

SCHOOL CHESS ASSOCIATION

2007-2008 Tournament Schedule

Note: At some of the regular open tournaments there are other types of competition as well.

October 6	Kickoff Open & Invitational SCA Camp	Champlin	Jackson Middle School
October 20**	Field Fall Open (3 rated sections)	Minneapolis	Field School
November 3	Gobbler Open with team awards	Burnsville	Metcalf Jr. HS
November 17**	Priyanka Bhakta Open (3 rated sections)	Minnetonka	Glen Lake
December 1*	St Paul Open Grade Level	St. Paul	Capitol Hill
December 16	Winter Open (SUNDAY TOURNAMENT)	St Louis Park	St Louis Park Rec Center
January 12	Snowball Open & Team VS Team	Minneapolis	Field School
January 19*	Frozen Open Grade Level	Minneapolis	Lake Harriet
February 9	Groundhog Open & Double Bug	Minneapolis	Field School
February 23*	MN State Grade Level	Minneapolis	Washburn HS
March 8	Doubles Tournament	Burnsville	Metcalf Jr. HS
March 22	Twin Cities Middle School-JR. High	Burnsville	Metcalf Jr. HS
March 22	Burnsville Open	Burnsville	Metcalf Jr. HS
April 12***	Lawrence Lampert Memorial Tourney	Minneapolis	Washburn HS (Watch for Theme in next newsletter)
April 12-13	MN State Elem/Prim Championship	Minneapolis	Washburn HS
April 26	Tournament of Champions	Burnsville	Metcalf Jr. HS

* **K-8 Grade Level (9 sections) 9-12th section is available.**

** **3 rated sections K-3, K-6, K-12 (Note special rated sections).**

*** In honor of the memory of Lawrence Lampert, founder of the School Chess Association, the State Tournament will now include the first annual "open section" for players' grade 7 through 12 and adult. Parents are invited and encouraged to enter the "open section". The entry fee for the "open section" will be applied to the **Lawrence Lampert Memorial Chess Scholarship fund.**

Future newsletters will be e-mailed – please keep us informed of your updated e-mail address. Send to: registrar@schoolchess.org
Please e-mail if you prefer e-mail. U.S. mail or both.

AWARDS - SCA awards trophy prizes typically to the top five players in each section (K-3, 4-6, 7-9) and a novice trophy in our standard tournaments. Rated section trophies depend on the number of players in that section. Tie breakers are used if there is a tie in all sections.

Tournament cancellations announced on the SCA web site and through WCCO radio.

Concessions will be available at all tournaments.

Bring a chess set, pencil, notation paper, and clock (if available) to all tournaments.

At door registration is from 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Players who arrive after 8:30 will not be paired in the 1st round, unless pre-registered and pre-paid. If pre-registered and pre-paid player must arrive by 9:15 a.m.

ADDITIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENTS (NOT SCA AFFILIATED)

March 15-16	MSCA Scholastic Tournament	Eagan High School
April 4-6	National Junior High (K-9)	Dallas, Texas
April 18-20	National High School (K-12)	Atlanta, Georgia
May 9-11	National Elementary championship	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

SCA SUMMER CHESS CAMP: CHECK THE SCA WEB PAGE: WWW.SCHOOLCHESS.ORG

Week 1:	June 23 – 26	Week 5:	July 28-31
Week 2:	July 7 - 10	Week 6:	Aug 4-7
Week 3:	July 14-17	Week 7:	Aug. 11-14
Week 4:	July 21-24		

Chess camp is Monday through Thursday, 8 AM to 5 PM. Camp is held at the Saint Louis Park Recreation Center. Additional information and registration material will be available online and in the winter newsletter.

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Tournament Directions

CAPITOL HILL, St Paul, 560 Concordia Avenue – In the Rondo Education complex at the corner of Concordia Ave and Dale Street in St Paul. From West I-94 to Dale Street Exit, merges with Concordia Ave. Straight across Dale Street. On the right, park in either the parking lot on the west or north of the building – enter the blue entrance on the northeast corner of the complex – BIG C over the entrance.

Field Elementary, Minneapolis, 4645 4th Ave. S - 35W to the 46th St. exit. Go east on 46th St. to 4th Ave -Take a right, you are there- 4 blocks off the freeway (35W).

Glen Lake Elementary, Minnetonka, 4801 Woodridge Road -494 to Highway 7, west; left at Willston Road (first light); turn left on to frontage road; past Famous Dave's; turn right on Woodhill Road; south ½ mile; left on Bradbury Walk; left on Woodridge; school on right.

Jackson Middle School, Champlin, 6000 109th Ave. Going North on HWY 169 continue on Hwy 169 after it reverts to a four lane highway. Go to 109th Avenue and turn right. Continue east on 109th 1.6 miles and the school will be on your left in the 6400 block. Enter West parking lot door 32. Across the street from Champlin Park High School.

Lake Harriet School, Upper Campus, Minneapolis, 4912 Vincent Ave. S. The school is east of France Avenue in Edina and west of Mount Olivet Church in south Minneapolis.

Metcalf Jr. High, Burnsville, 2250 Diffley Road. I-494 to Hwy 77 south past the Mall of America; turn right on Diffley; turn left to Metcalf; use front entrance.

St Louis Park Recreation Center, St Louis Park, 3700 Monterey Dr. Go South Hwy 100 turn east on 36th street in St Louis Park two blocks east of Hwy 100, at the ice arena and aqua park. From North Hwy 100 turn west under 36th follow the signs on 36th crossing over Hwy 100 – two blocks east of Hwy 100, at the ice arena and aqua park. (1 block east of Target).

Washburn Sr. High, Minneapolis, 201 W. 49th Street. From 35W (North or South) take the 46th Street exit. Go west to Nicollet for two blocks. Take a left on Nicollet and travel 4 blocks to 50th, take a right - Washburn is only 2-3 blocks west of 35W next to Ramsey Jr. High, which is on the corner of 50th and Nicollet.

WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR OF CHESS

Tournament Times & Entry fees: At door registration is 8:00-8:30 A.M. At door registration players who arrive after registration is closed may still register, but will likely miss the first round. Tournaments approximately over by 2:30 for 3rd grade and under, 3:00 for 6th and under, 3:30 for older players and for rated section. Grade level tournament may end later than these times. A ½ point bye is available for missed game if we are notified at beginning of tournament. Entry fees are \$16.00 per player and \$15.00 for additional siblings. The state and national tournaments will have different times and entry fees. A School Chess Association ID card must be brought to all tournaments, including rated chess. The cost of a new card is \$2.00 and is good through 12th grade. If lost or forgotten, a new card must be purchased. **All checks should be made payable to the School Chess Association.**

Volunteers will be needed at all tournaments for hall and gym supervision. If interested please e-mail: lorene@schoolchess.org.

Web Site. (www.schoolchess.org): The SCA web site has been extremely successful; it is now one of the primary methods of communication for the SCA. Please check the web site for late-breaking news (such as weather cancellations); updated information will be published here first.

Online Registration: You can on-line register for all tournaments except the State Tournament, Doubles Tournament, Team VS Team and Double Bug. If you are interested in registering for tournaments online go to www.schoolchess.org. Registrations with a CREDIT CARD (PayPal). Follow the directions on the website.

REFUND POLICY: If on the day of the tournament your child is unable to attend, and you have pre-registered, you must call 763-593-1168 before 7:00 am in order to receive a refund of 50% of registration fee. If no call is received there will not be a refund. If call is received before the day of the tournament a refund of tournament fee minus \$1.00 will be refunded.

Tournament Sections: Most tournaments will have four sections: Primary (3rd grade and under), Elementary (6th grade and under), JR. High (9th grade and under), and Rated (12th grade and under). Younger players may always play up to an older section. Some tournaments will have a different form (check the special tournament section below).

Rated Chess: Players in this section must be current members of the United States Chess Federation and bring their USCF membership card: Young Adult: For those 24 and under. \$25 per year includes 12 issues of Chess Life. Youth: For those 15 and under. \$19 per year includes 6 issues of Chess Life. Scholastic: For those 12 and under. \$17 per year includes 6 issues of Chess Life for Kids. Bring Chess Clock. All USCF rules are followed. Rated chess is available at all tournaments except the State Primary & Elementary Championship, the Doubles, and the Grade Level Tournaments.

Merit Points: Merit Points accumulate for every School Chess Association sponsored tournament you play in. In a five round tournament, each win is one merit point and each draw is ½ point. In a four round tournament, each win is 1¼ points and each draw is 1/2 point. Players receive a minimum of 1 point per tournament. Merit Point awards are received at 10 points (Bronze), 25 points (Silver), 50 points (Gold), 100 points (Plaque), 200 points (Super-plaque), 300 points (Crystal award), 400 points (Chess clock), and 500 points (special chess set). Merit points can be checked on the web page.

SPECIAL TOURNAMENTS

Grade Level: Players compete within their own grade level in grades K-8. Home-schooled students are placed in the section that has players of the same age. In addition, there is one 9th grade –12th grade section. Team awards for Grade Levels based upon top three players in each grade section from each school.

Doubles – Each team has two players. Teams alternate their moves without visual or auditory communication against other team of two. Sections based on the grade of the younger player. Adults are welcome to play with a school-aged partner. Cost is \$16.00 per player.

Double Bug House - Four players play on two boards. When pieces are captured the piece is given to the team member whose color is that piece. If they choose to use the piece they give up their turn to move one of their other pieces. The piece may be used at any time during the game and can be used at any square. First player to win scores a victory for the team. There will be two sections, K-6 and 7-12. The youngest player determines section, older player can include adult. This tournament may end earlier than open section.

Team VS Team - 5 player teams will play against other 5 player teams. Number 1 board will play number 1 board from other team; number 2 board plays number 2 board on other team and so on. Team consists of players who attend the same school; if your team does not have 5 players you can participate and forfeit the missing player.

Wanted – Chess Coaches:

Many schools need either a chess coach or someone with chess knowledge. If you are in senior/junior high school you may qualify as a chess assistant. Most chess clubs are after school, but some are before school or in the evening. **Chess Clubs:** Does your school have a chess club? If not, contact the School Chess Association. We may be able to help your school start a club. If you are interested in coaching chess club or have coached a chess club please e-mail the SCA that information with references.

Middle School/Junior High League If you are interested in entering a team in the Middle School/Junior High Chess League of MN, contact director Brian Ribnick at: brian@schoolchess.org.

TOP 50 MERIT POINT ACHIEVERS

Place	Name	Points	Grade
1	Benji Altman	405.75	6
2	Kyle Davis	380.50	11
3	Wes Cannon	376.25	7
4	Zachary Adams	373.75	10
5	Dylan Bergstrom	336.5	7
6	Arin Raina	333.25	10
7	Jeffrey Devich	310.5	12
8	Paul Kravik	308.25	11
9	Ryan Schultz	308.25	11
10	Daniel Nielsen	297	11
11	John Narum	281.75	8
12	Sasha Kigelman	274	10
13	Alex Powell	267	9
14	Jacob Kaganovich	260.75	8
15	Phillip Johnson	259.25	10
16	Abe Raina	259.25	9
17	Charles Lapham	258	12
18	Curtis Ware	252	11
19	Zach Jacobson	250.75	11
20	Michael Bearman	238.5	12
21	Nihal Bhakta	237.75	10
22	Nick Graves	232.25	11
23	Henry Arneson	226.75	10
24	Corey Loken	225.75	5
25	Will Cannon	225	5

Place	Name	Points	Grade
26	Adam Bissonette	224.75	10
27	Sam Block	222.5	10
28	Elliot Altbaum	222	10
29	Kurt Hellerstedt	221	9
30	Johan Preus	218	6
31	Joseph Bluhm	214.25	10
32	Peter Ogren	213.75	12
33	Luke Belhom	208.25	9
34	Mike Monti	204.75	10
35	Sean Blaeser	204	7
36	Sean Lee	203.5	11
37	Alexander Demarco	202.5	8
38	Steven Jessen-Howard	199.75	6
39	Nolan Santosa	198	10
40	Sethroy Kaplan-Turner	197.25	6
41	Justin Buhl	196.75	8
42	Eric Weiner	195.75	11
43	Gregory Ledray	191	6
44	Henry Bergmann	189.5	9
45	Alex Barnett	186	6
46	Imanol Avendano	183.5	7
47	Jonathan Liu	183	9
48	Scott Spear	182.5	12
49	Darek Johnson	182	8
50	Wesley Strand	180	12

MERIT POINT LEADERS IN EACH GRADE

Grade	Name	Points
K	TJ Waltzer	2.5
1	Kieran Johnston	25.5
2	Shoshana Altman	106
3	Zachary Henderson	163.5
4	Max Sigal	149

5	Corey Loken	225.75
6	Benji Altman	405.75
7	Wes Cannon	376.25
8	John Narum	281.75
9	Alex Powell	267
10	Zachary Adams	373.75
11	Kyle Davis	336.75
12	Jeffrey Devich	310.5

**Congratulations
2007 State Champions
Well Done!**



**Daniel Lekah
2007 Primary Champion**

**Vladimir Maltsev
2007 Elementary Champion**