Final IHSA Chess State Series Update

Updated 2/9/21

Below is the final schedule for this year's state tournament. Please note the mandatory Coaches Meeting on Friday at 11am.

	FRIDAY 2/12			SATURDAY 2/13			
	Coaches Meeting – 11am			Awards Ceremony – 7:45pm			
	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6	Round 7
Deadline to designate lineup	12:30pm	3:15pm	6:00pm	8:30am	11:30am	2:15pm	5:00pm
Pairings posted, individual matchups released	12:45pm	3:30pm	6:15pm	9:00pm Friday	11:45am	2:30pm	5:15pm
Start of round	**1:00pm**	**3:45pm**	**6:30pm**	**9:00am**	**12:00pm**	**2:45pm**	**5:30pm**
End of round (approx.)	3:00pm	5:45pm	8:30pm	11:00am	2:00pm	4:45pm	7:30pm
Standings & crosstables posted (approx.)	3:05	5:50pm	8:35pm	11:05am	2:05pm	4:50pm	8:00pm

Tournament Procedure Reminders:

- On Friday, you must go into Chesscalate and check your team in by 12:30pm (but please do it earlier). If you fail to check in, your team will not be paired.

- Because we need to send your opponents' Lichess usernames when we make the pairings, we need to know your lineup in advance. That may affect your strategy, since you'll have to pick a lineup BEFORE you know who you're playing (except for Round 4, the first round on Saturday). The deadline for designating your lineup is 30 minutes before the posted start of each round. If you don't designate a lineup by the deadline, your standard lineup (the top 8 players in strength order) must play.

- You must report (or confirm) results using Chesscalate. Please do so as each individual match is completed. If you don't report the results, we have no way of knowing what happened!

- If you have time at the start of each round, you can help us by inputting the Lichess URLs of the eight games your team is playing. This will be easier to do if you use a mouse with your device. You'll find instructions by choosing "Submit links to games" on the Chesscalate menu.

Miscellaneous Reminders:

- The only changes allowed in Chesscalate at this time are changes to your lineup. This means you can only edit which players will be competing in the first round. You can not update your strength order. You can not update the players that are in your final roster of 12. You can only set your Round 1 lineup from the roster of 12 you have already established.

- If a player's account is flagged but still operational, it is up to the discretion of the coach if they will allow the student to participate. However, if LiChess takes action and the player's account is banned during the tournament, that player will not be able to participate after they are banned and will be ineligible for the remainder of the tournament.

- In addition to a mobile device, you can access Chesscalate on a laptop or desktop here https://center.ihsa.org/go/mobile/chess/home.asp

We are excited to hold the IHSA's first State Tournament of the 2020-2021 school year! Thank you for your dedication to the IHSA Chess season and your commitment to upholding the integrity of the IHSA Chess State Tournament.

Good luck!