

SCHOOL CHESS ASSOCIATION

2009-2010 Tournament Schedule

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

October 10	Kickoff Open & Invitational SCA Camp	Oxbow Creek	Champlin
October 24**	Fall Open (3 rated sections)	Maplewood	John Glenn
November 7	Gobbler Open with team awards	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
November 14**	Priyanka Bhakta Open (3 rated sections)	Minnetonka	Glen Lake
December 5*	St Paul Open Grade Level	St. Paul	Capitol Hill
December 13	Winter Open (<u>SUNDAY TOURNAMENT</u>)	St Louis Park	St Louis Park REC Center
January 16*	Frozen Open Grade Level	Hopkins	Community Center
January 30	Snowball Open & Team VS Team	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
February 6	Groundhog Open & Double Bug	Plymouth	Zachary Lane
February 20*	SCA Statewide Grade Level	St Paul	Capitol Hill
March 6	Twin City Middle School-JR. High	Burnsville	Metcalf Jr. HS
March 6	Burnsville Open	Burnsville	Metcalf Jr. HS
March 20	Doubles Tournament	New Hope	Sonnesyn
April 24***	Lawrence Lampert Memorial Tourney	Golden Valley	Breck School
April 24-25	SCA Statewide Elem/Prim Championship	Golden Valley	Breck School
May 1	Tournament of Champions	Burnsville	Metcalf Jr. HS
May 1	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 2010, 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 9-11	National JR High	Mpls, MN
April 16-18	National High School	Columbus, OH
May 7-9	National Elementary (K-6)	Atlanta, GA

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

Week 1:	June 28-July 1	Week 5:	Aug 2-5
Week 2:	July 12-15	Week 6:	Aug 9-12
Week 3:	July 19-22	Week 7:	Aug 16-19
Week 4:	July 26-29		

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

Breck School, Golden Valley, 123 Ottawa Avenue North – From North take highway 100S from South take highway 100N to the Glenwood Avenue exit go east on Glenwood and turn left on Ottawa avenue, School at end of road.

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.

HOPKINS COMMUNITY CENTER, Hopkins, 1001 Hwy 7 – (Former Eisenhower High School) Hwy 100 to Highway. Turn slight right onto N Service Dr/MN 7, use front entrance. If you come to 494 you have gone too far.

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.

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.

OXBOW CREEK SCHOOL, Champlin, 6505 109th Ave. From the South 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 right in the 6400 block. Enter door #1 in front of building.

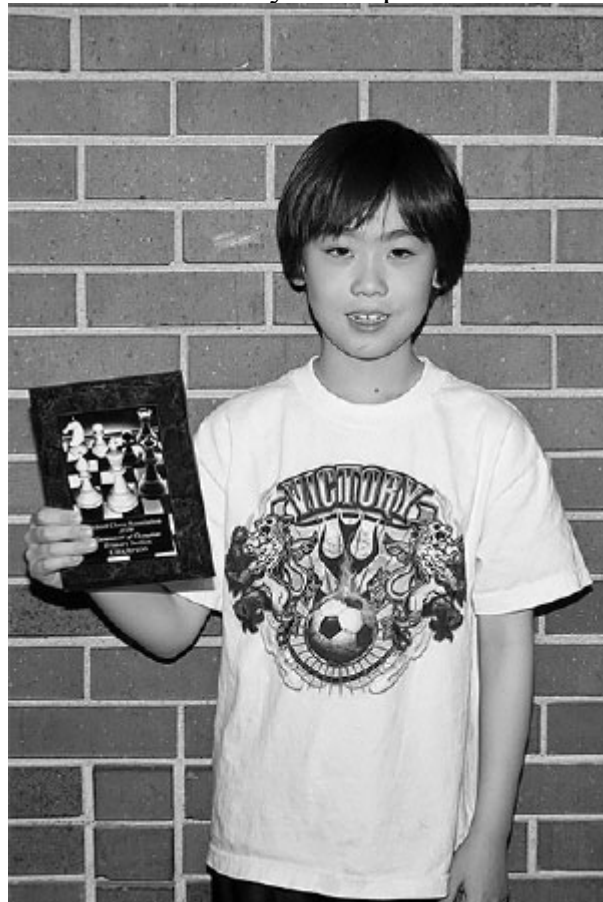
SONNESYN ELEMENTARY, New Hope, 3421 Boone Ave North. Take US 169 to 36th street exit turn west and continue to Boone. Turn south on Boone enter front of building.

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).

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
2009 SCA Statewide Tournament Champions
Well done!**

Andrew Tang
Primary Champion



Brett Kleist
Elementary Champion



2009-2010 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 by 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 6:30 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), 500 points (special chess set) and 600 points (\$600.00 bond). 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: mrribby@aol.com.

TOP 50 MERIT POINT ACHIEVERS

Place	Name	Points	Grade
1	Benji Altman	458.75	8
2	Wes Cannon	451	9
3	Dylan Bergstrom	422.25	9
4	Zachary Adams	373.75	12
5	Seth Kaplan-Turner	363.75	8
6	Arin Raina	333.25	12
7	Alex Powell	325.75	11
8	Corey Loken	320.5	7
9	John Narum	302	10
10	Will Cannon	296.5	7
11	Zachary Henderson	292.75	5
12	Gregory Ledray	290.25	8
13	Johan Preus	280.25	8
14	Imanol Avendano	277.25	9
15	Sasha Kigelman	274	12
16	Colton Van-Dorpe	268	7
17	Christopher Phenicie	267	10
18	Jacob Kaganovich	260.75	10
19	Phillip Johnson	259.25	12
20	Abe Raina	259.25	11
21	Nihal Bhakta	237.75	12
22	Shoshi Altman	234.5	4
23	Peter Bertel	232	9
24	Henry Ameson	231.75	12
25	Joseph Bluhm	228.25	12

Place	Name	Points	Grade
26	Kurt Hellerstedt	228	11
27	Adam Bissonette	224.75	12
28	Sam Block	222.5	12
29	Elliot Altbaum	222	12
30	Joshua Ylinen	219	10
31	Luke Balhorn	215.25	11
32	Jake Siefker	215.25	5
33	Max Sigal	214	6
34	Danny Goldstein	212.75	7
35	Christopher Doffing	210.5	10
36	Sean Blaeser	208	9
37	Mike Monti	206.5	12
38	Alexander Demarco	206	10
39	Justin Buhl	205.75	10
40	Steven Jessen-Howard	204.75	8
41	Adam Lichty	203.25	11
42	Tim Van-Laarhoven	201.25	8
43	Henry Bergmann	200.5	11
44	Lauren Yunker	199	11
45	Nolan Santosa	198	11
46	Travis Burg	196.75	7
47	Jonathan Liu	194.75	11
48	Marrissa Ashenfarb	194.25	9
49	Emma Reuder	192.5	11
50	Alex Barnett	192	8

MERIT POINT LEADERS - PER GRADE

Grade	<u>Name</u>	<i>Points</i>
K	Xavier Plunkett	13.75
1	Joshua Titus	49.5
2	Andrew Titus	113.5
3	Jackson Hicks	83
4	Shoshi Altman	234.5
5	Zachary Henderson	292.75
6	Max Sigal	214

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7	Corey Loken	320.5
8	Benji Altman	458.75
9	Wes Cannon	451
10	John Narum	302
11	Alex Powell	325.75
12	Zachary Adams	373.75