

GATEWAY CHESS LEAGUE 2007-2008 RULES

SECTION 1 – ADMINISTRATION

- 1.0 The president is the chief organizer of the league.
 - 1.01 The president is elected by a majority of faculty moderators present at the annual meeting for a term of two years.
 - 1.02 The president shall chair the annual meeting of faculty moderators during September or October
 - 1.03 The president has the authority to issue necessary directives, and is the final authority on rulings.
 - 1.04 The league shall be affiliated with the United States Chess Federation.
- 1.1 The vice president is the chief assistant to the president.
 - 1.11 The vice-president is elected by a majority of faculty moderators present at the annual meeting for a term of two years.
 - 1.12 The vice president shall assume the duties of the president in the event that the president is unable to perform such duties.
 - 1.13 The vice president shall serve as the primary consultative assistant to the president.
 - 1.14 The vice president shall perform administrative duties as directed by the president.
- 1.2 The secretary is the recording officer for the league.
 - 1.21 The secretary is elected by a majority of faculty moderators present at the annual meeting for a term of two years.
 - 1.22 The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings for the annual meeting and any additional meetings scheduled by the president.
 - 1.23 The secretary shall present at each meeting a copy of the previous minutes of the previous meeting to those members in attendance.
 - 1.24 The secretary shall assist the president in the preparation and posting of meeting agendas.
 - 1.25 The secretary shall assist the president in the preparation, posting and mailing of league correspondence.
 - 1.26 The secretary shall maintain a regularly updated mailing list for the league.
 - 1.27 The secretary shall maintain a list of the league's standing committees.
- 1.3 The treasurer is the fiscal officer for the league.
 - 1.31 The treasurer is elected by a majority of faculty moderators present at the annual meeting for a term of two years.
 - 1.32 The treasurer shall maintain a record of all league expenses and league income.
 - 1.33 The treasurer, when available, shall assist in the completion of a tournament accounting sheet at league sponsored tournaments.
 - 1.34 The treasurer shall present a detailed report at the annual meeting.
 - 1.35 The treasurer shall maintain the league checking account and make payments as directed by the president and the vice-president.

SECTION 2 – MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 Schools in the metropolitan Saint Louis area are eligible to apply for membership.
- 2.2 The membership fee is \$100 per year for a school senior high league team, \$100 per year for a school junior high league team, \$150 per year for both a school senior high league team and a school junior high league team. The late fee for senior high league team registration is \$25.
- 2.3 Member schools may each designate one voting member to represent the school at the annual meeting.

SECTION 3 – ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Players in grades nine through twelve, who attend the same school, are eligible to play on the senior high league team.
- 3.2 Players in kindergarten through grade nine, who attend the same school, are eligible to play on a junior high league team.
- 3.3 Players who change schools become ineligible for the remainder of the current season. The president may declare a player, who changes schools, eligible if the faculty moderator furnishes sufficient reason for the change of schools.

SECTION 4 – SCHEDULES

- 4.1 The president shall divide the schools into conferences and make the senior high league schedule and the junior high league schedule.

SECTION 5 – MATCHES

- 5.1 A senior high league match consists of five games, played by five different players from a school. A junior high league match consists of four sets of two games, played by four different players from a school.
- 5.2 All matches shall be played on school grounds, unless a difference place is acceptable to both faculty moderators.
- 5.3 Senior high league matches shall be played on Wednesday, and junior high league matches shall be played on Thursdays.
- 5.4 Senior high league matches shall begin at 4:00 unless a different time is acceptable to both moderators.
- 5.5 Matches may be postponed only for legitimate reasons such as school holidays, student examinations or emergencies such as inclement weather. The president shall be notified immediately of postponements.
- 5.6 Postponed matches shall be played the first Monday following the postponement that both schools are in session.
- 5.7 Except in the cases of emergencies, faculty moderators must notify opponent faculty moderators of postponements one week prior to the date of the match. The president shall forfeit matches of teams who do not follow postponement guidelines.
- 5.8 In senior high league matches, the visiting team plays white on board one, board three and board five. In senior high league playoff matches, the home team moderator shall flip a coin. If the result is heads, then the home team plays white on board one, board three and board five. In all junior high league matches, a selected team plays white in the first game, and then black in the second game.
- 5.9 Games between extra players are encouraged.

SECTION 6 – INDIVIDUAL SCORING

- 6.1 In senior high league matches, the board one winner earns eight individual points, the board two winner earns seven individual points, the board three winner earns six individual points, the board four winner earns five points and the board five winner earns four points; and in cases of draws, both players earn one-half of the indicated individual points.
- 6.2 In junior high league matches, each player earns one point for each won game, and one-half point for each drawn game.
- 6.3 A team with less than the required number of players must forfeit the lowest boards.

SECTION 7 – TEAM SCORING

- 7.1 The team score is the sum of the individual scores. The team that earns the most individual points is the match winner, and earns one match point. In cases where both teams earn equal individual points, the match is tied and both teams earn one-half match point.
- 7.2 If a school withdraws from competition, matches played shall be considered nonconference matches and shall not be considered in determining standings.
- 7.3 The conference champion is the school that scores the most team points.

SECTION 8 – PLAYOFFS

- 8.1 At the end of the season, the president shall invite eight or more senior high league teams to the senior high league playoffs.
- 8.2 The senior high league playoff winner is the senior high league champion.

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

- 9.1 The president shall determine the number of individual and team awards.

SECTION 10 – COMMUNICATION

- 10.1 Both faculty moderators are responsible for telephoning match results to the designated statistician the day of the match.
- 10.2 Both faculty moderators are responsible for match result forms, including extra game results and roster additions, to the designated statistician immediately after the match.
- 10.3 Both faculty moderators are responsible for informing the president when matches are postponed and rescheduled.

SECTION 11 – RULES OF PLAY

- 11.1 The most recent edition of OFFICIAL RULES OF CHESS, as published by the United States Chess Federation, are the rules of play except as herein modified.

SECTION 12 – RULES OF COURTESY

- 12.1 Only players and faculty moderators are allowed in the playing area.
- 12.2 Talking, noise making, crude language and profanity are prohibited.
- 12.3 Faculty moderators are responsible for enforcing the rules of chess and the rules of courtesy.
 - 12.31 If rules violations occur, then both faculty moderators shall confer, concur and enforce penalties as outlined in the OFFICIAL RULES OF CHESS.
 - 12.32 If faculty moderators concur, then players must abide by the decision. Players who challenge the decision shall forfeit all games in question.
 - 12.33 If faculty moderators cannot concur, then each faculty moderator must describe the situation in writing, mail the description the president immediately.
 - 12.34 After reading both descriptions, the president shall make a ruling.
- 12.4 Rules that do not involve the official rules of chess may be amended by mutual consent of the faculty moderators involved in a particular match.

SECTION 13 – FORFEITS

- 13.1 Schools that forfeit more than twenty percent of the scheduled games in one season shall be placed on probation for one year. Schools that forfeit more than twenty percent of their games while on probation shall be suspended from league play for one year.
- 13.2 Schools that forfeit more than forty percent of their games in one season shall be suspended from league play for one year.
- 13.3 Appeals concerning probation and suspension shall be addressed to the president.

SECTION 14 – TOURNAMENTS

- 14.1 The league shall sponsor the MISSOURI SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, and other tournaments approved by the faculty moderators.
- 14.2 Home schooled players shall represent their local public school in tournament competitions when local guidelines permit them to participate as a member of the school in extracurricular activities. Home schooled players from districts that do not permit such participation shall be allowed to form teams under their local Home School Association. All members of a home school team must reside within the same local public school boundaries.
- 14.3 A tournament accounting sheet, listing all tournament income and expenditures, shall be completed at each tournament and signed by the tournament director and one of the league officers. The league treasurer shall keep a record of such.