

Saint Louis Chess Club / Demetrious Johnson Scholastic Chess League Rules 2018-2019

SECTION I – ADMINISTRATION

- Tony Chen of the Saint Louis Chess Club is the chief commissioner of the league
- The commissioner has the final authority on rulings

SECTION II – ELIGIBILITY

- 8 schools will be admitted to play in the 2018-2019 chess season
- Players in grades one through twelve, who attend the same school, are eligible to play on the same league team
- Players on the chess team must maintain a grade of C average or above.
- Each school team must have a minimum of 5 players, and a maximum of 10 players
- Each school must have a traveling team that consists of at most 5 players. Each player will play for official points.

SECTION III – CHESS LEAGUE SCHEDULES

- The commissioner shall provide a schedule of league matches for the schools participating before the beginning of the season
- The regular season will consist of round robin matches between all of the schools. So each school will play against every other school once.
- After the regular season matches, playoffs will take place to determine the champion

SECTION IV – CHESS LEAGUE MATCHES

- A league match consists of five games, played by five different players from a school.
- All matches shall be played on school grounds, unless a different place is acceptable to both parties
- League matches shall be played on Tuesdays
- League matches shall begin at 4:00 PM unless a different time is acceptable to both parties

- Matches may be postponed only for legitimate reasons such as school holidays, student examinations or emergencies such as inclement weather. The commissioner shall be notified immediately of postponements.
- Postponed matches shall be scheduled by the commissioner to fit both party's existing schedule.
- In league matches, the visiting team plays white on board one, board three and board five.
- Coaches of each team must submit their five board lineup 24 hours prior to each match
- The time control is game in 30 minutes

SECTION V – CHESS LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL SCORING

- In chess league matches, the board one winner earns 7 individual points, the board two winner earns 6 points, the board three winner earns 5 points, the board four winner earns 4 points and the board five winner earns 3 points; and in cases of draws, both players earn one-half of the indicated individual points.
- A team with less than the required number of players must forfeit the lowest boards.

SECTION VI – CHESS LEAGUE TEAM SCORING

- 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.
- If a school withdraws from the league, every effort will be made to replace with another school. If that is not possible, then the league will continue with the remaining schools.

SECTION VII – CHESS LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

- The league playoffs will be a single elimination tournament
- After the end of regular season, each school will be seeded according to regular season team points, then be placed in a single elimination playoff bracket
- The winner of the playoffs will be the Chess League Champion

SECTION VIII – RULES OF COURTESY

- Talking, noise making, crude language and profanity are prohibited.
- Moderators are responsible for enforcing the rules of chess and the rules of courtesy
- If rules violations occur, then both faculty moderators shall confer, concur and enforce penalties as outlined in the OFFICIAL RULES OF CHESS
- If faculty moderators cannot concur on a decision, then each faculty moderator must contact the commissioner immediately to receive a ruling

AWARDS

- Awards for the 2018-2019 Chess League Season are as follows:
 - ★ 1st Place Team
 - ★ 2nd Place Team
 - ★ 3rd Place Team
 - ★ Playoff MVP
 - ★ Player Of The Year
 - ★ Coach Of The Year
 - ★ All-Select Chess Team