

POLICY BOARD MINUTES

Minutes prepared by Elliott Neff, Secretary of the WSECC Policy Board

April 17th, 2007

5:43pm – meeting start on Skype with all except John Rader present...

Minutes approved from previous meeting.

Continuing discussion on item D...

Proposed and passed unanimously: Create 3.1.9 to read as follows: “The use of electronic recording devices shall be at the discretion of the tournament organizer.”

Proposed and passed unanimously: Change 3.2.5 as follows: Delete the phrase “and points” and add the sentence “Tournaments restricted to players not yet qualified for state will not count as state qualifiers.”

Discussion on item ‘I’, whether www.wsecc.org should be the ‘home’ website for the policy board and provide the main domain for the state championships as well as e-mails for the policy board members. Unanimous agreement that this would be favorable. Elliott will follow up with the appropriate people to move this forward.

Next meeting time: 3:30pm policy board meeting on April 20th on-site at the state championships, to end not later than 5:30pm.

Discussion on point B – Elliott gave John Rader’s suggestions from previous conversation. Several ideas suggested. General agreement that grade level for now is fine, but that adding a U800 or similar rating restriction category or categories, would be beneficial as long as players in the ‘U’ category are allowed to play up into the ‘championships’ category. Recommended that we have team awards for both Championships and Under categories in this case. Possibly leave the Under categories as an option for the tournament organizer to decide on. Possibly add a clause for determining, based on the # of students in a category, whether to have Under categories as well as whether to use accelerated pairings. Jon Licht will do some research as to current #s of students per category and present that information at the board meeting on Friday. Tabled till then.

Adjourned at 6:55pm till Friday the 20th at 3:30pm.

Policy Board meeting at State, Ridgefield, WA

Meeting called to order at 3:43pm, April 20th, 2007

Present: Peter Meisner, Jon Licht, James Stripes, Larry Clark, Elliott Neff

Proposed and passed unanimously: Change 1.4.2 to read as follows: The Secretary shall determine the time and date of the policy board meetings and shall distribute this information to the members a minimum of seven days prior to the meeting, unless agreed to by all members of the Policy Board. The Secretary shall call a meeting upon the request of two or more members of the policy board, or as needed to meet the minimum requirement.

Discussion on team codes...

Discussion on the issue of insurance, schools not allowing kids to represent schools at tournaments...tabled for new policy board to look into. Ideas for potentially WSECC holding insurance policy to cover events...

Unanimous agreement on the following four items:

- a. **Change 3.1.7 to read as follows: “The format of the Washington State Elementary Chess Championship Tournament shall use grade level divisions with the option of restricted ratings divisions within each grade at the discretion of the tournament organizer. These divisions shall use a minimum U800 restriction. If ratings restrictions are implemented, they must be implemented across grades 1-3 and/or 4-6. ”**
- b. **Change 3.1.8 to read as follows: “Players are required to play within their grade section.”**
- c. **Change 3.5.2 to read as follows: “Top scoring school teams for grades 1-3 combined and 4-6 combined. Kindergarten section shall not be included in calculation of team scores for 1-6.”**
- d. **Change 3.5.3 to read as follows: “If ratings restrictions are implemented, team trophies shall be calculated and awarded for both the ‘open’ categories and the ratings restricted categories separately.”**

Meeting adjourned at 5:12.