

## **CYO of Long Island Chess**

### **Rules and Organizational Matters**

**Grade Level:** There will be three divisions by grade level and two sub-levels – Experienced and Beginner/Some Experience – within each division:

3rd and 4<sup>th</sup> grade (referenced as 4<sup>th</sup> grade);

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade (referenced as 6<sup>th</sup> grade);

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade (referenced as 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

#### **Tournament**

**Format:** Every attempt will be made to have children compete based on their aptitude.

Each player will play 6 games of chess per tournament.

In the beginning of a game, each player will roll the dice and the player with the highest number will make the determination if they are black or white. White will make the first move.

**Player Rankings:** Players should be ranked by the coaches.

Players that have played CYO Chess and qualified for the Final Tournament in prior years, is an Experienced player.

Players that have played chess competitively for at least two years should be qualified as an Experienced player.

Players that are just learning to play chess for the first time or have less than two years of experience should be classified as Beginner/Some Experience.

CYO reserves the right to change player rank designations based on performance.

**Time per Game:** Each game will be played with the clock set at 8:00 minutes. The player must start and stop the clock using the same hand that is used to move the pieces on the board.

Point Scoring: The winner of every game receives one point.

For the six qualifying tournaments, draws are worth ½ of a point.

Losses are worth NO points

In the CYO Final Championship Tournament - there are no draws. In a “draw” situation, each player should look at the pieces that they have captured and count the total points scored based on the following scoring:

Pawns: 1 point

Knight or Bishop: 3 points

Rook: 5 points:

Queen: 9 points

The player with the highest point score wins the game and receives one point.

In the event of a tie, then the players roll the dice and the highest dice score gets the win and the one point.

Moderator

Review: At the end of a game, the winning player should raise their hand and a tournament moderator will confirm the win.

The winner should report the win to the CYO Tournament Moderator.

Final

Tournament: At the end of the tournament season, players that competed in a minimum of 4 tournaments will be eligible to play in the Final Championship Tournament. The top 8 players in each sub-level of each division with the highest score tally based on the top 4 scores tallied in the six (6) tournament season.

Undeclared

King in Check:

In the event that a situation arises where a player's King is in Check, but the opposing player has not declared that the King is in Check, and the game continues, only for a player to realize after the fact that the King was/is in Check, then the game is ended right away and the game is recorded as a Draw.

En passant  
and Castling:

It is expected that all players know the rules associated with En passant and Castling.

Limit to number  
of moves:

Our practice has been to NOT limit the number of moves per player to 25 moves.

What constitutes  
a move:

A player will have completed a move when his/her hand is released from holding the chess piece and the chess piece is settled at the new location on the chess board.