform your building manager that you will be in the building and that the necessary heat, light, and security are required. Hallway lights that are normally turned down over the weekend will need to be adjusted.

You will need custodial support, especially for the men's restrooms. Garbage cans in the skittles area will probably need to be emptied occasionally.

### **1.3.2 ADA Access**

Some chess players or coaches may have limited mobility. If there are areas of your building that present problems, please discuss ways to avoid or alleviate them and send the relevant information to the coaches of the visiting teams.

### **1.3.3 Automated External Defibrillator**

By IHSA Policy, the tournament manager must ensure that an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) will be near the competition area and skittles room and easily accessible during the sectional tournament.

### **1.3.4 Security**

Make sure building security knows your schedule. Check-in time is 8:15, but teams will begin arriving before that, especially ones that have a long trip of uncertain length. It would be a good idea to open the building by 7:30 am. If things go well the awards ceremony should be completed by 7 pm, but that could change based on the circumstances.

### **1.3.5 Competition Area**

The competition area should be a clean, quiet room that is large enough to accommodate 24 teams at standard chess tables.

If other activities are taking place in the building during the chess tournament, steps should be taken to ensure that the noise level in the competition area is kept to a minimum. This may include shutting doors, silencing the PA and bell system within the room, and placing signs in the hallway outside the room reminding non-participants to be quiet while in the vicinity.

The lighting of the competition room should be inspected in the weeks before the tournament. Burned-out or flickering lights are a distraction to the players. If the problem fixture cannot be fixed, every effort should be made to arrange the tables in a manner that avoids the area.

Each match is contested on three tables placed end to end, a configuration known as a "chess table." Typically three 4 x 8 tables would be used, but other configurations are possible, as long as there is adequate room for the players and their equipment

A 24-team tournament will require 192 chairs, plus a few extras. If you have a couple of stools available, your stewards will thank you.

If possible, a water fountain or water station should be available in the competition area.

A table for the Tournament Director/Pairings Chief should be placed within (or if necessary, immediately outside) the competition area.

A microphone should be available for announcements, if possible.

An electric pencil sharpener should be available within or immediately outside the competition area.

Any concession machines located in the playing area need to be marked so they do not get used.

### **1.3.6 Skittles Area**

The skittles area (or areas), where players can relax between rounds, should be of equal or greater size than the competition room, and fairly close to the competition area. (It is probably not a good idea for the skittles area to be immediately adjacent to the competition area.)

Managers should expect up to 288 players and 48 coaches in the skittles area. Competing teams will be warned not to bring any players other than those on the 12-player roster.

### **1.3.7 Concessions**

It is recommended, but not required, that a concession area be available for players and coaches to purchase refreshments. The concession area should be far enough away from the competition area that it will not cause distractions.

Some teams like to order pizza or bring in restaurant food. It would be a good idea to prepare a list of possibilities.

IHSA does not take any percentage of concession income.

### **1.3.8 Coaches' Lounge & Hospitality**

A refuge for the coaches and staff is not required, but will certainly be welcomed by your fellow coaches.

Coffee and snacks for the coaches and staff are always appreciated. However, IHSA cannot reimburse the tournament for hospitality.

### **1.3.9 Registration Desk**

You will want to enlist someone to the Registration Desk from 8 to 9 am. The Tournament Manager is going to be busy with many other things during the time that teams are coming into the building

Be sure the clerk is familiar with the Registration Desk procedures (see Part 2).

### **1.3.10 Tournament Director Station**

The Tournament Director/Pairings Chief (who may also be the Manager) will require a desk or table that has room for a computer or laptop, a printer, and room to spread out papers. The desk must be located in a place that has access to a nearby electrical outlet and either wifi or a wired Internet connection.

### **1.3.11 Materials from IHSA**

On or before Friday, January 17, IHSA will mail the following items to you:

- Plaques for the undefeated teams: 2
- Team scoresheets: 1 per team
- Some colorful “IHSA Chess Sectional” signs
- Some standard signage
- Bound copies of the Chess Manual for general reference: 1 per official
- Steward vests: 2 (the vests should be returned at the state seed meeting or state tournament)
- Laminated steward reference cards: 3
- Incident cards: 30
- Lineup template sheets for WinTD: 60

If held, the small sectional in Southern Illinois will receive a smaller quantity of material.

On Thursday, January 30, you will receive from IHSA, via email, the following items that you will need to print out:

- Sign-in sheets pre-printed with the name of every school assigned to your tournament, and its coach.
- Lineup sheets, one for each assigned team, showing the 12 eligible players and the Strength Order designated by the coach. The format will be similar to those used at the state tournament.
- The 3 WinTD files necessary to run the tournament.

### **1.3.12 Signage & Supplies**

Much of the signage you will need will be mailed to you about two weeks before the tournament. Feel free to augment it with signs that indicate how to find things (concessions, skittles, restrooms) and other necessary information.

### **1.3.13 Licensed Vendors**

If you decide to employ a vendor for T-shirt sales or other items referring to an “IHSA sectional” or “IHSA chess”, you must use a vendor that is licensed to use the IHSA trademark. A list of these vendors is on the IHSA website at:

<https://www.ihsa.org/Resources/Merchandise/LicensedVendors.aspx>

## **1.4 Communication**

### **1.4.1 Use of Schools Center**

Some information about participating players and schools may be communicated to you through the Schools Center (the same website that coaches use to submit the List of Participants and Season Summary forms). In such case, the information will be in the (H) Hosting area.

### **1.4.2 Assignment and Seeding of Schools**

Schools will be assigned to your sectional tournament and posted on the IHSA Web site by 4 pm on Thursday, January 16, 2020. The deadline for confirming entry in the IHSA state series is midnight on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, so be aware that some schools may drop out after the posting of the assignments.

Seeding of schools in your sectional will take place online and conclude at noon on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. The IHSA Office will compile the ballots and post the computed seeds on the IHSA Web site by 4 pm on that date.

### **1.4.3 Communication with Assigned Schools**

Since assignment of the schools occurs only two weeks before the sectional tournament, you'll need to have a plan in place to contact the coaches of the assigned schools, confirm the participation of their teams, and make sure the coach is aware of procedures at your site. Among the things you will want to include in your instructions:

1. A map of school and parking instructions for buses.
2. Directions from the parking area to the correct entrance.
3. Directions from the entrance to the Registration Desk.
4. A map of the school with the competition area, skittles area, and restrooms clearly marked.
5. General information about meals, concessions, skittles, emergencies, awards, etc.
6. Your phone number in case of an emergency (especially if the team is delayed in transit to your site). Coaches must have a way to contact you in case they must withdraw their team or are delayed in transit to the tournament.

You may wish to create a document in PDF format that can be posted in the IHSA Web site for general consumption.

If you receive information that a team will not participate in your sectional tournament, please forward that information the IHSA Office immediately.

### **1.4.4 Assignment of Officials**

Officials for the sectional tournament will be assigned by the IHSA Office. You will receive contact information for your officials on Friday, January 17, a day after the schools assignments have been made.

#### **1.4.5 Communication with Officials**

You should communicate with the officials as soon as you receive their contact information. Among the things you will want to include in your instructions:

1. A map of school and parking instructions.
2. Directions from the parking area to the correct entrance.
3. A map of the school with the competition area, skittles area, and restrooms clearly marked.
4. Your phone number in case of an emergency (especially if the team is delayed in transit to your site).
5. Any special instructions for the Tournament Director regarding equipment and connectivity.

If you receive information that an official will not be able to work at your sectional tournament, please forward that information the IHSA Office immediately.

#### **1.4.6 Postponement Plan**

In the week before the sectional tournament, you should keep an eye on the weather forecast. If severe winter weather conditions appear likely, the manager should consult with the IHSA Office for advice on how respond to questions about postponing the tournament.

### **1.4.7 Publicity (Social and Traditional Media)**

You are encouraged, but not required, to promote your sectional meet through traditional media and social media.

For instance, you could use Twitter, Facebook, or other social media to post:

- Photos of the competition area prior to the meet.
- Photos from the competition areas and skittles area.
- Photos from the awards ceremony.
- Reports on the results at the end of each round.

If you decided to post to Twitter, please include “@IHSACchess” in the text so that we will be alerted to your post and can retweet it.

Get creative . . . you and your students probably have many more ideas than we do. If you have specific ideas that you can share with the IHSA or other managers, please do so.

## **2 Conduct of Sectional Tournament**

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### **2.1 Before the Teams Arrive**

Make sure any alarms are turned off before the teams begin to arrive.

Make sure doors are unlocked and signs are in place.

#### **2.1.1 Competition Area**

Inspect the competition area to make sure that the tables are evenly spaced, with enough room between the tables for players and stewards to pass.

At one end of the chess table a sheet of paper indicating the table number and “Board 1” should be attached. At the other end of the chess table a sheet of paper indicating the table number and “Board 8” should be attached. The scoresheets for each match should be placed at the Board 1 end of the table.

If several chess tables are arranged in a column, Board 1 should be at the same end of every table. If the chess tables are arranged in two columns, Board 1 should face the center aisle from both sides, so that the scoresheets are all visible by walking down the center aisle.

Make sure the area used by the Tournament Director/Pairings Chief is set up. You may need to provide an extension cord or power strip. Leave the bound copies of the Terms & Conditions, the stewarding vests, the incident cards, and the laminated reference cards at the station for use by the officiating staff.

Place the individual notation sheets in a place where the players can easily find them.

### **2.1.2 Registration Desk**

Make sure the Registration Desk is set up and clearly labeled. Tape the sign-up sheets to the table. You may need to have a few pens or pencils on hand. Go over the Registration Desk procedures with the clerk.

The registration desk should include the following materials:

1. Building maps. Be sure the competition area, skittles room and restrooms are indicated, as well as coach's area.
2. Restaurant information, if appropriate.
3. Any additional information you wish to include.

### **2.2 Registration Desk Procedures**

At the Registration Desk, the clerks should ask the coach of each team to sign the sign-up sheet and supply a cell phone number in case of emergency.

The clerk should locate the pre-printed lineup sheet for the particular school and instruct the coach to view the lineup sheet. The lineup sheet will contain the 12 players that the coach marked as eligible to participate in the sectional tournament during the online registration process and the Strength Order submitted by the coach. The coach may not add any new names to the list of 12 players nor edit the Strength Order.

The clerk should ask the coach to examine the lineup sheet carefully to make sure the coach understands which players are eligible to participate and the expected Strength Order. The clerk should retain the lineup sheets and deliver them to the Tournament Director after check-in is complete.

### **2.3 Late Arrivals and Withdrawals**

Teams may withdraw between the time that assignments are posted and the start of the tournament. No adjustment will be made to assignments in such a case.

On the day of the tournament, it is possible that teams may withdraw. Coaches must have access to your cell phone number so that they can inform you of their withdrawal or a delay in transit to the tournament.

### **2.4 Shorthanded Team**

Teams must have at least six players in every round to participate in the sectional tournament. In the event that a team shows up at the tournament with fewer than six players, it is permissible, at the manager's discretion, to allow the team to stay at the site and provide competition for any team that would otherwise have a bye.

## **2.5 Round 1 Pairings**

By 8:50 on the morning of the tournament, all teams should have either checked in, informed you of their withdrawal, or informed you of their late arrival. Any team that has not communicated with you by 8:50 should be considered withdrawn from the tournament.

At this point the Pairings Chief will remove any withdrawn teams and create the first-round pairings and scoresheets.

The pairings for each round should be printed out and posted in at least two places where they can be seen by players and coaches as they enter the competition area.

## **2.6 Opening Ceremony**

There is no need for a formal opening ceremony. However, the Tournament Manager and Tournament Director should take the necessary time before the start of each round to make general announcements.

By 8:50 am you should direct everyone, including substitutes, to be seated in the competition area for the opening ceremony and announcements. Try to stay on schedule. If you have two or three minutes of announcements, try to schedule enough time so that your competition can begin at 9 o'clock.

Feel free to adapt this script to include announcements specific to your site.

## 2.6.1 Sample Opening Ceremony Script

### Sample Opening Ceremony Script

Ladies and gentlemen, may I have your attention please!

Welcome to \_\_\_\_\_ High School and the IHSA Team Chess Sectional Tournament.

We understand that some of players, coaches, and even entire teams may be participating in an IHSA tournament for the first time. So let's take just a minute or two to go over some ground rules:

- First of all, in the IHSA Tournament, no refreshments except water are allowed in the competition area. You may bring bottled water to the table, but you may NOT put the bottle on the table.
- To assist tournament personnel, while you are in the competition area, you must wear your team uniform as your outer garment at all times. You must remove hats or other head coverings prior to the start of competition.

Now, here are some housekeeping items:

*(insert here any specific information about skittles, concessions, restrooms, etc.)*

I would like to introduce the personnel working the meet today.

Tournament Director \_\_\_\_\_

And your stewards, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

They will be working hard to make this a good competition for you, so let's give them a hand.

***(At this point it may be appropriate to turn the microphone over to the Tournament Director for any further comments, and to start the round.)***

We want to start off on the right foot, so please review your board and make sure that the lower-right is a light-colored square. And with that, I wish you good luck today. You can now can shake hands and start your clocks.

## **2.7 Awards Ceremony**

Remind participants prior to the start of the final round that an awards ceremony will be conducted.

At the end of the tournament, awards shall be presented to any team that finishes the tournament with a perfect score. In the event no team finishes with a perfect score, a plaque will be awarded to the team with the highest score, with any tie broken using the IHSA tie-breaker system (Terms & Conditions (Article VIII-F on p. 17)).

## 2.7.1 Sample Awards Ceremony Script

### Sample Awards Ceremony Script

Ladies and gentlemen, may we have your attention please!

Let me first remind everyone that all the teams that finished today's tournament with two or more points have automatically qualified for the state tournament in Peoria on February 14. Here are the teams with two or more points: *(Read the names of these teams.)* Let's give those teams a big hand.

If your team finished with one point or one and a half points, we will have to wait and see whether your team qualified as an at-large team. That will depend on the scores of the other sectional tournaments held around the state today. If you are in that group, you will want to pay close attention to the IHSA Web site. The complete list of the 128 qualifying teams will be posted on the Web site tomorrow (Sunday) by 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

All right...it's time for the team awards, which will be presented to all teams that finished the tournament with a perfect score.

*(Or, in the event that no team finishes with a perfect score...)* The team award today will be presented to the highest-scoring team, including team tie-breaks.

Our first team is \_\_\_\_\_. Will Coach \_\_\_\_\_ and his team please step forward to receive the sectional plaque? *(present plaque to coach)*

*...and so on until team awards are exhausted...*

That's it for our awards presentation today. For those teams that are advancing to the state tournament in Peoria, we wish you the best of luck in state tournament competition.

Thank you all for your good sportsmanship today. Please make sure you have all your belongings before you leave and have a safe trip home.

## **2.8 Dealing with Problems**

In the event of a dispute, please refer first to the IHSA Chess Terms & Conditions and the IHSA Chess Rules. They are the controlling documents. The Tournament Manager or Pairings Chief may also call Chris Merli if a ruling is required.

### **2.8.1 Eligibility Rulings**

Neither the Tournament Manager nor the Tournament Director is authorized to rule regarding the eligibility of players. Only the 12 players listed on a team's List of Participants, as certified by the coach on or before Jan. 29, and transmitted to the Tournament Manager by the IHSA Office, are eligible for play in the sectional tournament. No other players may be substituted.

### **2.8.2 Appeals of a Pairing**

- A coach may appeal a pairing to the Tournament Director/Pairings Chief (Rule 19-1, p. 33).
- The Pairings Chief may call Chris Merli to consult on the appeal.
- The decision of the Tournament Director/Pairings Chief is final. (Rule 19-4-4, p. 33).

### **2.8.3 Appeals of a Ruling by a Steward**

- A coach or player may appeal a ruling made by a steward to the Tournament Director/Head Steward (Rule 19-1, p. 33).
- If the Tournament Director is associated with one of the teams involved in the protest, or if the result of the ruling could be expected to have an affect on his or her team, the Tournament Director should consult with Chris Merli.
- The decision of the Tournament Director/Head Steward is final.

## 3 After the Tournament

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### 3.1 Online Winner Report

Immediately after the conclusion of the tournament, the Pairings Chief should email the results (in a .PTO file) to Chris Merli ([clmerli@comcast.net](mailto:clmerli@comcast.net)) and Erik Czerwin ([ECzerwin@gmail.com](mailto:ECzerwin@gmail.com)) for posting.

### 3.2 Online Financial Report

The financial report must be submitted by a school administrator within 10 days of the completion of the tournament.

The financial report form is available in the IHSA Schools Center.

### 3.3 Return Material to IHSA

After the meet is complete, there are few things left to do.

- Make sure an administrator at your school fills out the financial form.
- Email a summary of your suggestions for improving sectional tournaments in the future.

Please collect the following items and bring them with you to the state tournament (or if that is not possible, please mail them):

- The incident cards that were written up during the tournament. They will be useful in detecting trends and heading off problems at the state tournament.
- Any extra plaques.
- The steward vests.

## 4 Tournament Director Procedures

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As Pairings Chief you will receive the WinTD files necessary to run the meet on Thursday, Jan. 30 (after the coaches have certified their 12-player rosters and Strength Order). The Tournament Manager may forward these to you, or if requested, the IHSA Office can do so.

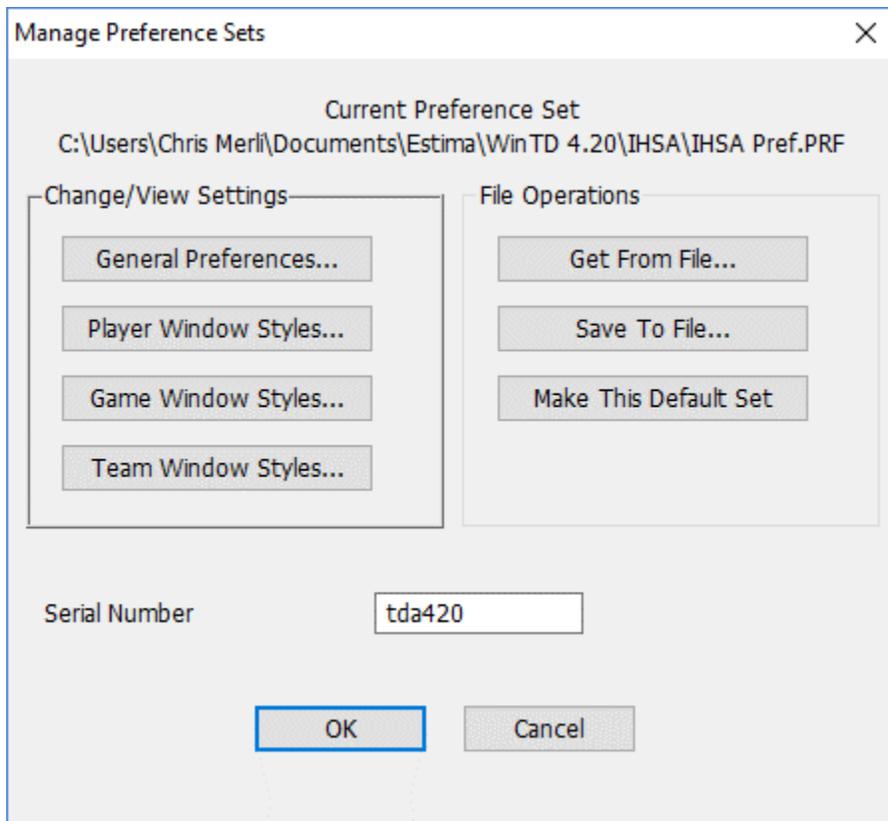
It is the Pairings Chief's responsibility to supply or arrange for a working computer loaded with the WinTD program, printer with a spare ink cartridge, and sufficient paper for the day's work.

### 4.1 Loading the WinTD Files

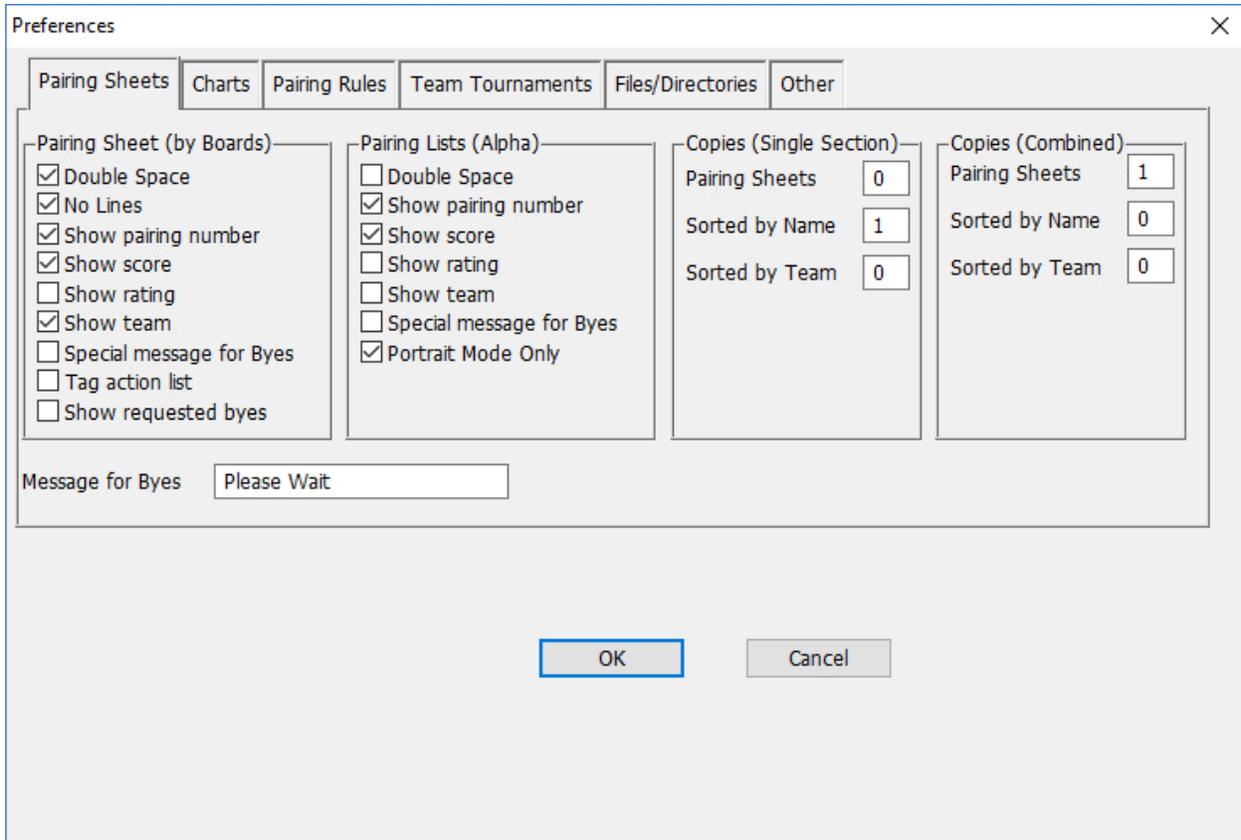
**The following procedures were compiled by Chris Merli, State Tournament Director. If you have questions about the specific instructions, please contact Chris at [clmerli@comcast.com](mailto:clmerli@comcast.com).**

Thank you for agreeing to be a tournament manager for the IHSA Sectional Tournament. You will receive 3 WinTD files. One will be the preference files for the event. This will be labeled with the extension \*.PRF. Please open this first since it will provide the proper setting for the tournament.

Under the file pull down menu select manage preference sets and then select "Get from File". This will load the IHSA preferences.



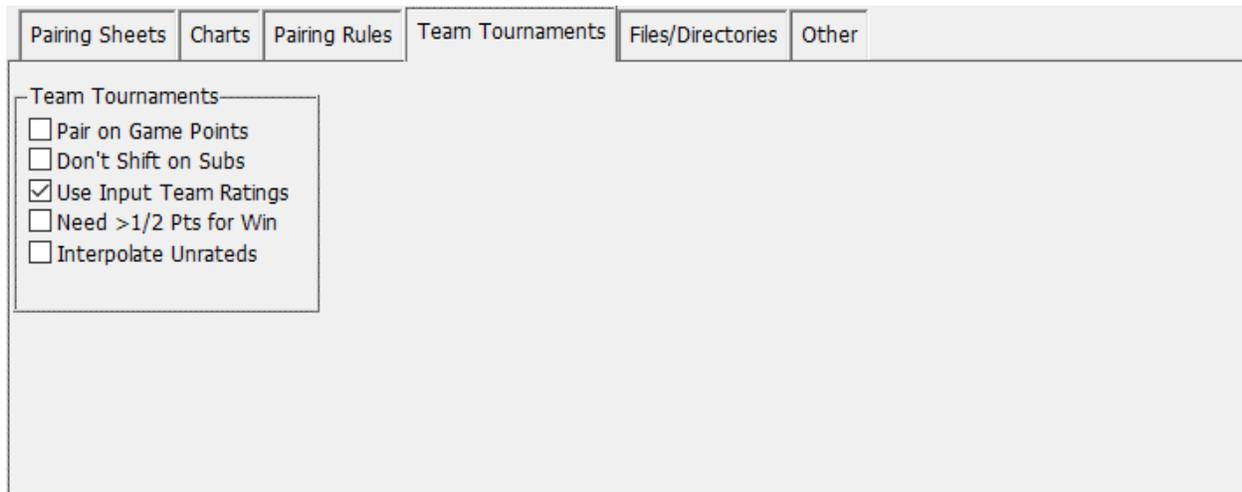
If you open the general preferences you will see the settings. Note that “Show rating” is turned OFF for the pairing sheets. Ratings for this tournament reflect ranking rather than the traditional rating in a USCF tournament and have been specially input to allow correct pairing. Showing the ratings would only serve to be confusing for coaches.



The pairing rules are as follows:



The Team tournament tab shows this:



The screenshot shows a software interface with several tabs: "Pairing Sheets", "Charts", "Pairing Rules", "Team Tournaments", "Files/Directories", and "Other". The "Team Tournaments" tab is active. Below the tabs, there is a list of options for team tournaments:

- Pair on Game Points
- Don't Shift on Subs
- Use Input Team Ratings
- Need >1/2 Pts for Win
- Interpolate Unrateds

Note that we “use input team ratings” to avoid having the program trying to calculate team ratings based on the average rating of the players on the team.

Make sure that the box next to “don’t shift on subs” is blank.

Next you should select the master (team) pull down menu and select “Open Team List (\*.PTL)”. By opening this file you will connect the team codes shown in the window below to the full name of the team.

Add/Edit A Player X

Name (L,F)

ID  Expire  State

Rating  Prize Group

Local Rating  Local Sigma

Team Code

Club Code  Special Code

Team  
 Male  
 Female  
 Pair  
 N/A  
 Computer

Tournament Info

Section

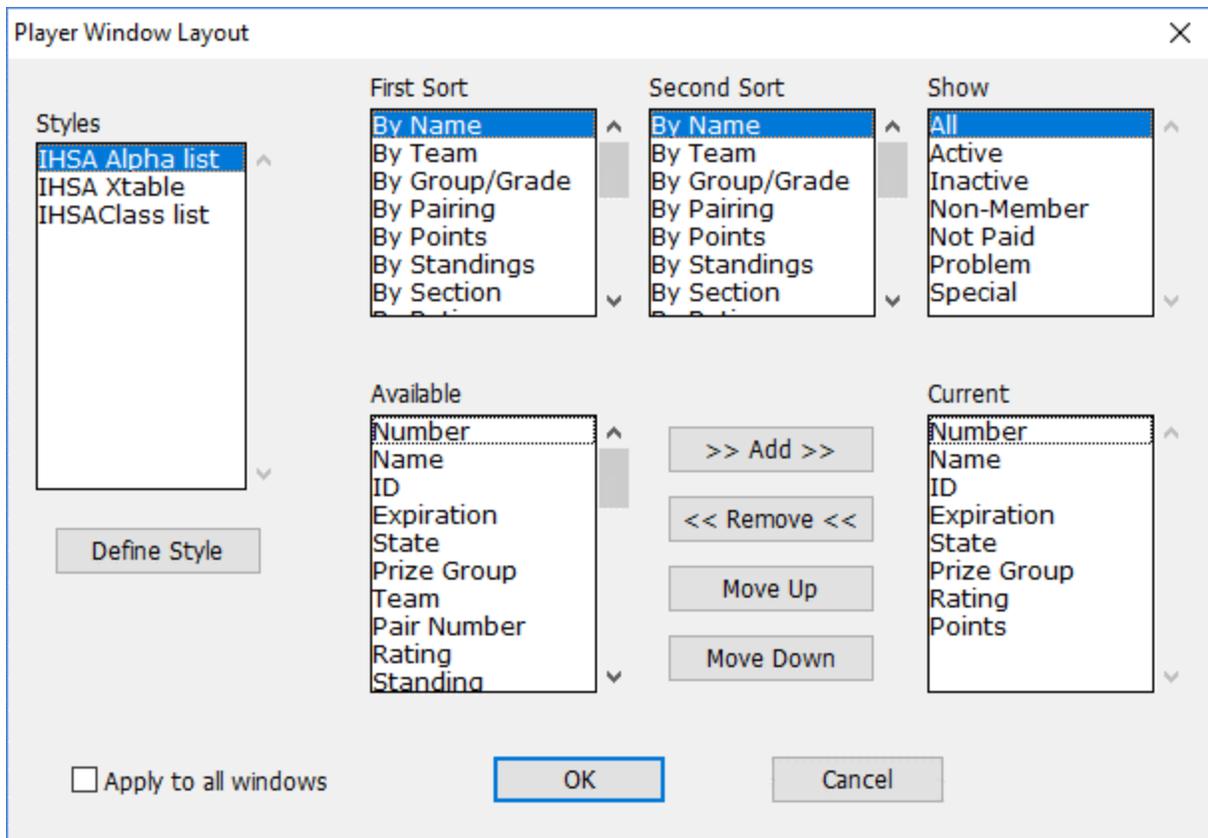
Title

Keep in Score Group  
 Fee Paid?  
 Active?  
 Always Assign Board

Finally open the tournament file (\*.PTO).

You already know the basics of WinTD but there are some important hints and warnings concerning the IHSA sectional tournament.

Some basic formats for the IHSA tournament are already included. That should make it easier to list only the information you want on the crosstables and in the games windows. Under the edit pull down menu select "Change Layout".



You should sort names by name or by points then the second sort by rating but do not sort by tie-breaker. Some of you may find there is a IHSA tiebreaker list in the choices of tiebreaker systems but this is out of date and would just lead to confusion.

Add/Edit A Section X

Title

Short Title  Import Tag

Board Number   USCF Rated?

Board Spacing   FIDE Ratable?

Use Tie Breaks?

Section Type

- Individual
- Individual/ Team
- Pairs
- Team vs Team
- Board-Weighted Team
  - Play in Rating Order
  - Boards per Team
  - Games per Round

Pair Teammates?

- Yes
- No
- Only If Necessary
- Avoid Pairing Same Club
- Avoid Pairing Same State
- Try to Pair Same Club

Pairing Method

- Standard Swiss
- Round Robin
- Standard Accelerated
- 1/6's Accelerated
- All Rounds Accelerated
- RR-Hybrid Swiss
- Scheveningen
- Decelerated
- 1-2, 3-4

Added Score Accelerators  
 Input Accelerator Break

Pairing Numbers by

- Main Rating, Local if Unrated
- Local Rating, Main if none
- Main Rating, Local to Order Unrateds
- Higher of Main and Local Rating
- Random Assignment (Ratings Ignored)

Main Rating Field

- USCF Rating
- FIDE Rating
- Other

Rating Limits for Color Improvements

- None (FIDE style)
- To Equalize Colors
- To Alternate Colors

If you double-click on the section it will bring up the section information. The tiebreaker setting is turned off. This is paired as a board-weighted team tournament. We are using standard Swiss pairing and teammates can be paired. In this case “teammates” refers to teams from the same conference. At the state tournament there will be restrictions on pairing teammates but in the sectional many teams may be from one conference, which makes avoiding conference pairings unreasonable. The rating limits for color improvements is set below the minimum difference in rating between any two teams. The reason for this is so that pairings are not adjusted for color. In case of this event each team has exactly the same number of points on boards where they will be playing black and white, so it makes no sense to adjust the natural pairing to equalize or alternate colors. When assigning colors the computer will still give preference to the team that is due a color but it will not make changes to fix cases where both teams are due the same color.

Make sure the “Play in Rating Order” setting is checked.

Since the first round is already paired all you need to do is to print the team sheets. You will be supplied with a team reporting sheet that looks like this:

Circle the results showing the number of points each player earns.  
In case of a double forfeit, 0 points is scored for each team.

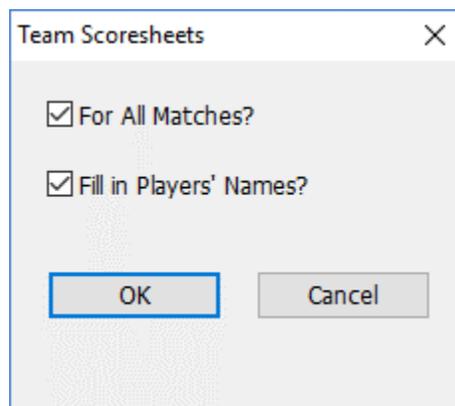
			Board number			
w	d	x		w	d	x
			w 1 B			
			B 2 W			
			w 3 B			
			B 4 W			
			B 5 W			
			w 6 B			
			B 7 W			
			w 8 B			



### IHSA Chess Team Championships Score Reporting Sheet

- 1: Black Coach/School Representative is responsible for completing the Scoresheet and obtaining the signatures.
- 2: **Both** Coaches/School Representatives are responsible for turning in the Scoresheet promptly to the designated place.
- 3: Once the Scoresheet is signed, individual match scores are **Official**.

If you feed that form into the printer when you go to print the team results sheet it will add the remaining information to the spaces. To print the team results sheets under the “results” pull down tab, select “print team results sheets” and then have it print all the matches and fill in team member names.



Remember this will always print out the 8 active players, listed in the Strength Order, for each team. The Strength Order is included in the .PTO file and cannot be changed by the coach. If a team needs to make other changes (for instance, a misspelling) before the tournament begins you can change them in WinTD by double-clicking on the team and then selecting “Edit Team”.

**Add/Edit A Player** [X]

Name (L,F)

ID  Expire  State

Rating  Prize Group

Local Rating  Local Sigma

Team Code

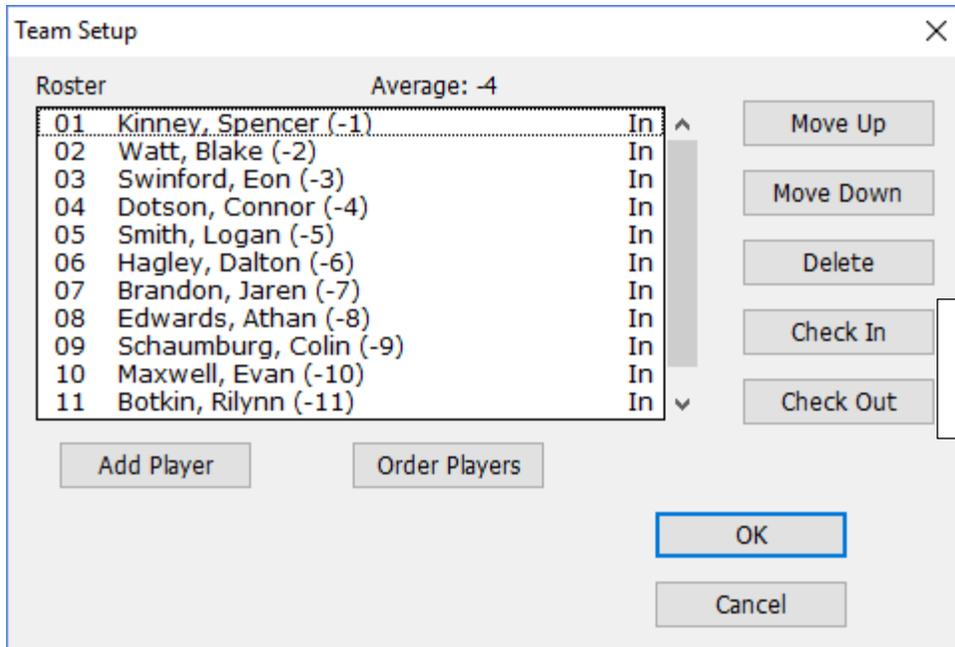
Club Code  Special Code

Team  
 Male  
 Female  
 Pair  
 N/A  
 Computer

**Tournament Info**

Section  
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Keep in Score Group  
 Fee Paid?  
 Active?  
Always Assign Board



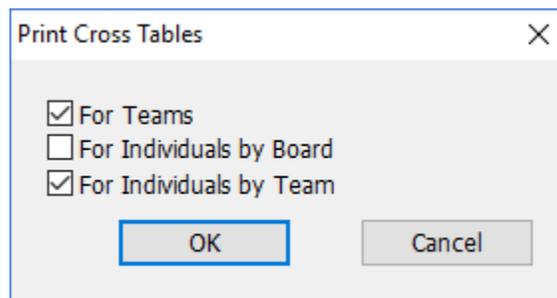
Use these two buttons to check players in and out of the lineup without altering the Strength Order.

Remember, the default lineup in every round a team is the top 8 players as listed in the Strength Order.

In order to preserve the default lineup, we suggest you avoid making substitutions until after you have paired the next round (i.e. do not check players in and out of round 1 until after pairing round 2). You can accomplish this by simply entering only the team result before pairing and then after you have paired the next round go back and enter individual results using the check in and check out buttons. After putting in the individual results for both teams, you can then check the top 8 players back into the lineup so that the default lineup is preserved. This would also allow you to pair the next round more quickly since you are not spending time on individual results.

Before turning in your final results make sure all individual scores have been entered since they will be needed to calculate the tiebreakers for teams at the state qualification cutoff. Tie breakers depend on the score which is based on individual results.

To print cross tables, use the following settings:



## 4.2 Prior to Round 1

After loading the WinTD files, you should test the system by creating a tentative pairing for Round 1 and printing out a match to make sure the scoresheet (which is in landscape format) is oriented correctly in the printer. Make a note of the orientation.

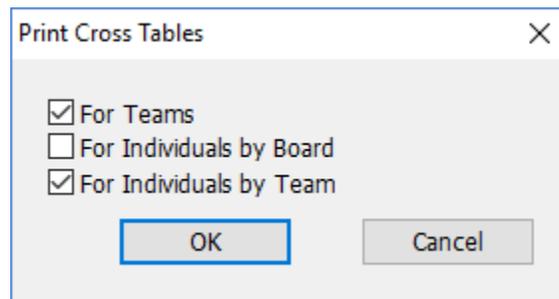
You should be prepared to pair Round 1 before the start of the tournament.

When the Round 1 pairings are complete and play is about to begin, print out the scoresheets and make them available to the Tournament Manager for placement on the tables.

The procedures will follow the same pattern during every round, as described below.

## 4.3 Procedures During Each Round

1. As the scoresheet from each match comes to the table, input the final team result only.
2. If time permits, input the individual results of the matches, checking players in and out as necessary; however you may delay inputting individual results until after the pairings for the next round are created, as described on the previous page. If you have not entered the individual results and wish to get some standings out we suggest just printing the team results in the next step.
3. When all individual results have been entered, print the team and individual results under Reports >> Print X-table. Check the boxes as shown in the illustration and the teams will be listed along with the individuals on the team. This should make it very easy for players and coaches to find their current score since players will be grouped by team.



4. If the tournament is over, jump to the End of Tournament Procedures below.
5. Pair the next round, print them out, and post them.
6. Print out the scoresheets for the next round.
7. Input any remaining individual results from the round just completed.
8. Finally, email the pairings file (.PTO file) to Chris Merli (clmerli@comcast.net).
9. Return to Step 1.

**Note:** Do not compute tie-breaks, except if needed to award the championship plaque. If it is needed, do not use the method built into WinTD, because the built-in formula is out of date.

You will need to make the calculations by hand using the Terms & Conditions (Article VIII-F on p. 18) as a guide.

#### **4.4 End of Tournament**

1. Print out team results for the awards ceremony.
2. Input any remaining individual results.
3. Print out the individual results.
4. Email the pairings file (.PTO file) to Chris Merli ([clmerli@comcast.net](mailto:clmerli@comcast.net)) and Erik Czerwin ([ECzerwin@gmail.com](mailto:ECzerwin@gmail.com)).

#### **4.5 Forfeits**

For the purposes of tie-break points, bye are considered to be 48 to 20 victories. Forfeits are scored as the sum of wins on the individual boards (T&C, VIII-E-3).

## 5 Appendix

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### 5.1 Points of Emphasis

All the rules in the IHSA Chess Terms & Conditions and Chess Rule Book apply to your sectional tournament.

#### **Here is a reminder of the points of emphasis in the 2019-20 IHSA Chess Manual for Schools:**

A coach is required to be present with the team at the start of each round.

Mascots and placards must be of a suitable size for placement on the table. Some mascots have gotten so large that they obstruct the vision of spectators and could cause serious disruption if bumped into.

Regarding communication and player behavior:

- Coaches are not allowed to communicate with a player during the game unless requested by the player.
- Players who are spectating must stand on their own side of the table and may not watch games from the opposite side.
- Players may not communicate (even non-verbally) with any other player.
- Stewards have the authority to ask spectators to leave the playing area if they are viewed to be a distraction in any way to either player.

#### **Regarding the New Strength Order**

- Prior to a tournament, every coach will declare a Strength Order, from 1 to 12, covering all the eligible players.
- At the start of each match, the players participating must seat themselves in Strength Order.
- For example, prior to the tournament players named A through L are selected to participate. The coach declares the Strength Order with A, the best player, at #1 in the order, and so on down to L, the weakest player, at #12.
- In the first game the top 8 players, A through H, participate, and occupy boards 1 to 8 respectively.
- In the second game, the coach removes player D and substitutes player J. The new board order is A, B, C, E, F, G, H, J. Note that player J does not play on board 4, where D had been. Instead all the players below D move up one board, and J, the weakest player at the table, occupies board 8.

- Any amount of substitutions may be made, but the players must always be seated in the declared Strength Order.
- The names of the players must be written on the Scoresheet at the proper board.

## **5.2 Duties of Officials**

The following description of job duties is adapted from the IHSA Chess Manual. The specific duties apply to the state tournament and are adapted to the sectional tournaments. In particular, the Tournament Manager may serve as the Tournament Director and Pairings Chief and serve the function of Head Steward on appeals.

The State Tournament Director, Chris Merli, will be available remotely to rule on certain appeals from all the sectional sites. See “Dealing with Problems” in Section 2.

## **5.3 Tournament Manager**

1. The Tournament Manager is responsible for the general conduct of the tournament. The IHSA Administrator acts as the Tournament Manager of the State Tournament and delegates this responsibility for sectional tournaments.
2. The Tournament Manager is responsible for securing the facilities, furniture, and other items necessary for competition and skittles activity.
3. The Tournament Manager is responsible for communication with the head coaches of the competing schools to ensure that they are aware of the time schedule and other tournament procedures.
4. The Tournament Manager is responsible for promptly reporting the results of each match and posting the pairings of each round.
5. The Tournament Manager is responsible for arranging the awards ceremony at the end of the competition.
6. The Tournament Manager is responsible for promptly filing the Financial Report with the IHSA Office after the competition is complete.

### **5.3.1 Tournament Director**

1. The Tournament Director is responsible for duties as described in the IHSA Chess Rules (Section 23-1).
2. The Tournament Director is responsible for making the pairings of each round and keeping track of and verifying the team results of each round.
3. The Tournament Director is responsible for hearing disputes on rulings made by the stewards and for rendering a final judgment on such disputes.

### **5.3.2 Pairings Director**

1. The Pairing Director is responsible for duties as described in the IHSA Chess Rules (Section 23-2).

### **5.3.3 Head Steward**

1. The Head Steward is responsible for duties as described in the IHSA Chess Rules (Section 23-3).
2. The Head Steward is responsible for hearing disputes on rulings made by the stewards and for rendering judgment on such disputes.
3. The Head Steward is responsible for keeping track of infractions of the IHSA Chess Rules and assigning penalties when appropriate.
4. The Head Steward is responsible for supervising the stewards and ensuring the consistency of their rulings throughout the tournament.

### **5.3.4 Stewards**

1. Stewards are responsible for duties as described in the IHSA Chess Rules (Section 23-4).
2. Stewards are responsible for enforcing the IHSA Team Chess Tournament Policies (Article IX) and bringing violations to the attention of the Head Steward or Tournament Director.