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13 SECTION I: The California Chess State Scholastic Championships<BR>
14 </B>1.1 The Championships should be held, whenever possible, the first weekend
15 of April or as close to said date as possible. <BR>
16 1.2 Bids for the Tournament should be presented to the CalChess Scholastic Chair
17 as soon after the current year's Championships, but no later than the end of
18 April, and the Scholastic Chair will make his recommendations for Board approval
19 at the next CalChess Board after the submission deadline. If no bids are received,
20 or none are acceptable to the Board, the process may be reopened. <BR>
21 1.3 The Championships shall have a K-12 Championship (High School), K-8 Championship
22 (Junior High School), K-6 Championship (Elementary School), K-3 Championship
23 (Primary School) and Kindergarten Section. At least one section should be available
24 in each of these divisions for players whose ratings may not merit competition
25 in the Championship divisions with the exception of the Kindergarten section.<BR>
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27 <B>SECTION II: General Regulations<BR>
28 </B>2.1 The United States Chess Federation's Rule Book establishes the regulations
29 for this tournament. The Scholastic Committee has supplemented those rules with
30 the following:<BR>
31 2.1.1 No interference in any individual's game<BR>
32 2.1.2 No disruption of the tournament either inside or outside of the playing
33 rooms.<BR>
34 2.1.3 No entering the computer/Tournament Director area without permission from
35 the Director. The only individuals allowed in this area are the directors and
36 the liaisons for the tournament.<BR>
37 2.1.4 Any question about the tournament-pairings, placement, seeding, location-should
38 be directed to a TD, preferably the Chief TD. The appropriate TD will return
39 with an answer and if need be a resolution to the question at a designated area
40 outside the computer room<BR>
41 2.1.5 The Chief TD, the organizer or the CalChess President (or his or her
42 designee) may expel from the site anyone who violates the rules. The Chief
43 TD, the organizer or the CalChess President (or his or her designee) must recuse
44 themselves from any such action if they have players or a team in the competition
45 that could benefit from the action. An appeal by the player, parent or
46 coach to his/her removal may be heard by a committee headed by the Chief TD
47 and of two other
48 &nbsp; TD's that were not part of the original decision.&nbsp; The committee
49 should try to hear the appeal before the next round and at the latest before
50 the end of that round. No player, parent or coach will be expelled until the
51 appeal is decided.<BR>
52 2.2 Half-point byes will be available for one round, if requested with an advanced
53 entry. 0 point byes shall be available for all rounds. No half-point byes will
54 be available for the last round.<BR>
55 2.3 Players registering the day of the event might not be paired for the first
56 round and might not be eligible to receive the one half-point bye points.<BR>
57 2.4 No section changes may be made for players after the announced check-in
58 time, except for errors made by the organizing and/or TD staff. <BR>
59 2.5 All substitutions or section changes at check-in should be made the day
60 before the first round. Changes made after that may be subject to a late fee
61 equal to the early registration fee being levied, with the exception of errors
62 made by the organizing or TD staff. <BR>
63 2.6 Players from the same school will not be paired together unless more than
64 half of the players in a score group are from the same school.<BR>
65 2.7 The recognized forms of notation are algebraic and descriptive.<BR>
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66 2.8 Recording of chess notation is required in the K-6 Championship sections
67 of all sections of the Junior High/Middle School and the High School.

68 2.9 Although strongly encouraged, the recording of chess notation is not
69 required in the non-championship sections of the Elementary nor any of the
70 Primary school sections grades K-3. However, those not keeping score give up
71 the right to claim time forfeitures in the primary time control or draws requiring
72 the corroboration of a score sheet.

73 2.10 Specially designed large scoresheets must be available for the K-6 sections.
74 Scoresheets may be printed in the tournament program booklet.

75 2.11 Any individual, who because of religious conviction, cannot record or use
76 a clock at the tournament has the right to have a designated individual record
77 the moves and punch the clock. However, a request for this exception must be
78 submitted in writing at least two weeks prior to the championships in order
79 for the organizer to find a qualified person to notate and work the clock.

80 2.12 A playoff will be held on the Saturday following the Championships if there
81 is a tie in the High School Section for the representative from CalChess to
82 the Denker Tournament. Tournament time controls and rules will apply for the
83 playoff. Any contender not showing for the playoff will forfeit the chance to
84 represent CalChess at the Denker Tournament of State High School Champions.

85 2.13 The tournament organizer has the right to immediately expel any player
86 using a site telephone (pay or otherwise) without a monitor or a TD. However,
87 this disciplinary action should appear on the application and in the program
88 and must be posted at all telephone banks.

89 2.14 The Primary sections of the event must be closed to everyone except the
90 players and tournament staff (always be prepared to restrict access when necessary).
91 Relatives and coaches of players are not allowed to serve as volunteers in the
92 same section as participating players.

93 2.15 The organizer may close off other sections of the championship.

94 2.16 Opposing players must fill out and sign the result form indicating the
95 result of the game. A TD will pick up the form at the board.

96 2.17 Announcements may only be made prior to the start of each round.

97 2.18 Late arrival forfeits will occur 30 minutes from the announced round start
98 time or 15 minutes from the actual start time, whichever is later. This information
99 must be included on the flyer for the tournament.

100 2.19 Photography using cameras with flash or audible shutters is restricted
101 to the first five minutes of each round. The tournament organizer may assign
102 a staff photographer who can take photographs at anytime as long as they are
103 silent and unobtrusive.

104 2.20 At the CalChess State Scholastic Championships the analog clocks have preference
105 in all sections. Both players can agree to use a digital clock.
106 All other U.S. Chess Federation regulations applying to clock use must be followed.

108 <P>SECTION III: ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

109 3.1 Individual and team titles may be won only by Northern California residents.
110 Any scholastic player or team can win the place trophies.

111 3.2 All players must be U.S. Chess Federation members and all non-school Clubs
112 must be registered with the USCF.

113 3.3 Age requirements: the following ages are as of January 1 of the year of
114 competition:

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	K-9: Under age 16 	
	High School: 	

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133 <TD WIDTH="50%">Kindergarten: under age 7

134 1st Grade: Under age 8

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136 3rd Grade: Under age 10

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138 5th Grade: Under age 12

139 6th Grade: Under age 13

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148 <p>3.4 The February USCF rating supplement will be used for any State Championship
149 held before April 15.

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151 SECTION IV: TEAM REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOLASTIC EVENTS

152 4.1 Each school may enter only one team per section.

153 4.2 To play as a School Team, all players must be enrolled as full-time students
154 at the school they are representing. No combined schools are allowed.

155 4.3 Home-taught students may only compete for or as a USCF registered club.
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157 4.4 A school is defined as having one name, under one principal, director
158 or equivalent, in one building or connected adjacent buildings
159 or on one campus..

160 4.41 Example 1: A school district (K-12) may be incorporated under one
161 name, in one school, with one principal. Its K-6 students may play for that
162 school's elementary, Junior High/Middle School and high school teams, while
163 its grades 7-9 students may play for its Junior High/Middle School and high
164 school teams.

165 4.42 Example 2: A school district may house certain grade levels (K-6,
166 7-9, etc.) in separate schools with different principals. Its students may represent
167 only the grade level/s covered by their particular school.

168 4.5 A School Team must contain a minimum of two players from the same school
169 to be eligible for team prizes.

170 4.6 School Team or non-school Club size is unlimited, but only the top 4 scores
171 count in the State Championships and top 3 in the Grade Level..

172 4.7 The Coach is responsible for assuring that all of his players are properly
173 registered as members of his School Team or Club.

174 4.8 USCF Scholastic Affiliate Membership is encouraged for all schools.

175 4.9 The tournament organizer may offer Club as well as School Team awards.

176 4.91 If more than two players from the same school are competing in the same
177 section they must constitute a School Team. The third school player and all
178 others in that section will have no say in their being designated part of the
179 School Team.

180 4.92 Players cannot compete for both a Club and a School Team.

181 4.93 No additions or corrections to Club rosters can be made after the second
182 round unless it is the removal of a qualified School Team player as noted in
183 4.91 above.

184 4.10 No School Team or Club award can be given for the combined points of the
185 Clubs or School Teams in more than one division/section.

186 4.11 No School Team or Club award will be given in the Kindergarten section.

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188 SECTION V: TIE-BREAKS

189 5.1 Computer programs are now used to determine pairings, standings and
190 tie-breaks.

191 5.2 If tie-breaks are done by hand, they should be calculated at the end of
192 the next-to-last-round. Careful preparation for manually calculating tie-breaks
193 is necessary, even when using a computer.

194 5.3 All players tied for first place are considered co-winners, but trophies
195 will be awarded based on tie-breaks. Only the winners of a championship section

