

### Illinois Elementary School Association



### Why participate in Chess?

- **Chess is a test of patience, nerves, will power and concentration. It enhances your ability to interact with other people and tests your sportsmanship in a competitive environment.**

# IESA Chess State Tournament

## IESA Chess Competition Begins in 2011 for 5th-8th Graders At the US Cellular Coliseum in Bloomington, IL

The first IESA Chess State Tournament will be conducted February 18-19, 2011. Registration for the event is currently open.

The Chess State Tournament will be a two-day event in which there will be no qualifying meet (i.e. regional or sectional) that schools must participate in order to be eligible.

This tournament will be individual competition at

each board with the possibility of team honors.

Schools are not required to field an entire team and may enter a minimum of one student to a maximum of 14 students in grades 5-8.

As this is a single level event, there is no designated season associated with the activity. Students may participate in non-school chess activities and

still be able to participate in the IESA Chess State Tournament.

Additionally, schools will not be required to enter a minimum number of chess meets prior to the State Tournament. Regardless of experience, your students' participation is welcome.

We encourage you to consider entering the Chess State Tournament.

## General Tournament Information

The entry fee for students is \$15.00 per student. Each student will participate in 7 rounds of competition.

Equipment- For the IESA State Tournament, each school will be asked to provide chess boards, Staunton design chess sets, and digital chess time delay clocks that comply with the rules published by IESA for at least half of the individuals they have participating.

## Tournament Format

- 2 day tournament (Friday and Saturday).
- Board Swiss format with 5 boards. In this type of tournament, the coach determines the board order for their players. Each of the board positions becomes a separate individual tournament.
- 7th grade division open to all students in grades 5-7 and an 8th grade division open to all students in grades 5-8.
- Schools may enter one player at each of boards 1-4 and a maximum of 3 players at board 5 in each grade division.
- 7 rounds of play will be conducted and players will participate in all 7 rounds.
- Individual awards and team awards will be given.

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#### Find it on the IESA website

- Chess Terms and Conditions
- Chess Coaches Association Information
- New Coach information
- IESA Handbook

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## IESA Chess Quick Facts

Final Entry Deadline	January 12, 2011
Roster Deadline	February 15, 2011
State Tournament Dates	February 18-19, 2011

## Tournament Schedule

Friday, February 18	Saturday, February 19
10:00- 11:00 am- Registration	9:00 am- Round 4
10:30- Meeting of Stewards	Not before 11:00 am- Round 5
11:00- Competition Area Open	Not before 1:30 pm- Round 6
11:40- All players to assigned play location	Not before 3:30 pm- Round 7
11:45- Opening Ceremony	Not before 6:00 pm- Awards Ceremony
11:50 Forfeit Time for Round 1	
12:00 noon- Round 1	
Not before 3:00 pm- Round 2	
Not before 5:00 pm- Round 3	

## How to Join the IESA

Annual membership dues are currently \$75 and must be paid before a school becomes eligible to compete in any of the state series it enters.

School administrators may initiate the process, and it begins with a phone call to the IESA Office at (309) 829-0114. The school administrator must request from the IESA staff member handling the call a User ID and Pass-

word for use in becoming a new member school. The IESA staff will walk the administrator through the online registration process.

Schools seeking to join the Illinois Elementary School Association must be in compliance with the [IESA Constitution and By-laws](#).

The school's Board of Education must approve the school's membership in IESA.

Schools must also be recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education. Membership dues must be paid to the IESA Office at registration.

Contact information for the IESA Office is listed on the left.