

## **Chess for Success Program Requirements**

The Chess for Success coach is a paid position and has required responsibilities.

### **Club Requirements:**

- Open to all students in the school at no charge.
- Club meets 2 times per week - October through March.
- Chess club should run all the way to winter break, and start up immediately upon return in January. Even if buses are not running we want the program to still be available to students. There may not be as many children, but those who make it deserve the time to play chess. In addition, it is important, since regionals are in January or February that the children should get in as many opportunities to prepare as possible. (Some after-school programs end in early December and start up at the end of January so this means that the children who are going to be on the regional team have just a week or two, after a break of over a month, to prepare.)
- Not less than 1 hour per meeting – with 15 minutes of instruction in the first part of the hour.
- Club must run immediately after school. (*1/2 hour break for SUN snacks is acceptable*)
- Maintain a minimum of 15 students in the club.

### **Coach Experience:**

- Must be a certified teacher or classified employee within the school.

### **Coach Responsibilities:**

- Run the school chess club based on the above club requirements.
- Promote the school chess club within the school via newsletters, announcements and other means.
- Keep attendance records for all chess club events. This is very important for Chess for Success records.
- Attend in-service training. If this training is during a school day, Chess for Success will cover the cost of a substitute.
- Attend one practice tournament (one ½ Saturday in December).
- Coach a team in a Chess for Success regional tournament (one Saturday in January or February).
- Attend the Chess for Success state tournament with the team and/or individual if they qualify (a Friday in March for teams, Saturday for individuals). If the coach attends on Friday with a team, Chess for Success will cover the cost of a substitute.
- Respond to all Chess for Success requests for information.
- Provide approximately 50 hours of chess student contact time for the program year (*Chess for Success pays up to 50 hours*)

### **Chess for Success provides:**

- Stipend for one chess coach per school (*two individuals can split the stipend*).
- In-service training.
- Chess sets & boards for the club.
- Chess sets & boards for each participant to keep.
- Demonstration board for club use.
- Free practice tournaments open only to Chess for Success club participants.
- T-shirts for club participants.
- Collection of chess books for the school library.
- Free entrance to all Chess for Success tournaments, including (but not limited to) Regional and State tournaments.

- Coach Manual, which includes 30 lessons & support materials.
- Coach support through a designated Program Manager, staff and website.
- Additional support and benefits.

**School expectations:**

- The school, and/or principal, is responsible for finding a coach.
- The chess club is sponsored by Chess for Success. No fees or donations are required, nor should be requested, to participate.
- Inclusion is not based on academics or behavior outside of chess club, but on interest.
- Children stay in the program for the entire program year, if they desire, and should not be automatically rotated to other programs.
- List Chess for Success as a partner and/or after-school provider on the school webpage.
- Place a Chess for Success banner in the school, if available.
- Understand that the Chess for Success program is an independent program from district programs, or other outside programs, and that the Chess for Success chess club must follow the guidelines as outlined above and not be altered to fit within other program or district requirements.