



So you want a chess team to represent your AIA affiliated High school.

Q1: Is my high school AIA affiliated?

A1: Nearly all public high schools as well as most established private or charter high schools in Arizona are. Check with your school's athletic director if you are uncertain.

Q2: How many chess players do I need to have to participate?

A2: Even one player can play, but it takes three to make an official team. Five is a complete team. If you have less than three or more than five, those players will play in the alternate section as opposed to the varsity section.

Q3: What rules guide AIA chess?

A3: You may search the AIA website for "article 33 chess" to find all the rules and regulations that AIA chess works under.

Q4: What kind of equipment will we need and how much does it cost?

A4: By contacting the State Director or your sectional director, you can get tips on what to purchase and where to get the best deals. A team can start up with sufficient equipment for under \$200.

Q5: Who are the state and sectional chess directors and how do I contact them?

A5: section 1(northern AZ) is Jeff Robinson of Blue Ridge High School

Section 2 (Western Phoenix) is Barry Wilder of Alahambra High School

Section 3 (Eastern Phoenix) is Douglas Taysom of Tempe High School

Section 4 (Tucson and southern AZ) is Rene Ramirez of Rio Rico High School

Section 5 (Yuma and surrounding area) Matt Osborne of Yuma High School

State Director is Mojo Krup of McClintock High School mkrup@tuhsd.k12.az.us 480-839-4222

Q6: When does the chess season start and end?

A6: Chess runs parallel to football in the fall. The schedules for each region are posted on the AIA website and you can contact your section director or State director for guidance. Generally speaking, the first tournament is within the first few weeks of school so you will need to start forming your team and contacting the regional director within the first week of school starting in the fall. You can, of course, begin at any time but the official season starts very soon after school starts

If you have any more questions, contact your sectional directors or the state director

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