

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPORTS PROGRAM

2012-2013 CHESS COMPETITION

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Calendar/Important Dates

December 14, 2012	Registration Deadline
Jan 7 – March 9, 2013	Network Matches, Open tournaments
March 9-16, 2013	Regional Playoffs
March 23, 2013	City Championships

E.S.S.P. CHESS RULES AND REGULATIONS

THE 2012-2013 chess program is based on the individual/team format. This format allows recognition of individual competition and the team component.

I. DIVISIONS:

- A. Lower Primary (Kindergarten to Grade 2) – Co-Ed
- B. Upper primary (Grade 4 and under) – Co-Ed
- C. Intermediate (Grade 6 and under) – Co-Ed
- D. Junior High (Grade 8 and under) – Co-Ed

II. SEASON:

The chess season will consist of conditioning and practice, Collaborative Competition, Playoffs and City-wide Championship. A school's chess team/individuals must play in 2 matches or 1 tournament to qualify for the playoffs.

III. PLAYOFFS AND CITY CHAMPIONSHIP

- A. Regional Playoffs (north and south) – to be held during the period March 9 – 16, 2013
- B. City Championship – to be held on March 23, 2013
- C. Determination of an individual schools' assignment to which Playoff Tournament will be determined after schools submit their initial team rosters.
- D. The 3 top teams from each region and the top 5 individuals (who are not a member of a qualifying team) will advance from the playoffs to the City Championship.
- E. Teams will be limited to 5 players at the City Championship and the players must have competed in the playoff tournament.

IV. TEAMS DESCRIPTIONS AND GENERAL CONDITIONS

- A. Chess tournament shall be governed by the current edition of the US Chess Federation (USCF) Rules of Chess, unless covered by CPS Rules and Regulations.
- B. All head coaches must be formal CPS employees.
- C. A formal school team shall consist of at least five (5) eligible players (boys and girls). Without the required number of players for team matches, schools may still be eligible for individual competition.
- D. Head coaches eligible for the 7/8 grade team stipend must have 8 players (of any age) but must field a formal 7/8 grade team (5 players in either the 7th or 8th grade) during matches and the playoffs. Head coaches eligible for the 5/6 grade team stipend must have 8 players (of any age) but must field at least one formal team in any of the other categories (K-2, 3/4, 5/6) during matches and the playoffs.
- E. During the playoffs, a school can enter as many teams as they want, but only one per division. The top 4 results will determine a team's score and standing.
- F. During the playoffs, players may play up (in a higher division) to be part of a team.
- G. Playoff Team rosters are frozen; players must play in the division they are listed in throughout the playoffs.
- H. At a minimum, players should know the basic rules of chess and CPS regulations, how the pieces move and capture and algebraic or descriptive notation.
- I. The coach or faculty representative from each school is expected to be present at the beginning of a match/tournament and to remain until the end.
- J. Before the season begins, coaches must submit a roster of eligible players to the Central Office. Additional players can be included on the team roster after the schedule starts by filing a Supplemental record sheet.
- K. Player Eligibility
 - 1. A player may only play for the school they attend.
 - 2. Parent/Guardian permission documents must be on file at the local level approving practice, and participation in competition and travel.
 - 3. While a member of a school team, a player shall not be allowed to represent any non CPS organization.

V. RULES OF PLAY AT ALL ELEMENTARY CHESS TOURNAMENTS

- A. Tournaments will use the Swiss pairing System format. All pairings are done between individuals. However, restrictions will be in place on pairings to prevent the pairing of teammates unless absolutely necessary to determine an individual winner.
- B. Official Team Roster
 - 1. Teams/individuals will submit Official Rosters to the Tournament Coordinator or Chief TD during check-in at tournaments as specified for that event.
 - 2. Rosters need the signatures of the coach or faculty representative, and the principal.
 - 3. Roster must also indicate the names of the eligible players who will be playing in the given tournament.
 - 4. Any team/player found not to be in compliance these requirements or Section IV K. *Player Eligibility* will be removed from the tournament and forfeit any award achieved.
- C. Tournament Director (TD)
 - 1. TDs are the officials for the tournament.

2. One TD will be designated as the Chief TD and must be CPS Certified.

D. No Communication

Once a match begins, there is NO COMMUNICATION between players and anyone else except with a TD and in those cases allowed by the USCF Rules of Chess (i.e. offering a draw).

1. If a tournament director observes communication the match may be forfeited
2. If it is reported to a Tournament Director – the player shall receive a warning.

E. Request for Ruling

1. It is the player's responsibility to make a REQUEST FOR RULING. A player has the right to stop both clocks to ask a TD to rule upon a point of law, procedure, or conduct.
2. A player may appeal a ruling to the Chief TD; the Chief TD ruling cannot be appealed.
3. A coach, parent, or any third party may not request a ruling covering game play.
4. A player or coach may request a ruling covering pairings and possible errors in scoring. A challenge to a recorded score is limited to the following round.
5. It is both players responsibility to report their scores as prescribed. The failure of a player to ensure the correct score is recorded is not grounds to request a ruling.
6. The Tournament Coordinator has the authority to resolve any dispute and in his absence the Chief TD has this authority.

F. Time Control

1. The time controls will be decided by the Tournament Coordinator and in his absence by the Chief TD.
2. Time controls may be modified on site if necessary due to conditions at the location. Only under unusual circumstances should a round time be shorter than the previous round.
3. Once a round start – ALL CLOCKS START
4. Use of clocks is not mandatory. Setting of the clock is the responsibility of the player.
5. Tournament Directors may place clocks on matches when 10 minutes remain in the round (set at 5 minutes for each player).

G. Touch Move

The USCF touch Move rule shall be strictly enforced.

H. Tie-breaks

Use of the USCF standard tie-breaks should be used for tournaments.

I. Sportsmanship

A participant, coach, trainer or other attendant must not commit an unsportsmanlike act. This includes, but not limited to, acts or conduct such as:

1. Disrespectfully addressing an official, coach, or participant or gesturing in such a manner as to indicate resentment.
2. Using profane or inappropriate language or gestures.
3. Baiting or taunting an opponent. Any form of taunting which is intended or designed to embarrass, ridicule or demean others under any circumstances, including on the basis of race, religion, gender or national origin is disapproved.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT SPOSRTS ADMINISTRATION

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