

# Important Program Changes for 2020-2021

## Remote play

Both MasterMinds and Interscholastic Chess will be offered with a remote play component. If face-to-face competition is approved at some future point during the year, we will seek to transition back to 'normal' play. If that does not occur, the entire season may be played remotely.

The exact details of these remote options are still being developed but remote play will be part of this year's programs.

## Delayed start

With so many changes facing districts, schools, administrators, faculty, staff, students and parents, we are going to push back the start of our programs for a month (or more if necessary). We feel extra time is useful to help schools fine-tune their re-opening procedures. The delayed start will also give teachers/coaches more time to recruit players, as their interaction time with students has been reduced.

Normally scheduling takes place in late September/early October. We now see scheduling being held in late October or early November, with the hopes of holding at least one, possibly two meets before January 1.

## Refunds

If anything happens such that a school/district is unable to participate in a full regular season due to closures/orders from the governor, NYS Department of Education, local health officials or other governing officials, a pro-rated refund will be provided for these programs.