



District CHESS Championship Rules

1. Each school must submit its roster of players by the date specified on the registration. Rosters must be received via Email by April 22, 2013 (no exceptions). **The CHESS Facilitator must ensure that parents receive The District Championship Rules and also verify the roster prior to the beginning of the District Championship during the check - in at the CHESS Control Table.** Participation in Regional Center tournaments is required prior to participating in the District Championship.
2. The Title I Administration CHESS District Championship will consist of the following levels: K - 1, 2 - 3, 4 - 5, 6 - 8, and 9 - 12. Schools will be limited to *one team per category*. Each team should have **5 players**. Only the top 4 players will count for team scoring. **There will be no substitution of pre-registered players.** In case that any of the top 5 Regional Schools demonstrate inability to participate in the District Championship, the Title I Administration CHESS Coordinators will extend an invitation to the next runner up to participate in the District Championship.
3. Each student in grades 9 - 12 must have completed the new Student Interscholastic Competition and Performance Form. This form will be collected at the registration table. **Students will not participate without having submitted this form.**
4. Title I District CHESS Tournaments will not be rated; therefore, membership in a specific chess organization is not required. There is no registration fee for the Title I Administration CHESS District Championship. **Title I CHESS players may be categorized by USCF ratings.**
5. Eating or drinking is **not** permitted in the playing area. CHESS Facilitators and Parents should always be **available** during the championship in case of emergencies.
6. Teacher and/or CHESS Facilitator(s) are responsible to check that their players are sitting at the correct board, in the correct division and play with the correct color. Any player who comes late and/or sits at the incorrect board, for a match receives an automatic forfeit (lost point) **for that round**. Beginning times for rounds are approximate and may run early or late. Players must keep as quiet as possible on the tournament floor, as to not disturb other players. Players must not speak to anyone while their game is in process unless a Tournament Director (TD) is present. After the player has signed the result sheet at the finals, all signed result sheets are final.
7. Between each of the **5 rounds**, the names of the individual winners will be entered into the computer to form new pairs. The players will leave the room after each round. Between rounds, the players may practice strategies, play a practice round, or receive instructions from their coach. Once the new pairs are created, the pairing list will be posted; coaches will review the list and encourage players to enter the play area promptly, and players will take their seats and begin the next round.
8. **CHESS Facilitators nor Parents are allowed in the playing area during competition.** During the tournament, questions and comments should be submitted to the Tournament Coordinator. Only Title I Staff Members may approach the computer area.
9. Pictures may be taken during the first 10 minutes of the second or last round. Each participant must sign a Model Release Form. This form will be collected at the registration table.
10. The Title I Administration CHESS District Championship will consist of **5 rounds** of 30 minutes each. A Tournament Director (TD) will verify the winner for each round. If there is a concern during a game, it is the Player's responsibility to raise his/her hand for a TD to resolve the issue before the players leave at the end of the round. The TD's resolution includes Players' inputs. **The TD's resolution is final.**
11. **Clocks and Time Control:** The time control is game – in for 30 minutes. **Title I CHESS players in grades 6 – 8, and 9 – 12 will utilize clocks.**
12. **Touch/Move:** If a player, intentionally, touches a piece on the chess board when it is his/her turn to move, this piece must be moved. It is illegal to touch a/an opponent's piece (s). By saying "Adjust", a player may adjust his/her piece (s) during his/her turn.
13. At the end of each round, Players are to remain seated and to leave their pieces in the final position until a Tournament Director (TD) verifies the results, initials, and circles the result sheets. Players must sign the result sheet while a TD is present. The players will reset their chess boards.
14. Awards and trophies will be awarded at the end of the CHESS District Championship – All sections: Trophies top 5 teams and top 5 individuals and a special recognition to the 1st Place District Championship CHESS Facilitator - All CHESS District Championship Participants will receive a medal for participation. Also, special recognition for Coach of the Year, school with the most parent participation, and most involved school administrator.
15. CHESS Facilitators must remain with their students until their students have been picked up by parent.
16. All CHESS Facilitators and Parents are expected to support the decisions of Title I Administration CHESS Staff in charge of the District Championship. Any participant; i.e., Facilitator, player, or parent that purposefully disregards and/or circumvents any of these District CHESS Championship rules, may cause disqualification of the school and or team from the District competition. Questions and comments are encouraged and may be addressed to Mrs. Elizabeth Tejada, Title I Administration, 5555 SW 93 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33165, or by School Mail at Code 9618.