

COLORADO SPRINGS SCHOLASTIC CHESS SERIES (CSSCS) RULES

- A) **ELIGIBILITY:** A player must compete in at least 4 of the seven events to be eligible for a prize. This encourages participation.
- B) **SCORING:** The first scoring criteria for all trophies and prizes is total accumulated points from all played events. This is a straight number and is not pro-rated in any way.
- C) **TIE-BREAKS:** In the event of tied scores at series end, tie-breaks will determine prize winners. The following rules describe the tie-breaking system used.
- C1) The first tie-break is total number of events played. The player who played in the **MOST** events to achieve score wins. This is to encourage and reward participation.
- C2) The second tie-break is grade. The player in the **LOWEST** grade wins. This rewards the player with the least experience (presumably).
- C3) The third and final tie-break is final event finish. The player who placed highest in the final event wins.
- D) **MULTIPLE SECTION PLAYERS :** Some players compete in multiple sections. Sometimes this is a result of “playing up” with an older group, or from players becoming rated.
- D1) Players who “play up” will have scores accumulated from different sections. The scores of such players will be applied to the section where the **MAJORITY** of his/her games were played. If an equal number of games were played in each section, the score will be applied in the section where it gives the player the **LESSER** prize. This results in less prize impact on other players . This also discourages players from trying to create a score to apply selectively and advantageously at the last event.
- D2) Players who become **RATED** will have their scores applied to wherever the majority of their games were played as in D1.
- D2a) Players who play in the series as **UNRATED** players but become rated prior to the final event to play in the Colorado State Scholastic Championship, will be allowed to complete the series in the **UNRATED** division. While such players are encouraged to play **RATED** in the last event(s), it is not mandatory as such a decision could be construed as penalizing players for playing in the State Championship.

D2a1) Players who play in rated events OTHER than the Colorado State Scholastic Championship prior to the final event DO NOT receive the exemption in D2a and must play rated.

E) PRIZES: Players who meet eligibility requirements outlined in A) and who's scores are sufficient will be awarded SERIES PRIZES.

E1) EQUIPMENT PRIZES: Players finishing 1-5 in each division (k-3 RATED; 4-6 RATED; 7-12 Rated; k-3 UNRATED; 4-6 UNRATED; 7-12 UNRATED) will receive equipment prizes. These prizes will vary from season to season. These prizes consist of such things as Chess Clocks, Boards, Sets, Carry Bags, and other chess accessories. All sections will receive the same, or equal, prizes. Prizes are warranted by original manufacturer, but we stand behind our awards and take reasonable steps to solve any problems.

E2) SERIES TROPHIES: Players finishing 1-5 in each division will receive SERIES TROPHIES.

E2a) GRADE LEVEL TROPHIES : Eligible players of a section who are the top scorers in their grade who DO NOT place in the top 5 of the division win a GRADE LEVEL TROPHY. Tie-breaks for GRADE LEVEL TROPHIES are the same as all other awards.

E3) SERIES COMPLETION: All players who complete the tour and play in ALL SEVEN EVENTS will receive an award.

E4) SPECIAL AWARDS: Special awards are the sole discretion of the organizers and may be given arbitrarily. Graduation, sportsmanship, improvement, courage, are examples of possible reasons for such awards. In short, actions that reflect the ideals the CSSCS stands for may well be recognized.

The above rules have been carefully created to be clear, simple, and equitable. Great care has also been taken to implement rules that are difficult to manipulate or "loop-hole". Suggestions are always welcome. Explanations of these rules and motivations for them are always given. Final ruling on any dispute or disagreement is reserved by the organizer.