

Southwest Suburban Chess By-Laws

I. Goals/Objectives

Individual players will learn to recognize the importance of their own thought processes. The individual learns to accept the consequences of personal decisions and the outcome of the game as a measure of self-development in a thinking skill. Competition in chess encourages self-motivation.

II. Activities/Structure

Chess shall be a competitive team activity consisting of 7 divisional meets. A SWSC Varsity Tournament will be held at the end of the season. Varsity Blue, Varsity Red and JV divisional champions will be awarded. Blue and Red Division Champions will be determined by a combination of points earned from divisional meets and points earned in the SWSC Tournament. A team's point differential (PD) will be used to break ties. JV division will be determined by divisional matches only.

Blue Division:

Amos Alonzo Stagg, Lincoln Way Central, Lincoln Way East, Lincoln Way West, Thornridge, Thornton Township, Thornwood, Victor J Andrew.

Red Division:

Bolingbrook, Bradley Bourbonnais, Carl Sandburg, Homewood-Flossmoor, Joliet Central, Joliet West, Lincoln Way North, Lockport Township.

Division Selection

All SWSC schools shall be eligible to declare for Chess competition for the 2014-2015 season. Declaration deadline date shall be the Fall Coaches Meeting. Any school that fails to declare shall be ineligible for competition for that season.

The SWSC chess teams will be divided into 3 divisions, Varsity Blue, Varsity Red, & JV. Red and Blue divisions will have an equal number of teams. If there is an odd number of teams, the blue division will have an equal number of teams, the red division will have an odd number of teams.

General Rules for Division Assignment:

- 1.) Varsity teams will be seeded, as a conference, according to their win percentage using a combined record from SWSC divisional matches, SWSC Tournament, and the IHSA State Tournament.
- 2.) A team that did not participate in the IHSA State Tournament the previous season will automatically receive an 0-7 record as their IHSA State Record.
- 3.) Teams will be assigned to the Blue and Red division based on their seeds:
Blue: Seeds #1,4,5,8,9,12,13,16.
Red: Seeds #2,3,6,7,10,11,14,15.
- 4.) All JV teams will be placed in the JV division.

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Facilities

The host school shall provide sufficient, quiet facility needed to host the SWSC competition
(*e.g., large library, commons, or appropriate classroom space*).

Duals

(8 boards)(2 competitors)(2 schools) = 32 maximum participants
(32 maximum participants) / (32 participants per room) = 1 competition room

Invite

(40 competitors) (y schools) = 40y maximum participants
(40y maximum participants) / (16 participants per room) = (40y)/16 competition rooms

**Board 9 competitors contingent on the number of participants

Chess Invite:

Check-in from 8am-8:30am First Round at 9am Awards at 3pm
Four Rounds at Game/30 with no limit for competitors per school

The Home team is responsible for supplying notation and results sheets for both themselves and the visiting team.

Players playing black, regardless of home or away, shall provide a board, chess set, and clock. Equipment should adhere to IHSA state guidelines.

III. Eligibility

Students shall be enrolled students of the school and eligible to compete interscholastically under the IHSA Activity By-Law Section 4.

Team membership is open to both males and females with rules that enable disabled students to represent their school as a contributing member.

There is no limit to the number of players on a team roster.

Competition between schools permits a maximum of 8 players per team per contest.

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IV. Terms & Conditions

The SWSC Activities Handbook and SWSC Activities Directors govern SWSC Chess.

Unless modified by the SWSC Terms and Conditions, the IHSA Rules will be used.

Change in match time or date must be by mutual consent. When changed for other than "adverse environment", the coach requesting the change must allow the other coach, within reason, to name the day, date, time, and site of the make-up. Such make-up is to be re-scheduled within two weeks of the original day and the Secretary-Statistician notified of the date change.

Delay Procedure

If a school is unable to make the starting time, then the visiting coach will contact the host coach by cell phone, email or text message no later than 4:00pm on the day of the match to let the host coach know their ETA. A contact list with cell numbers will be shared at the Fall Mega Meeting.

V. Rules

An adult shall be designated by each school to perform the duties of coach at each conference event or no student from that school may participate in the event.

If a team does not have 8 players, the boards forfeited must start from Board 8 and continue upward for as many boards as are being forfeited.

The Home team has Black pieces on boards numbered 1, 3, 6, and 8.
The Home team has White pieces on boards numbered 2, 4, 5, and 7.

Time Control is 55+5 delay per player for the game. Coaches may elect, by mutual agreement, to shorten the time control to 45+5 delay per player in special circumstances such as adverse weather conditions or when a team plays more than one game on the same day. Time-Delay clocks (5 second delay, non-Fisher) may be chosen by either player. Games without time-delay clocks at the beginning of the game follow IHSA rules for games without time-delay clocks.

Coaches must declare their line up before the start of the match. The Online Reporting Form may be used for this purpose. No changes may be made once the match has started.

Refer to the website below for the more information.

<http://www.swscchess.org>

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VI. Judging

In dual matches, the officials will consist of one coach from each team.

Only the player of the game may call win on time. Officials (coaches) are obligated to call draw when BOTH clocks have expired, resulting in a drawn game.

Team positions (boards) will be weighted in scoring. A team must score a majority of points to win a match. When both teams score the same number of points, the match is a tie. Each match counts as a point in the conference standings. In the case of match ties, each team receives one-half point in the conference standings. When ties occur in the conference standings, the teams will be listed in order of the team's point differential. Ties are not broken in deciding places or determining trophy, medal, or ribbon winners.

The home coach will submit to the Statistician within 24 hours of a match the match results via the web, by fax, or by email. If any coach is unable to accomplish this task, he/she will notify the Statistician of their situation and should copy the Activity Resource Director to alert that individual of their need for help.

Points will be awarded for boards and matches as specified by the SWSC Chess Coaches during the Spring Coaches Meeting prior to the start of the season.
(State Points will be used for matches starting with the 2012-2013 season)
(Win=1 pt, Draw = 0.5pt, Loss = 0pts Division matches will not be weighted)

An Appeals Board will address any disputes and will be comprised of coaches from the top two teams (excluding the Statistician/ Webmaster) in each division based based on the previous year.

Chairperson (Statistician/Webmaster): Aron Kopera (Amos Alonzo Stagg)
Blue Division Representative: Matt Johnson (Lincoln Way East)
Blue Division Alternate: Matt Murphy (Lincoln Way Central)
Red Division Representative: Patrick Latortue (Carl Sandburg)
Red Division Alternate: Tim Harrison (Lincoln Way North)

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VII. Awards

All awards, except ribbons and medals, should include the current school year.

1 SWSC Blue Division Varsity Chess Trophy (Regular Season)

1 SWSC Red Division Varsity Chess Trophy (Regular Season)

10 SWSC Blue Division Varsity Chess Medals 1st - 10th Place

10 SWSC Red Division Varsity Chess Medals 1st - 10th Place

10 SWSC JV Division Chess Medals 1st - 10th Place

SWSC All Conference Activity Certificates Criteria

Students who played 70% of the matches in a given season & meet 1 of the 3 criteria below.

*Top 10 individual scorers in each division

*Top 3 individual scorers per Board (Boards 1-8) per the division

**students midway between boards will move to the higher board*

Ex: Jon Smith (3.5) will be considered a Board 3

*Top individual scorer per school

The Secretary/Statistician will submit all recipients to the Resource Activities Director.

SWSC All Academic Activity Pins Criteria

The group must be ranked, scored, or judged at an SWSC event.

The student must be a Senior that has participated at the Varsity level in an SWSC activity.

The student must have at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent percentile rank designating honors as determined by the school after their 7th semester.



The Activities Director at each school will determine eligible recipients.

VIII. Host Rotations

2005-2006 Victor J Andrew

2006-2007 Victor J Andrew

2007-2008 Lincoln-Way Central

2008-2009 Victor J Andrew

2009-2010 Homewood-Flossmoor / Thornwood / Lincoln Way East

2010-2011 Lincoln Way East / Thornwood / Victor J Andrew

2011-2012 Lincoln Way East / Victor J Andrew

2012-2013 Lincoln Way East / Victor J Andrew

2013-2014 Lincoln Way West / Victor J Andrew

2014-2015 Lincoln Way West / Homewood-Flossmoor

2015-2016 Victor J Andrew / Homewood-Flossmoor

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IX. Cancellation & Rescheduling Procedures

See Terms & Conditions

X. Historian and History Criteria

Historian : Patrick Latortue