



BAY AREA CHESS: TOURNAMENT ACCESSIBILITY ANNOUNCEMENT



Dear Parents and Players of CalChess,

As chief organizer of the upcoming Northern California Scholastic Grade Level State Chess Championships, I'm dedicated to making this event accessible and inclusive for ALL players, regardless of disability or special circumstances. Bay Area Chess prides itself on going above-and-beyond in our endeavor to provide all chess players with a safe, comfortable, fair and fun chess experience. But, to achieve this goal, we need your help.

BEFORE the tournament, please inform us of ANY special requirements you or your child might have that may require our attention during the tournament, in or outside of the tournament hall.

Bay Area Chess staff and I will attempt to make any and all reasonable and fair accommodations for:

- Wheelchair access,
- Medical equipment,
- Cell phone linked medical applications (APPS),
- Service animals,
- Special chess boards (e.g. raised squares/pegs, for chess players suffering from blindness),
- Special chess clocks,
- Special lighting,
- Precautions conditions that trigger seizures or allergies,
- The need to wear head gear, or the need for emotional and/or, learning disability support,
- Any others special circumstances.

In full compliance with HIPPA privacy protocols, no private diagnostic or medical information need be given, nor will any be collected. Any information you do elect to provide us about yourself or your child will be held as strictly confidential and will only be shared with chess officials on a need-to-know basis.

Your compliance in providing information well in advance of the tournament allows Bay Area Chess professional staff to oblige any and all fair adaptations and accommodations to meet the accessibility and inclusion needs of players who require special assistance, even and especially those with the most extraordinary, extenuating circumstances.

Thank you for helping Bay Area Chess facilitate the vision of the US Chess Accessibility and Special Circumstances Committee to make our sport truly "Access-Enabled."

Yours in Chess,

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