

# SCHOOL CHESS ASSOCIATION

## 2013-2014 Tournament Schedule

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

October 19	Kickoff Open & Invitational SCA Camp (Rated Section)	Champlin	Oxbow Creek
November 2*	Burnsville Grade Level	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
November 16**	Priyanka Open +(3 rated sections & <b>All GIRLS SECTION</b> )	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
December 7*	Winter Open Grade Level	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
January 11	Snowball Open & Team VS Team + (Rated Section)	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
January 18	Frozen Open and Double Bug + (Rated Section)	Plymouth	Zachary Lane
February 8	Groundhog Open and Doubles Tournament (Rated Section)	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
February 22*	SCA Statewide Grade Level	St Paul	Washington Tech Magnet
March 8	Twin City Middle School-JR High	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
March 8	Burnsville Open + (Rated Section)	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
March 22 ***	<b>Lawrence Lampert Memorial Tourney</b>	MPLS	Minnehaha Academy
March 22-23rd	SCA Statewide Elem/Prim Championship	MPLS	Minnehaha Academy
April 5	Tournament of Champions	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
April 5	April 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 Statewide 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.

**BE ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: All newsletters are e-mailed; please inform us of any change in your e-mail address.**

Send to: [registrar@schoolchess.org](mailto:registrar@schoolchess.org). Your e-mail address will always be kept confidential and will never be given to any third party. Be sure your spam filter allows the schoolchess.org. Announcements come from [announcements@schoolchess.org](mailto:announcements@schoolchess.org)

**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.

**IMPORTANT: It is important to bring a CHESS SET, PENCIL, NOTATION PAPER, and clock (if available) to tournaments.**

Limited number of chess sets will be available. You may purchase a chess set at the tournament if you do not have one. 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 1<sup>st</sup> round, unless pre-registered and pre-paid. If pre-registered and pre-paid, player must arrive by 9:00 a.m.

### 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 Thru Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Camp is held at the St Louis Park Recreation Center. Additional information and registration material will be available online and in the winter newsletter.

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## Tournament Directions

**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.

**MINNEHAHA ACADEMY, Minneapolis, 3100 W. River Parkway.** Directions to Minnehaha Academy: Minnehaha Academy has two campuses - the chess tournament is at the North campus.

**PARKING** - Park in front lot (use entrance A1 or C1) or in back lot (use entrance C2) or along athletic field in back (use entrance C2). If coming from the west or north, take I94 E to Riverside, SE to Franklin, E. to West River Road. Go south to 32nd St.

If coming from the east, take I94 to Cretin, South to Marshall, West across the river then immediately south to West River road to 32nd St.

From the South, take Cedar N. past Lake Nokomis to Minnehaha Parkway E. which turns into West River Road, North to 32nd St.

**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.

**Washington Technology Magnet, St. Paul, 1495 Rice Street.** From I-94 take exit for 240 Dale Street. Travel North on Dale Street. Turn Right onto Maryland Ave. Turn Left onto Rice Street. Turn Left onto Nebraska Avenue. From I-35E: Take exit 109 for Maryland Ave. Travel West on Maryland Ave. Turn Right onto Rice Street. Turn Left onto Nebraska Avenue. From I-35W: Merge onto MN 36-E. From MN 35E, take the County Road 49/Rice Street Exit. Travel South on Rice Street. Turn Right onto Nebraska Avenue.

**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.

### ADDITIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENTS (NOT SCA AFFILIATED)

<b>Feb 14-16</b>	<b>MN Open MSCA</b>	<b>To be Announced</b>
<b>May 9-11</b>	<b>National Elementary</b>	<b>Dallas, Texas</b>
<b>April 25-27</b>	<b>National Junior High</b>	<b>Atlanta, Georgia</b>
<b>April 4-6</b>	<b>National High School</b>	<b>San Diego, California</b>

## 2013-2014 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and under, 3:00 p.m. for 6<sup>th</sup> 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 \$18.00 per player and \$17.00 for additional siblings. The statewide and national tournaments will have different times and entry fees. Unless pre-registered, a School Chess Association ID card must be brought to all tournaments, including rated chess. The SCA encourages all players to pre-register as this allows for timely starting times. The cost of a new card is \$2.00 and is good through 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lorene@schoolchess.org).

Web Site. ([WWW.SCHOOLCHESS.ORG](http://WWW.SCHOOLCHESS.ORG)): The SCA web site and Facebook Page have been extremely successful; it is now the primary methods of communication for the SCA. Please check the web site and Facebook Page 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 Statewide Tournament, Doubles Tournament, Team VS Team and Double Bug. If you are interested in registering for tournaments online go to [WWW.SCHOOLCHESS.ORG](http://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 by 6:30am 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 (3<sup>rd</sup> grade and under), Elementary (6<sup>th</sup> grade and under), JR. High (9<sup>th</sup> grade and under), and Rated (12<sup>th</sup> 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 \$33.00 per year includes 12 issues of Chess Life; without issues of chess life membership is \$26.00. Youth: For those 15 and under the price is \$28.00 per year includes 6 issues of Chess Life; without Chess Life issues membership is \$22.00. Scholastic: For those 12 and under the price is \$24.00 per year includes 6 issues of Chess Life for Kids; without Chess Life for kids issues membership is \$17.00. Bring **chess clock** and **chess set**. All USCF rules are followed. Rated chess is available at all tournaments except the Statewide Primary & Elementary Championship, the Doubles, April 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade –12<sup>th</sup> 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 \$18.00 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 the 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](mailto:mrribby@aol.com)

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