

FY19 Chess in the Schools

Chess Tournament

Rules and Regulations

Description: This is a four round individual team chess tournament.

Sections include:

Game in 30 minutes, and when using time delay, players will be required to deduct 5 minutes from their starting times. We ask that all participants that have a clock bring one.

Prizes: Trophies will be given to the top players and teams in each section. Students scoring three points or more who have not won a trophy will be awarded a medal. Please note that students scoring 3 points in an unrated section will be required to play in a rated section for future events (USCF membership will then be required).

YOU MUST: Raise your hand when your game is over to alert your section's TD of the result. **BOTH** players are required to report their result! Please make sure to report your result after your game. Failure to do so may result in forfeiting the rest of your games or the game being declared a draw.

Playoffs: All ties will be determined by Standard USCF Tiebreak Methods – See USCF Rules (6th Edition). Note: The Open section will be the only section to have a blitz play-off.

Important reminders for players:

1. You have the right to appeal a decision of a floor TD. If you wish to see the Chief TD, tell the floor TD right away. **DO NOT** wait until after the game is over to make this complaint.
2. Touch-move at all times; if adjusting, announce "I adjust" **BEFORE** making an adjustment. When finished with game, shake hands, report result, reset the chessboard, and leave the playing area.
3. Games that do not start with a clock will have one added at the end of each game (when 10 minutes remain each player will be granted 5 minutes).
4. Illegal moves will result in a one minute penalty to the player making the illegal move. This rule is a variation of the USCF rule. If you have less than 1 minute and make an illegal move you lose.
5. The playing area must remain quiet while games are in progress. No talking during play.
6. Parents and coaches are spectators. Your help is very important to us, but you may not interfere with the chess games of players, this includes arguing about rulings.
7. Absolutely no eating or drinking in your team room.
8. **Coaches and chess coordinators are expected to keep their teams quiet and respectful during the award ceremony.**

CIS follows the 6th Edition of the USCF Rulebook unless noted.