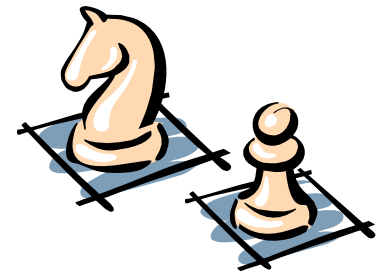


Xaverian Chess Team Ladder Rules



Challenges

1. A player may challenge a player who is up to two rungs higher on the ladder. If neither of these two players is available, then the next higher player may be challenged. All challenges must be made in sequence up the ladder. (Board 10 can't challenge Board 7 unless he has challenged boards 9 and 8 or those persons were unavailable.)
2. All challenges must be accepted, however a player may not challenge the same person twice in a row unless he has first entertained challenges from lower boards. All challenge matches must be cleared with Mr. Owens or Mr. Sullivan before they begin.
3. All challenge matches must be on the clock – 45 minutes each.
4. The challenger has advantage and plays white. The defender chooses clock side.
5. All challenge matches must be recorded. When either player's clock has less than 5 minutes remaining both players have the option to stop recording their moves.
6. All South Shore Interscholastic Chess League match rules are in effect (including the touch-move rule).

Movement

1. If the challenger loses or draws, there is no movement. If the challenger wins, the challenger assumes the rung of the person he defeated, while the loser and those immediately between the two players are moved down one rung.
2. If the challenger wins, the opponent has top priority to counter-challenge to regain his position in the ladder. If the counter-challenge is successful then both players will assume their original positions on the ladder.
3. Multiple games in one day could possibly affect many players. Games from the lower rungs will be used to adjust the ladder first and then the higher rung games are added in sequence.
4. If a player on the ladder needs to miss practice, he must see Mr. Owens or Mr. Sullivan prior to the start of practice. Failure to do so will result in being moved down the ladder one rung. If a player is inactive for an excessive period of time then he will be moved to the bottom of the ladder.
5. New players will be added to the bottom of the ladder.

A player's position in the chess ladder will in most cases determine the player's board placement for matches. However, Mr. Owens or Mr. Sullivan make all final determinations of board placement for matches based not only on each player's position on the chess ladder but also each player's overall chess record and what will be best for overall team strategy.

