

**International School of  
Boston**

**AEFE Chess Tournament  
North American Zone**

**November 10 to 13, 2024**

## Organization General Information

### **Arrival**

When you arrive, someone will be waiting for you at the airport exit after passing through customs, with a sign bearing the name of the international school of Boston.

### **Meals**

All meals will be taken at the hotel for breakfast, at the competition venue for lunch and dinner. Please note that the Sunday evening meal is the responsibility of the team.

### **Transportation**

Transportation of the team from the school to Boston is the responsibility of the delegations. Travel between the host site, the competition site and the cultural venues will be on foot (ISB: 5 min, Metro to Boston: 10min).

### **Dates of the Tournament**

The tournament will take place from Monday, November 11 to Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Delegations will be expected to arrive Sunday, November 10, and will be able to leave Wednesday evening, November 13 (see detailed program for more information) after the cultural activity.

### **Lodging**

The delegations will be staying at the Homewood Suites by Hilton in Cambridge, (cf. accommodation details). Students will be under the supervision of their chaperones at all times. Students will be grouped in rooms of 4 and accompanying adults rooms of 1 or 2. Check-out will take place on Wednesday morning for all teams leaving the same day.

### **Tournament Location**

The competition will take place at the International School of Boston in Cambridge, MA.

### **Communications**

The young reporters from Boston's Lycée International will bring you live coverage of the 3 days of competition: interviews with competitors, articles, photos, videos, podcasts and instant results all the instant results on the CAÏSSA app.

The school is equipped with WIFI throughout and a password will be given to you on site.

In the event that a member of your delegation refuses to be photographed (student or accompanying please let us know when you register.

## **Beyond Chess**

Students will have access to a fenced-in area when they are not playing.  
Accompanying adults will have access to a kitchen with tea and coffee facilities.

## **Registration**

Indivisible package of \$450 maximum per person for the entire stay, including participation in the chess tournament and cultural activities, accommodation, meals (full board) (full board), local transportation and event services.

The event package does not cover:

- Airfare or transportation to or from
- Boston.
- Early arrivals (before Sunday, November 10).
- In this case, food and lodging and all additional travel expenses will be the Delegation's responsibility.

To take part in the event, students must be in primary school (CP to CM2) or junior high school.

# **ORGANIZATION**

## **Tournament format and rules**

### **Competition Room**

The tournament will take place in the gymnasium, the dance hall as well as in the media center of the International High School in Boston.

### **Awards**

A special moment for children and adults alike, will take place on the gymnasium stage at the end of the team tournament.

An individual trophy will be awarded to the top 3 of the schools and middle schools tournament.

A collective trophy will be awarded to the 3 Primary schools.

A collective trophy will be awarded to the top 3 Middle schools.

### **Rules**

#### **The hall**

- Accompanying persons will not be admitted to the playing area during the competition.
- Attendants will be able to see the players from the stage or in dedicated areas of the
- gymnasium.
- Entrance to and exit from this room will be via the outside doors only.
- The playing area will be separated into 2 separate zones for colleges and schools.  
Tables will

- numbered.
- Tables will be lined up. One row will correspond to two teams in the team tournament.
- Players will have an electronic clock and chessboard, provided by the school.

### **Refereeing**

Refereeing will be carried out by two official referees and two assistant referees.

The refereeing software will be Caïssa, and it will be possible to follow results and pairings in real time.

A link will be provided to schools and colleges before the start of the competition.

### **The schedule**

It will be posted and distributed the day before the event:

Rounds will start at the scheduled time.

Players who are absent at the start of the round will be able to play, but with the clock running (so they will have less time).  
time).

The organizer reserves the right to change the number of rounds in order to respect school closing times.

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### **The teams**

In the team tournament, the captain must give the composition of the team, which may not vary during the competition.

During the competition, each player and accompanying person must wear a shirt (or top) identifying their school.

### **The player's agreement**

Players who fail to comply with the players' agreement, in particular respect for the premises, may be excluded for the remainder of the tournament.

Likewise, chaperones who fail to respect the player's agreement may be excluded from the tournament and may have their teams excluded from the competition.

These sanctions will be imposed either by the main referee or by the organizer.

### **Pairings and Timing**

Pairings are made according to the Swiss system in 8 rounds for the individual tournament and 5 rounds for the team tournament.

- In individual tournaments, pairings in the first 6 rounds will avoid encounters between 2 players from the same team. Rounds 7 and 8 will enable players from the same school to meet up players from the same school.
- In individual tournaments, the first player named will have the whites.
- In team tournaments, the team named first in the pairings established by the referee will have white on the odd-numbered boards and black on the even-numbered boards.
- Play lasts 15 minutes.

## **Results - Ranking**

- A game won earns 1 point.
- A game lost in front of the chessboard earns 0 points.
- A draw is marked X and does not count towards the final score.

## **Team tournament**

- Before round 1, the team composition is given to the referee before publication.
- The players must always remain in the same order as that given in the team composition.
- Interchanges are forbidden.
- The match is won by the team with more game points than the opposing team.
- In the event of a tie, the match is declared a draw.
- A match won is worth 3 points.
- A lost match is worth 2 points.
- A match lost in front of the chessboard is worth 1 point.
- A match lost by forfeit is worth 0 points.

## **ORGANIZATION**

### **Tournament format and rules**

In the event of a tie for 1st, 2nd or 3rd place, the following tie-breakers will be used will be used:

1. The result of the direct confrontation.
2. Differential.
3. Number of wins.
4. Lowest average age.

## **Sports Appeals Committee**

Composed of :

- The main referee or his/her representative.
- The organizer or his representative.
- An attendant or his deputy (chosen by the main referee).

The committee's list will be posted in the game room and in the hall before the start of the competition.

No member of the committee may rule on a matter concerning himself.

The team captain may submit a written appeal to the Appeals Committee. However, pending the decision the referee's decision will be applied.

**The event will qualify for the French Chess Championships:**

**1st team "school tournament"**

**1st team "middle school tournament"**

## **ORGANIZATION**

## Tournament reminders

- The entire building and outdoor area are non-smoking areas.
- It is forbidden to carry a telephone, or any other electronic means of communication, even when switched off, in the game room. Any sound emitted by one of these communication devices and/or will result in forfeiture of the game.
- Have a proper attitude.
- Analysis and blitz are forbidden in the room.
- Players are not allowed in the analysis room during their game.
- Players must avoid suspicious reading and discussion during the game.
- Any damage will result in exclusion.
- Any offender may receive a warning.
- Two verbal warnings will result in immediate exclusion from the tournament.
- Respect for the player's charter.
- Players who fail to comply with the players' charter, in particular with regard to respect for the premises, even outside the hall, and for competition times, may be excluded for the remainder of the tournament.
- Similarly, accompanying persons who fail to respect the player's charter may be excluded from the tournament and may see their teams excluded from the competition.
- These sanctions will be handed down either by the main referee or by the organizer. They may be appealed to the Appeals Committee (see appended rules of procedure).
- Each team must have a captain.
- In the exercise of their duties, team captains are entitled to access the area reserved for players' area.
- During games, team captains may advise their players on whether or not to offer, to accept or refuse a proposal for a draw, on the advisability of giving up, on the situation of the match, provided they do not comment on the position on the chessboard.
- The referee has the right to attend any exchange of words between players and their captain.
- Captains are entitled to appoint a representative to carry out their duties, subject to the agreement of the main referee.
- During the course of a game, the captains are the only ones able to formulate and present a complaint to the referee or, failing that to the referee or, failing this, to the competition management.

# **Charter of good conduct**

## **The chess player's charter**

### **I AM A SPORTSMAN... I RESPECT THE RULES**

The rules must be applied in good faith.  
The result of the game must be acquired fairly.  
A proposal for a draw should only be made when there is a real confrontation on the  
chessboard

### **I RESPECT MY OPPONENT**

Respecting your opponent means accepting to play against him or her without prejudice.  
Respecting your opponent means refusing to play by resorting to cheating.

Respecting your opponent means not disturbing him.  
Respecting your opponent means being polite.

### **I RESPECT THE REFEREE**

The referee has all the authority necessary to ensure that the rules of the game are applied.

The referee is the official representative of the F.F.E. at the tournament site.

In the event of a decision by the referee during the course of a game, players must comply, but  
may appeal.

### **I RESPECT THE ORGANIZER**

Players contribute to the smooth running of the competition.  
Players must abide by the rules and regulations posted in the playing area.

**Chess players are athletes!**

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE RULES MAY RESULT IN  
SPORTING PENALTIES OR DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS**