

SCHOOL CHESS ASSOCIATION

2008 WINTER & SPRING Chess Tournaments

January 12	Snowball Open & Team VS Team	Minneapolis	Field Elem
January 19*	Frozen Open Grade Level	Minneapolis	Lake Harriet
February 9	Groundhog Open & Double Bug	Minneapolis	Field Elem
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 12-13	MN State Elem/Prim Championship	Minneapolis	Southwest HS *** (Note Theme)
April 12**	Lawrence Lampert Memorial Tourney	Minneapolis	Southwest HS
April 26	Tournament of Champions	Burnsville	Metcalf Jr. HS
April 26	Southern Open	Burnsville	Metcalf Jr. HS

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

****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 in grades 7 through 12 and adult. Parents are invited and encouraged to enter the 'open section.' The entry fee for the 'open section' – one day tournament will be applied to the Lawrence Lampert Memorial Chess Scholarship fund. Registration form for this special tournament is in this mailing.**

***** Note theme this year - ("There are more adventures on a chessboard than on the seven seas.")**

Tournament cancellations will be announced on the SCA web site and through WCCO radio (830 AM).

ADDITIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENTS (NOT SCA AFFILIATED)

March 15-16	MN State JR/SR High 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 is enclosed.

Tournament Directions

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).

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 MPLS

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.

SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL, Minneapolis, 3414 W. 47th Street and Chowen, from the west -exit Hwy 100 at 50th St. - go east 1.5 miles to Chowen then left 3 blocks to SW. From the South-exit Hwy 62 at Xerxes and go north to 50th, take a left and go 5 blocks to Chowen then a right 3 blocks to Southwest. From 35W-exit at 46th and take the frontage road to 50th, take a right and go 2.5 miles to Chowen, then right 3 blocks to Southwest.

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SCA CHESS INFORMATION - WINTER AND SPRING 2008

AWARDS: Awards include trophies, medals and merit points.

Remember to bring your CHESS SET & CHESS CLOCK (if available) TO ALL TOURNAMENTS. Secondary school – aged students may start a game with a clock if both players agree or if playing USCF rated chess. Food Concessions will be available at all tournaments.

TOURNAMENT TIMES & ENTRY FEES: 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. If pre-registered and pre-paid, player must arrive by 9:15 a.m. Tournaments approximately over by 3:00 p.m. for 3rd grade and under, 3:30 for older players and for rated section. Grade Level tournaments may run a bit later. 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 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.**

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.

REGULAR TOURNAMENTS: At our regular tournaments we offer four sections: Primary (K-3), Elementary (4-6) JR High (7-9) and Rated (K-12). Younger players may always play up. Rated players must either be or become a United States Chess Federation member.

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 –12th grade section. Team awards for Grade Levels based upon top three players in each grade section from each school.

PRIMARY AND ELEMENTARY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP-This is the biggest annual tournament in Minnesota and is open to players in 6th grade or under. More individual and team awards than any Minnesota tournament. This two-day tournament is \$28.00 for advanced registration and \$38.00 at door. Top 16 finishers in both the primary and elementary tournaments qualify to participate in the TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS. Team awards based on top four finishers of each school. One does not have to be a member of a team to play.

ATTENTION COACHES: TEAM ROOMS WILL AGAIN be available at a **CHARGE at the State Tournament**. If you are interested please notify: lorene@schoolchess.org for information on the **COST** of **THESE ROOMS**.

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.

Team VS Team and Snowball Open- 5 player teams will play against other 5-player team. 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 boards. Your school can have more than 1 team participate. Three sections K-3, K-6 and K-12. Snowball Open will be a regular open tournament for K-3, K-6, K-9 and K-12. K-12 will be rated.

Twin Cities Middle School/Junior high Championship and Burnsville Open - 4 sections There will be an **OPEN RATED SECTION** for K-12. In this section a top team will be given an award based on the top three players. Players in this section must be USCF members, or purchase memberships onsite. **The Twin Cities Middle School championship Section** is open to players 9th grade and younger. Team awards based on top 4 finishers from each school. One does not have to be a member of a team to play. There will be many added trophies in this section. **Elementary Section-Open** to any player in grade 6 and below that does not want to play in the other two sections. **Primary Section-Open** to player's grade 3 and below. Middle School section will be done by 5:30 or 6:00pm, but the other sections will be done by about 3:30pm.

Tournament of Champions and Southern Open - Two special sections for the top players in state. K-3 and 4-6 invited players all receive chess awards. The winner of these sections will be the Minnesota State Elementary and Primary Champion. **Time control will consist of 60 minutes per player. This is a USCF rated Tournament.** Also open sections for all other players in K-3, 4-6, and 7-12.

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. This year, 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. You may register on-line for tournaments using your SCA ID number just visit the website at: www.schoolchess.org. You may register with a **CREDIT CARD** (Paypal) or register on-line and mail your fee by Tuesday of the week of the tournament or pay in person at the door. If you **REGISTER ON LINE AND MAIL IN PAYMENT** you do not have to check-in. Just arrive at 9:15 instead of 8:30, and all you have to do is go to your first game. If you are late to YOUR FIRST ROUND, a clock will be put on your game. If you miss the first round you will be withdrawn from the tournament unless you inform us that you are at the tournament. **IF YOU REGISTER ONLINE AND DO NOT SEND IN A PAYMENT**, you must arrive by 8:30 to sign in and pay for your registration. If you do not arrive by 8:30 you **will not** be paired for the 1st round. Are you a new to the School Chess Association? Go to online pre-registration and print the registration form. Lose your player ID card just Pre-register online using the Lost Card option. We'll have your new card made during the tournament; the cost for lost card is still \$2.00. This option may not be available for all tournaments.

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, or a credit will be given for another tournament.

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 points. 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.