OHSCTA Minutes (supplemental by email)

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OHSCTA Aftermath

Thank you Mike Myers and Willamette High School Team for hosting the 2022 OHSCTA championships.  Thank you Norm and Todd May who dealt with the complicated pairings and kept me from going too wild with ideas of how to organize this event.  Thank you Jeff Dobbins for his work behind the scenes organizing the registrations.  Thank you coaches and parents for keeping competitive chess alive and fun despite a pandemic.  And of course thank you chess players for your enthusiasm and sportsmanship!

Congratulations Jesuit High School Varsity Team who won the 2022 Championships

We had hiccups but everyone told me they had fun and loved the event.  When the [lichess.org](http://lichess.org/) site crashed as we started the first round, I was busy trying to figure out how to salvage the tournament but calm and collected Mike Myers was able to find Owen who knows IT.  With creative hot spots and some kids using their phones, we had everyone playing within 45 minutes.  We were only ten minutes late for round 2.

The hybrid tournament was excessively complicated but I think it was an overall success.  However, the consensus is all future events should be in person if possible.

This year, we had four rounds to determine the champions but found we had two ties.  So my wild idea of combining Varsity and the JV/Open section for the fifth round was an excellent opportunity to have a playoff and determine winners head to head.

2023 OHSCTA championships should be held in Portland according to the bylaws.  If a Portland school would like to host the event, contact me: [drnancykeller@yahoo.com](mailto:drnancykeller@yahoo.com).  However, Portland chess sustained considerable damage with the pandemic mandates and the loss of Ed Addis.  We are hoping you will bloom again but the back up plan is the 2023 championships will be held at Junction City.

Below and attached are the results of the tournament for your review.

I welcome any advice on how to do next year even better.   I welcome complaints to learn from.  I appreciate everyone’s patience when we had the computer breakdown.

Reminder for the virtual teams–I would like pictures!  And the trophies and medals will be in the mail soon.  Please give me the best address to mail them to.  Everyone else, I am posting pictures on Facebook OHSCTA page.  Feel free to copy them and use for newspaper bragging articles.  I and Brandon Thrash do not need acknowledgement.  I did find it ironic that the only blurred pictures were of my Varsity team.

Once again, thank you all!

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