

SCHOOL CHESS ASSOCIATION

2013 Tournament Schedule

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

January 12	Snowball Open & Team VS Team + (Rated Section)	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
January 26	Frozen Open and Double Bug + (Rated Section)	Plymouth	Zachary Lane
February 2	Groundhog Open and Doubles Tournament (Rated Section)	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
February 16*	SCA Statewide Grade Level	St Paul, MN	Capitol Hill
March 9	Twin City Middle School-JR High	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
March 9	Burnsville Open	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
March 23 ***	Lawrence Lampert Memorial Tourney	MPLS	Minnehaha Academy
March 23-24 nd	SCA Statewide Elem/Prim Championship	MPLS	Minnehaha Academy
April 13	Tournament of Champions	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
April 13	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. 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. Be sure your spam filter allows the schoolchess.org. Announcements come from 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.

There will be food and equipment concessions available at all tournaments events.

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.

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

Week 1:	June 24-27	Week 5:	July 29-Aug 1
Week 2:	July 8-11	Week 6:	Aug 5-8
Week 3:	July 15-18	Week 7:	Aug 12-15
Week 4:	July 22-25		

Chess camp is Monday through Thursday, 8 am to 5 pm. Camp is held at the St Louis Park Recreation Center. Additional information and registration material will be available online.

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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 over the entrance.

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. From Western Suburbs: Either take Crosstown East (then follow directions above) ... or take Hwy 394 to 94. Follow 94 east to Cretin (just into St. Paul) Take a right on Cretin, go about 2 blocks to Marshall Avenue. (stoplight) Take a right and go about 3 blocks...go over the Lake Street Bridge...at the end of the bridge is a stop light...go left, the street angles down to West River Parkway (about a quarter of a block). Go right on West River Parkway.

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)

Feb 15-17 MN Open MSCA Crown Plaza Hotel, Plymouth, MN

March 23-24 MSCA State JR High/High School Crown Plaza Hotel, St Paul

April 5-7 SUPER NATIONALS Nashville, Tennessee

SCA CHESS INFORMATION - WINTER AND SPRING 2013

CLOCKS: Secondary School Age players will start with a chess clock as well as USCF rated players. It is important that you bring your chess clock.

TOURNAMENT TIMES & ENTRY FEES: Registration is 8:00-8:30am. 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 9:00 am. Tournaments approximately over by 3:00pm for 3rd grade and under, 3:30pm for older players and for rated section. Grade Level tournaments may run a longer. 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 Tournament will have different times and entry fee. 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 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 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, April Open and 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.

SCA PRIMARY AND ELEMENTARY STATEWIDE CHAMPIONSHIP- The biggest annual chess tournament in Minnesota is open to players in 6th grade or under. More individual and team awards than any Minnesota chess tournament. The two-day event is \$32.00 per player with SCA ID card or \$34.00 without ID card. At door registration is from 7:45am to 8:15am. If two or more sibling registers at the same time each additional player is \$31.00 with SCA ID card or \$33.00 without ID card. Late registration after March 15th or at door is \$42.00 per player with SCA ID card or \$44.00 without ID card. 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 at the Statewide Tournament will again be available at a charge.** If you are interested please notify: lorene@schoolchess.org for information about 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 \$18.00 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 3 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 APRIL Open - Two special sections for the top players in Statewide Tournament. K-3 and 4-6 invited players all receive chess plaques. The winner of these sections will be the Statewide Elementary and Primary Champion. **Time control will consist of 60 minutes per player. This is a USCF rated Tournament.** Also available 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.

Facebook: Please check the SCA Facebook page you'll see lots of new content including tournament results, instructional videos, coaching tips, merit-point standings, chess puzzles, upcoming events and more!

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: 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 9:00am instead of 8:00am, 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 8:15am to sign in and pay for your registration. If you do not arrive by 8:30am you **will not** be paired for the 1st round. Are you new to the School Chess Association? Go to online pre-registration and print the registration form. Lost 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ point. In a four round tournament, each win is $\frac{1}{4}$ points and each draw is $\frac{1}{2}$ point. Players earn 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) and 600 points (\$600.00 bond). Merit points can be checked on the web page.