

## Junior Chess Meeting

### Advance Agenda

The junior chess meeting of the Texas Chess Association will be held at 8:00pm on Saturday, March 7 at the State Scholastic Championship to act upon and consider the business described below:

1. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
2. President's Report
3. Vice President's Report
4. Financial report by the Treasurer
5. Advance Motions
  - a. Combine the State Scholastic Championships into One Unified Event (David Ortiz)
  - b. Establish the Texas Amateur Team Championship Playoff Structure (David Ortiz)
6. Any other business properly presented at the meeting
7. Open Forum on Scholastic Chess
8. Announcements
9. Adjournment

***Advance Motion 1. Combine the State Scholastic Championships into One Unified Event***

Sponsor: David Ortiz

I move that the Texas Chess Association combine the currently separated State Scholastic Championships into one unified State Scholastic Championship event beginning in the next championship cycle.

Rationale: A unified championship strengthens the identity and prestige of the event, increases overall participation energy, improves vendor and sponsor appeal, and creates a true statewide festival atmosphere for Texas scholastic chess. Hosting all divisions together enhances community engagement, streamlines branding, and reinforces the significance of earning a State Champion title.

Implementation: The Executive Board shall determine the host site, scheduling structure, section layout, and financial plan necessary to support a combined event, ensuring competitive integrity and operational feasibility.

*Advance Motion 2. Establish the Texas Amateur Team Championship Playoff Structure*

Sponsor: David Ortiz

I move that the Texas Chess Association establish a Texas Amateur Team Championship format structured as follows:

1. Texas shall be divided into five geographic amateur team regions: Central, North, East, West, and South.
2. Each region shall conduct a qualifying Amateur Team event under guidelines approved by the Board of Directors.
3. The winning team from each regional qualifier shall advance to a Texas Amateur Team Playoff.
4. The Playoff shall determine the Texas Amateur Team Champion using a format approved by the Board, which may include a Final Four structure or other competitive playoff system depending on participation.
5. Eligibility requirements, rating restrictions if applicable, time controls, roster rules, and tie break procedures shall be established and published prior to the start of regional qualifiers.
6. The Board of Directors shall have authority to finalize scheduling, host selection, prize structure, and operational guidelines to ensure statewide representation and competitive balance.

The purpose of this structure is to promote statewide participation, strengthen regional engagement, and create a clear championship pathway culminating in a Texas Amateur Team title.

### *Appendix. Other Helpful Materials*

Members may find the following materials to be helpful:

- Minutes of the 2025 annual membership meeting:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1\\_1Dh2nKBuZU8vzJ9YMf5TVjVvVFleywt/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_1Dh2nKBuZU8vzJ9YMf5TVjVvVFleywt/view?usp=drive_link)
- TCA Bylaws: <https://texaschess.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/tca-bylaws-2026-02-23.pdf>
- TCA Archives: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/3/folders/1WdQ4a5YcCRfnp8s24B3U-2R9-CCZk3DO>
- Two-Page Summary of Robert's Rules of Order:  
[https://assembly.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/roberts\\_rules\\_simplified.pdf](https://assembly.cornell.edu/sites/default/files/roberts_rules_simplified.pdf)