

IHSA Chess State Series Update

Updated 1/26/21

Below are the schedules for both the six-round and seven-round tournament formats. With the number of teams currently registered, I believe we will have enough teams for seven rounds. We will know for sure after the withdraw deadline on the 29th.

Six Round Schedule (64 Teams or Less)

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

Seven Round Schedule (65 Teams or More)

	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	11:15am	2:15pm	5:00pm
Pairings posted, individual matchups released	12:45pm	3:30pm	6:15pm	8:45am	11:30am	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 Communication

- All updates will be provided via twitter @IHSACchess (round start, pairings posted, etc.)
- Coaches Meeting
 - There will be a **MANDATORY** Coaches Meeting on Friday of the tournament via Zoom.
 - A link will be sent out and attendance taken as this will serve as registration/check in
- Tournament Staff Room
 - There will be a second Zoom link sent out for the Rulings Room. Coaches can use this link when they need to appeal a pairing or have a rules question.
- Awards Ceremony
 - A third link will be sent out for the Awards Ceremony on Saturday evening. The Awards Ceremony will start 15 minutes after the final round ends.
- If a player's lichess username is incorrect, coaches from opposing teams can contact each other to obtain correct username using the cell numbers that coaches provided.

Penalties

- Cheating
 - If a player is flagged for cheating or unsportsmanlike conduct by lichess during a state tournament match, or a coach notifies us that a player was caught cheating during a

match, that game will be forfeited, and that player will be disqualified for the rest of the state tournament.

- If a student's account was flagged by lichess previously from another competition, but their account isn't banned until the state tournament, that student will still be ineligible for the IHSA Chess State Championship. Sometimes there is a delay in lichess banning accounts after competitions, so please remind students to be on their "best behavior" in weeks leading up to the state tournament so they are not banned from the state tournament at the last minute.

Timing

- Lineups are due 30 minutes before the start of each round
 - If lineups are not submitted by deadline, standard lineup will be used
- Coaches can submit the next rounds lineup as soon as the next round starts
 - For example, coach can submit their round 2 lineup as soon as round 1 begins
- Reminder – Strength Order due in Chesscalate 2/4
- Connectivity issues
 - If a school's internet goes out, or they are having trouble connecting, there will be a 30 minute grace period for game to be continued. If that time expires, the game will be forfeited.

Misc.

- Confirming Chess settings
 - A list of ICCA Chess Settings has been provided. Most conferences have been using these guidelines all year. These settings are recommended, not required.
- There will be no need for coaches to fill out a seeding form in Schools Center this year. The seeding for State will be determined by the Seeding Committee on February 7th.
- We recommend that players turn off the chat function in lichess.
- Please remember to make your room reservations and lunch/dinner accommodations.