

UPSTATE 8 CONFERENCE CHESS GUIDELINES

The conference consists of teams from the following fourteen schools: Aurora East, Bartlett, DeKalb, Elgin, Larkin, Lake Park, Neuqua Valley, St. Charles East, St. Charles North, Streamwood, and Waubonsie Valley.

I. **Regular Season Play**

The regular season will use a round robin format, so each team will play thirteen regular season matches. Matches will follow IHSA rules.

Rules to Note:

A. *The "No Scrubs" Rule*

For each match, the teams will pair their best eight players against each other. If a student is unable to attend, all players ranked below him will move up one position for that match. (In this way, the best eight players available will always be playing. If players are forced to play one or two boards above their normal position, this is usually very instructive and beneficial to the players. This also prevents a player of much lower rank from being forced to play far above his level, which is unfair to that player, and also not very beneficial to him/ her.)

B. *The "Touch Move" Rule*

If during a player's turn he touches a piece, he must make a legal move with that piece, if possible. Once a player's fingers leave a piece, its move is final.

C. *Notation*

Both players will keep notation for the match and sign each other's sheets after the game.

D. *Scoring*

The number of points for the match are as follows:

<u>Board</u>	<u>Win</u>	<u>Draw</u>	<u>Loss</u>
1	12	6	0
2	11	5.5	0
3	10	5	0
4	9	4.5	0
5	8	4	0
6	7	3.5	0
7	6	3	0
8	5	2.5	0

The team with the most total points wins the match. The points earned by each player are added to that player's Individual Point Total (IPT). The results of a match (both W – L info and additions to IPT's) need to be sent to the chairman of the conference.

E. Additional Players

If both coaches agree, extra players may play boards below 8. The points earned for wins, draws, and losses on these boards will follow the pattern outlined above. While these points will count towards determining the outcome of the match, they will not count towards the players' Individual Point Totals (IPT's).

F. Time

Clocks for matches will be set for 45 minutes per player. Thus, a match may last no longer than 1 ½ hours.

G. Conference Championship

The conference Champion will be the team with the best win-loss record against conference teams at the end of regular season play. The Conference Champion will be presented a plaque with the team name and names of the players engraved. Presentation of the plaque will take place at the conference tournament.

II Conference Tournament

The conference tournament will be held on Saturday, Feb 23, 2002 at Waubonsie Valley High School in the student cafeteria. The coaches' meeting will take place at 7:30 AM in the faculty cafeteria.

A. Team Composition

For the tournament, the teams will play their best eight players. The "No Scrubs" Rule will be in effect as outlined above. Teams may use alternatives to replace players that need to leave the tournament early.

B. Format

Tournament play will consist of four rounds of matches. All of the players for each board will be paired up in a Swiss format, according to the board they will be playing in the tournament. Therefore all of the board one players from the 13 schools will be playing against each other through the four rounds. All of the second board players from 13 schools will be playing against each other through the four rounds, and so on. In this way, players compete as individuals. Thus the first board player from Waubonsie may be playing the first board player from Larkin, while at the same time Waubonsie's second board may be playing against Streamwood's second board, and so on.

The Swiss format will be as described in the U.S. Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess, sections and variations noted below:

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28A Ratings are replaced by players' Individual Point Totals from regular season play.

28J In case of an odd number of participants, the bye will go to the highest ranked player. (This rewards players for good regular season records.)

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28L3 In the second round, the bye will go to the player with the second best regular season record, and so on.

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C. *Scoring*

Points will be assessed as for regular season play, but with all points doubled. (Thus, a win on first board will be worth 24 points, a win on second board will be worth 22 points, and so on.) These points will be added to Individual Point Totals for the players involved, and to the players' teams' team tournament point totals.

D. *Time*

Clocks for matches will be set for 1 hour per player. Thus, a match may last no longer than 2 hours.

E. *Tournament Champions*

The Tournament Champion Team will be the team whose players received the most points during tournament play. The Tournament Champion Team will be awarded a trophy at the end of the tournament.

F. *Board Awards*

The three players with the highest Individual Point Totals for each board will receive medals. (24 medals)

G. *All-Conference Team*

The eight players with the highest Individual Point Totals in the conference will receive certificates as All Conference Team members.