

**ARTICLE 30:  
Chess**

**30.1 Chess League Format**

- 30.1.1.** Schools may have up to 4 players playing for points in any given match versus another school
- 30.1.2.** Schools with less than 4 players that want to play for the team championship will use ghost players that will forfeit their matches
- 30.1.3.** The CAA Team Championship seeding will be based on total points accumulated throughout the season by players playing in the weekly matches (maximum of 4 players counting in any given match)
- 30.1.4.** Schools will designate their 4 players for each match. The schools can change their lineups for each match. If a team brings more than 4 players, practice matches that do not officially count towards points will be organized.
- 30.1.5.** Each coach will fill out a separate lineup/ match sheet and turn this into the site supervisor.
- 30.1.6.** If a school has less than 4 players for a match, Boards 1, 2, and 3 must be filled out first in descending order starting on Board 1.
- 30.1.7.** Each school will also be required to bring 2 chess sets and 2 digital clocks to every chess event. Schools will play 2 matches per day.
- 30.1.8.** Each player will be allowed a 30 minute clock to make moves during the match. If the match is not decided but a player has no more time left on their clock then the opponent will win the match.
- 30.1.9.** The league plays “touch rules”, if a player touches a piece then that is the piece that must be moved.
- 30.1.10.** If players have an issue during play, they should pause their clocks, raise their hands and ask for assistance from their 2 coaches.
- 30.1.11.** Any situation that needs an outside decision will be decided by an agreement of the two coaches of the teams involved in the match. If they cannot reach an agreement then they will ask the remaining coaches in attendance to come to a decision.

**30.1.12.** When players finish a chess match they should raise their hands and ask for a coach to verify the outcome before declaring the outcome. Once the players have a final outcome decided ...both players will go to the scoring supervisor table and report the match result.

**30.1.13.** A CAA employee will act as the Chess scoring supervisor. All scores must be sent to this person every Tuesday or the day following the matches.. contact info is on the Contact excel.

**30.1.14.** Schools should call the hosting school and talk to the site supervisor if for some reason they will be late or not able to attend the competition on any given Monday.

**30.1.15.** At the Team and Individual CAA Championships, the CAA Chess Director will act as the scoring supervisor and also will be the final decision on any issues that need a ruling.

**30.1.16.** To be eligible for the Team and Individual Championships a player must register a minimum of 3 match results during Monday competitions.

**30.1.17.** Notation is not a requirement during play.

## **30.2 Etiquette rules during play:**

**30.2.1.** Players and supporters who are not in the match being contested will remain 5 feet away from the table and not make any suggestions or comments that could impact player decisions.

**30.2.2.** Players competing against each other should exhibit great sportsmanship during play and not make any distracting noises or actions.

**30.2.3.** Players are not allowed to have electronic devices on during play... texting, phone calls, and headsets are not permitted during match play.

**30.2.4.** Players will wear a Lanyard with CAA Name tag when on Campus at our host schools. This will be provided upon arrival in the chess room.

**30.2.5.** Players will respect the property and furniture of our host schools

**30.2.6.** Players will clean up the chess room before leaving the facility

## **30.3 Chess Participation Fee**

**30.3.1** Cost per team: To be determined each year and posted on CAA website

### **30.4 Chess Tournaments and Trophies**

*The CAA will organize end of season Chess State tournaments for High school and Junior High*

#### **30.4.1 Team Championship Tournaments and Trophies**

**30.4.1.1** The CAA Chess director will seed all team tournaments based on regular season standings

**30.4.1.2** CAA State Championship JH Team trophies: 1st, 2nd

**30.4.1.3** CAA State Championship HS Team trophies: 1st, 2nd

#### **30.4.2 CAA State Championship JH Individual Tournament and Trophies:**

**30.4.2.1** The CAA Chess director will seed all individual tournaments based on regular season records and with advice from the coaches of the participating chess teams

**30.4.2.2** Level 1: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th

**30.4.2.3** Level 2: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th

**30.4.2.4** Level 3-4: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th

#### **30.4.3 CAA State Championship HS Individual Tournament and Trophies:**

**30.4.3.1** The CAA Chess director will seed all individual tournaments based on regular season records and with advice from the coaches of the participating chess teams

**30.4.3.2** Level 1: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th

**30.4.3.3** Level 2: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th

**30.4.3.4** Level 3-4: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th

#### **30.4.4. CAA State Regular Season Championship Trophies:**

**30.4.4.1** The Winner of the High school Regular season will receive a 1st place trophy

**30.4.4.1** The Winner of the Junior High Regular season will receive a 1st place trophy