

**ARTICLE 33****CHES**

- 33.1 CHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - The Chess Advisory Committee, an ad hoc advisory committee of the AIA Executive Board, shall be comprised of eight members consisting of the following:
- 33.1.1 State Executive Director of Arizona Chess Coaches Association (ACCA).
  - 33.1.2 State Recording Secretary of ACCA.
  - 33.1.3 State Treasurer of ACCA.
  - 33.1.4 State Newsletter Editor of ACCA.
  - 33.1.5 Regional Directors - Four Members.
- 33.2 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS** - Arizona State Chess Sponsors Association
- 33.2.1 Member schools of each Region will elect a Director who must be a certified teacher in an AIA member school. The term of office shall be two years.
  - 33.2.2 Upon recommendation of the ACCA and approval of the AIA Executive Board, a non-voting representative shall be selected from the Chess Association of Arizona, an affiliate of the U. S. Chess Federation, to serve as a consultant in the area of chess. The term of office shall be two years.
  - 33.2.3 The State Executive Director will be elected from the ACCA. The term of office shall be one year.
- 33.3 DUTIES OF OFFICERS**
- 33.3.1 It shall be the duty of the State Executive Director to supervise the administration of all phases of chess activity at the state level and preside at meetings of the ACCA.
  - 33.3.2 It shall be the duty of the Regional Director to supervise the administration of all phases of chess activity at Region tournaments, attend all meetings called by the State Executive Director, and forward all necessary information from the Regional Director to the State Executive Director.
- 33.4 PURPOSE** - To establish a framework, which will provide the opportunity for AIA members to participate in Region and State Chess Tournaments with the following educational values in mind:
- Provide the skills for playing chess.
  - Develop an appreciation for the game of chess.
  - Develop principles of self-discipline, logic and concentration for a lifelong carry-over activity.
- 33.5 MEMBERSHIP** - Any member school is eligible to participate in chess activities sponsored and sanctioned by the AIA.
- 33.6 ORGANIZATION** - The state will be divided into four regional areas. Any exception to this alignment must be recommended by the Arizona State Chess Sponsors Association (ACCA) Executive Committee and approved by the AIA Executive Board.

**33.7 FINANCES**

- 33.7.1 The State Treasurer shall be responsible for the accounting of all funds and records for all state-sponsored chess contests. The records shall be audited annually by the AIA.
- 33.7.2 The Regional Director shall be responsible for the accounting of all funds and records for all Region sponsored chess contests. These records shall be audited annually by the AIA.
- 33.7.3 As far as feasible, the cost of all regional and state contests shall be equitably distributed among the participating schools.

**33.8 ELIGIBILITY**

- 33.8.1 All students participating in chess contests sponsored by the AIA must meet domicile and academic requirements.
- 33.8.2 In order to compete in a tournament, each participating student must be at the tournament site at the start of the first round unless the tournament director is notified in advance by the student's coach.

**DETERMINATION:**

*Q: May a coach of the chess team be a non-certified person?*

*A: A coach of a chess team may be either a classified or certified person employed in that district. (Ex. Bd. 5/77)*

- 33.8.3 To be eligible to play in qualifiers for the State Team Tournament or the State Individual Chess Tournament, a player must play at least six games of AIA chess competition, varsity or junior varsity, within the Region or invitational tournament.

- 33.9 RULES** - Unless otherwise stated herein, the official rules for chess matches shall be those of the U.S. Chess Federation.

- 33.10 SEASON OF CHESS** - The season of practice is the school year and the season of competition shall begin the third weekend of August and conclude with the state individual tournament no later than the third weekend of December.

**33.11 SCHEDULES**

- 33.11.1 Each Region will develop its own schedule as provided for in the AIA Bylaws. Region schedules are recommended when feasible.
- 33.11.2 All Region schedules shall be in the AIA office 30 days prior to the first match.

**33.12 INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION**

- 33.12.1 Any school, regardless of Conference or membership classification, may compete with any other school in the state.
- 33.12.2 Competition is open to both boys and girls.
- 33.12.3 Teams shall consist of five players seeded on boards one through five. Junior varsity players will be seeded beginning with board six.
- 33.12.4 When a regular team member is declared unable to participate in his/her established position by the Tournament Director, that position shall be filled by advancing all team members below. When a player misses a round of a tournament, it will be handled within USCF rules.

A team member may be declared unable to participate by the Tournament Director when he/she has missed a round and is not present to participate at the start of the next round.

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When a player misses a round of a tournament in team competition, that position in the starting line-up will be filled by advancing each player one board spot and filling in board five with an alternate player. If a player, who has missed one or more rounds, returns to play in a subsequent round, that player will be placed in his/her original board position, and the alternate player will be dropped from board five and re-enter the alternate section. All of this must be arranged with the tournament director in advance, in accordance with USCF rules.

- 33.12.5 A current ranking board order must be presented by the sponsor at each interschool competition.
- 33.12.6 Composite teams should be ranked in order of rating and play "exhibition" for rating only unless the composite has three members from the same school.

### 33.13 RATINGS

- 33.13.1 ~~The individual player Thomas Rating System is a "closed" point system based on "400" for "new."~~ AIA chess ratings are based on the Thomas Rating System. Non-USCF new players to AIA chess start with a rating of 400. The Tournament Director may establish a more equitable rating if a new player has a USCF rating. The Coach and Region Director may establish a more equitable AIA rating if the AIA player has a "Current Published USCF Rating." The Coach may change any new AIA player's rating one time, to more clearly reflect that player's "Current Published USCF Rating." Prior to the start of each AIA season, the Coach may petition the Region Director for an adjustment to the AIA rating of any returning player based on that player's "Current Published USCF Rating." To make a rating change of a returning player, the Coach must submit USCF rating verification to the Region Director. The formula should be: the student's last published USCF rating ~~minus 200 divided by two times 4+125.~~ Provisional USCF ratings are not eligible. If two high school players agree to play their scheduled AIA game for a U.S.C.F. (U.S. Chess Federation) rating, they must make their request in writing to a U.S.C.F. Tournament Director at the tournament site before the start of the round. The players' U.S.C.F. rated game will not affect AIA pairings or results. No player rating shall fall below "300" which is established as the "Floor Rating" for all AIA players.
- 33.13.2 Individual player ratings shall be updated prior to each major tournament.
- 33.13.3 All team members are to be placed in board order according to ratings and must play in that order throughout the tournament. Players may be out of rating order by the following points:

August/September/October 75  
October/November/December 50

### 33.14 TOURNAMENTS - STATE / INTER-REGIONAL / INVITATIONAL

- 33.14.1 Dates and Sites
- 33.14.1.1 The time, dates and sites for the regional qualifying tournament and the state tournament will be recommended by the ACCA Committee and approved by the AIA Executive Board.
- 33.14.1.2 A schedule of recommended chess tournaments for the following school year shall be submitted to the AIA by the ACCA Committee no later than August 1.
- 33.14.1.3 A school desiring to host a tournament for the following school year shall apply to the ACCA Executive Committee by May 1.
- 33.14.1.4 In recommending a tournament(s), the ACCA Executive Committee will consider regional areas.
- 33.14.1.5 The state individual and team tournaments must be concluded by the third weekend in December.
- 33.14.2 Registration Fees and Records
- 33.14.2.1 Registration fees shall be recommended by the ACCA Committee and approved by the AIA Executive Board.

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33.14.2.2 Permanent records shall be maintained for team and individual results.

33.14.3 Match and League Regulations

33.14.3.1 Schedule - ACCA recommends the scheduling of quadrangular chess matches to be held on Saturdays.

Dual matches need not be cleared with the AIA, but must be submitted in writing to a Regional Director and postmarked prior to the match.

33.14.3.2 Limitations - No school shall be involved in more than 12 Saturdays of competition, excluding the state tournament.

33.14.3.3 Leagues - Leagues must be formed within a Region.

33.14.3.3.1 ACCA recommends a home-away schedule to count for League Championships or a league meet format.

33.14.3.3.2 Trophies may be awarded for League Championships and runner-up.

33.14.3.3.3 If trophies are to be awarded, the League must be assessed the expense equally and the monies collected and disbursed by the Regional Director or his/her assistant.

33.14.3.4 Match Play Regulations - No adjudications shall be made.

33.14.3.4.1 Time Control - Game to be 75 minutes total "for each player", 70 minutes with a five second time delay clock.

USCF sudden-death rules shall apply during the last five minutes of time control.

33.14.3.4.2 Tie-Break Systems Order

- Team Tie-Breaks - U. S. Team System. For each round, the final score of the opposing team is multiplied by the number of points scored against that team. For example; if Team A scores 3.5:1.5 against Team B, which finished with three match points, Team A's tie-breaks for that round is  $3.5 \times 3 = 10.5$  for that round. If a composite team is in the tournament, calculate team tie-breaks by multiplying the total team tie-breaks by the number of rounds versus non-composite teams.
- Game (or match) points.
- Average of the opponents' initial rating.
- The tie-break system for individual board awards at a team tournament, the first average opponent progressive ratings, second average opponents opening round ratings.

33.14.3.4.3 Team Discipline - Only coaches can notify Directors of a line change.

- Teams must identify members by colored name tags with number, by dress, or uniform.
- Tournament Directors may penalize a team for undue noise by deducting three tie-break points after the first warning. A second penalty action will be five additional tie-break points. The third penalty is the forfeiture of one game point. The fourth penalty will be team disqualification.

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33.14.3.4.4 Individual Tournament Tie-Breaks

- ~~Cumulative.~~ Modified Median
- ~~Weighted Solkoff. Disregard opponents with lowest score.~~
- Average of the opponents' ~~progressive ratings~~ Initial rating.
- Solkoff.

33.14.3.4.5 Team Tie-Breaks In Individual Tournaments

- Game points of a team's top five finishing players.
- Cumulative game points of a team's top five finishing players.
- Total cumulative game point totals of the opponents of a team's top five finishing players.
- Final total rating points of the opponents of a team's top five finishing players.

33.14.4 Invitational Tournaments

33.14.4.1 There shall be at least one team swiss-paired and at least one individual swiss-paired Open (Inter-Regional) Invitational Tournament per school year.

33.14.4.2 Each Region is limited to one open invitational per school year.

33.14.4.3 Dates for open invitationals shall be Friday evenings and Saturdays between September 10 to November 10 – rotating basis.

33.14.4.4 Regions may have closed (intra-regional) invitationals; entry fees/awards must meet ACCA/AIA criteria.

33.14.4.4.1 If an out-of-state or out-of-region team is needed to bring the tournament to a minimum of eight teams, an appeal may be made to the ACCA Executive Committee.

33.14.4.4.2 If a region starts its season with a closed individual tournament, there shall be two sections:

- Open: Any varsity player or anyone 400 or over.
- Reserve: Any new player or anyone under 400.

33.14.4.5 Official Protests At ACCA Tournaments - The Tournament Director may be advised by an ACCA Ad Hoc Committee of any three members selected from: ACCA Executive Officers, Regional Director at the tournament site, Tournament Registrar (host).

33.14.4.5.1 In the event one or two of the above possible committee members are involved in the protest, the remaining members shall be selected from the ACCA Regional Officers in tournament attendance.

33.14.5 State Tournament Rules - Team

33.14.5.1 Each school must have an organized program in chess.

33.14.5.2 A team must play in at least six match games within the Region of AIA competition in order to be eligible to participate in a qualifier or state tournament.

33.14.5.3 Preregistration for the five-member team with three alternates postmarked by the Monday prior to the regionals on Saturday.

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- 33.14.5.4 Teams must be accompanied by their sponsors to verify line-ups and/or substitutions.
- 33.14.5.5 Regional tournament play is to qualify the 16 teams for the state finals.
- 33.14.5.5.1 The top two teams from each Region shall be invited to the state tournament.
- 33.14.5.5.2 Eight at-large teams will also qualify for the state tournament. These teams will be prorated on the basis of the total number of teams participating in a full season of regional play.
- A full season shall be at least six matches within the Region, to be completed by December 1. A team playing fewer than six matches shall count as a proportional fraction.
  - The total number of teams participating in the state finals will be 16.
- 33.14.5.5.3 If a Region plays a round-robin season schedule, selection of teams qualifying for the state tournament may be based on the ranking from the season schedule play.
- 33.14.5.5.4 The AIA Executive Board shall determine the dates and sites of inter-regional and state tournaments.
- 33.14.5.5.5 Opening round pairings in the State Team Tournament will be by the rating system. Subsequent rounds will pair teams of equal score groups by team entering ratings, following USCF (Harkness) pairing rules.
- 33.14.5.6 The State Team Tournament will be hosted by the school in each Region which placed the highest in the previous state tournament according to the following schedule:

2002	-	Region III	2007	-	Region I
2003	-	Region I	2008	-	Region II
2004	-	Region II	2009	-	Region IV
2005	-	Region IV	2010	-	Region III
2006	-	Region III			

33.14.6 State Tournament Rules - Individual

- 33.14.6.1 Each individual must have completed at least six games of competition, varsity or junior varsity, within the Region or invitational tournament\_during the school year in order to qualify for the Regional Individual Tournament.
- 33.14.6.2 Individuals must be accompanied by their sponsors to verify board positions.
- 33.14.6.3 The Regional Individual Tournament will be a swiss-style individual of a least three rounds.
- 33.14.6.4 Pairings will seed the players by the rating system following U.S.C.F. (Harkness) pairing rules.
- 33.14.6.4.1 Each Region will send its top six scorers to the state tournament.
- 33.14.6.4.2 Twenty-four (24) at-large entrants will qualify for the State Individual Tournament.
- 33.14.6.4.3 The number of at-large entrants for each region in the state AIA Individual Chess Tournament will be calculated by that region's percentage of the combined regions' total number of entrants in the four regional AIA individual qualifiers in calculating which percentage of the twenty-four (24) at-large berths each region receives, rounded off to the next nearest whole number. In case of a tie, the higher rated entrant will qualify.

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33.14.6.4.4 If the prorating involves a decimal rounding-up problem, those Regions which send the most teams to the state tournament will get an extra man consideration.

33.14.6.5 The State Individual Tournament will be a 48-entry, swiss-style individual of six rounds.

33.14.6.6 The host school for the State Individual Tournament will be the highest ranking school in the scheduled Region from the state team finals of the previous year.

33.14.6.6.1 The scheduled Regions will be rotated in the following order:

2004	-	Region IV
2005	-	Region III
2006	-	Region I
2007	-	Region II
2008	-	Region IV
2009	-	Region III
2010	-	Region I
2011	-	Region II

33.14.6.6.2 This rotation sequence shall continue in subsequent years. In the event the scheduled school no longer has a chess program, the host school will be the next highest-ranking school in the same scheduled Region.

### 33.14.7 Awards

#### 33.14.7.1 Regional and State Team

33.14.7.1.1 Plaques will be awarded to each Region Champion.

33.14.7.1.2 Regional Champion team members will receive certificates.

33.14.7.1.3 A certificate will be awarded to the top board player at the regional tournament.

33.14.7.1.4 Trophies will be awarded to the first and second place teams in the state tournament.

33.14.7.1.5 The school of the State Championship Team shall be awarded custody of the Stokes Memorial Traveling Trophy in accordance with the will of Mr. Stokes, the donor.

33.14.7.1.6 Medals will be awarded to team members of the first and second place teams.

33.14.7.1.7 Certificates will be awarded to the top board players at the state tournament.

#### 33.14.7.2 Regional and State Individual

33.14.7.2.1 Medals will be awarded to the top four players in each Region.

33.14.7.2.2 Certificates will be awarded to all at-large entrants who play in the state tournament.

33.14.7.2.3 Trophies will be awarded to the State Champion and to the runner-up. Medals will be presented to the third, fourth and fifth place individuals.

**“There is a correlation  
between sustained effort and  
success.”**

- Keith Baker