

SCHOOL CHESS ASSOCIATION

2008-2009 Tournament Schedule

Note: Some regular open tournaments will include other types of competition as well.

October 11	Kickoff Open & Invitational SCA Camp	Champlin	Jackson Middle School
October 25**	Fall Open (3 rated sections)	Maplewood	John Glenn
November 8	Gobbler Open with team awards	Burnsville	Metcalf Jr. HS
November 22**	Priyanka Bhakta Open (3 rated sections)	Minnetonka	Glen Lake
December 6*	St Paul Open Grade Level	St. Paul	Capitol Hill
December 14	Winter Open (<u>SUNDAY TOURNAMENT</u>)	St Louis Park	St Louis Park Rec Center
January 10	Snowball Open & Team VS Team	Minneapolis	Minnehaha Academy
January 17*	Frozen Open Grade Level	Minneapolis	Lake Harriet
February 7	Groundhog Open & Double Bug	Robbinsdale	Zachary Lane
February 21*	MN State Grade Level	St Paul	Capitol Hill
March 7	Twin City Middle School-JR. High	Burnsville	Metcalf Jr. HS
March 7	Burnsville Open	Burnsville	Metcalf Jr. HS
March 14	Doubles Tournament	Burnsville	Metcalf Jr. HS
April 18***	Lawrence Lampert Memorial Tourney	Minneapolis	Southwest HS
April 18-19	MN State Elem/Prim Championship	Minneapolis	Southwest HS
May 2	Tournament of Champions	Burnsville	Metcalf Jr. HS
May 2	The May Open	Burnsville	Metcalf Jr. HS

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

** **Note: 3 special rated sections are K-3, K-6, and K-12.**

*** In honor of the memory of Lawrence Lampert, founder of the School Chess Association, the State Tournament now includes an 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.**

PLEASED BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: Beginning 2009, all newsletters will be e-mailed; please inform us of any change in your e-mail address. Send to: registrar@schoolchess.org. Only e-mail will be used except when an e-mail address is unknown. Your e-mail address will always be kept confidential and will never be given to any third party.

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 a.m. will not be paired in the 1st round, unless pre-registered and pre-paid. If pre-registered and pre-paid player must arrive by 9:00 a.m.

ADDITIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENTS (NOT SCA AFFILIATED)

To be announced	MSCA Scholastic Tournament	
April 3-5	Supernationals	Nashville, TN

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

Week 1:	June 22 – 25	Week 5:	July 27-30
Week 2:	July 6 - 9	Week 6:	Aug 3-6
Week 3:	July 13-16	Week 7:	Aug. 10-13
Week 4:	July 20-23		

Chess camp is Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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.

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.

John Glenn, Maplewood, 1560 County Road B E St Paul - Take 35W to MN-36 E to White Bear Ave. Take a right on White Bear Ave to County Rd B. Take a right on County Rd B. and the school is three blocks down on your left.

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).

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 an take the frontage road to 50th, take a right and go 2.5 miles to Chowen, then right 3 blocks to Southwest.

Zachary Lane Elementary School, Plymouth, 4350 Zachary Lane North. Take US-169 to CR-9 W/Rockford RD. Turn right at Zachary Lane North; the school is on your right.

Congratulations to our
2008 State Tournament Champions
Well done!



Trevor Seets
Primary Champion



Kevin Lu
Elementary Champion

2008-2009 TOURNAMENTS

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 p.m. for 3rd grade and under, 3:00 p.m. for 6th and under, 3:30 p.m. 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 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. If pre-registered you may arrive at tournament at 9:00 a.m.

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 the price is \$32.00 per year includes 12 issues of Chess Life; without issues of chess life membership is \$24.00. Youth: For those 15 and under the price is \$27.00 per year includes 6 issues of Chess Life; without Chess Life issues membership is \$20.00. Scholastic: For those 12 and under the price is \$23.00 per year includes 6 issues of Chess Life for Kids; without Chess Life for kids issues membership is \$16.00. Bring Chess Clock and chess set. All USCF rules are followed. Rated chess is available at all tournaments except the State Primary & Elementary Championship, the Doubles, May Open 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 then 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	449.25	7
2	Wes Cannon	423	8
3	Dylan Bergstrom	418.5	8
4	Kyle Davis	387.25	12
5	Zachary Adams	373.75	11
6	Arin Raina	333.25	11
7	Alex Powell	314.75	10
8	Paul Kravik	308.25	12
9	Ryan Schultz	308.25	12
10	John Narum	302	9
11	Daniel Nielsen	297	12
12	Seth Kaplan-Turner	278.75	7
13	Sasha Kigelman	274	11
14	Corey Loken	269.25	6
15	Jacob Kaganovich	260.75	9
16	Phillip Johnson	259.25	11
17	Abe Raina	259.25	10
18	Johan Preus	256	7
19	Curtis Ware	252	12
20	Zach Jacobson	250.5	12
21	Will Cannon	250.5	6
22	Gregory Ledray	244.5	7
23	Nihal Bhakta	237.75	11
24	Imanol Avendano	237.5	8
25	Nick Graves	232.25	12

Place	Name	Points	Grade
26	Zachary Henderson	232	4
27	Henry Arneson	231.75	11
28	Kurt Hellerstedt	228	10
29	Adam Bissonette	224.75	11
30	Sam Block	222.5	11
31	Joseph Bluhm	222.25	11
32	Elliot Altbaum	222	11
33	Luke Balhorn	215.25	10
34	Christopher Phenicie	213.75	9
35	Colton Van-Dorpe	209.6	6
36	Sean Blaeser	208	8
37	Peter Bertel	206.5	8
38	Mike Monti	206.5	11
39	Joshua Ylinen	206	9
40	Justin Buhl	205.75	9
41	Sean Lee	203.5	12
42	Alexander Demarco	202.5	9
43	Henry Bergmann	200.5	9
44	Steven Jessen-Howard	199.75	7
45	Nolan Santosa	198	10
46	Lauren Yunker	196.5	10
47	Eric Weiner	195.75	12
48	Jonathan Liu	194.75	10
49	Tim Van-Laarhoven	193.75	7
50	Max Sigal	193.5	5

MERIT POINT LEADERS - PER GRADE

Grade	<u>Name</u>	<i>Points</i>
K	Joshua Titus	1
1	Andrew Titus	29
2	Kieran Johnson	46.5
3	Shoshi Altman	173.50
4	Zachary Henderson	232
5	Max Sigal	193.5
6	Corey Loken	269.25

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