

# SCHOOL CHESS ASSOCIATION

## 2012-2013 Tournament Schedule

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

October 20	Kickoff Open & Invitational SCA Camp (Rated Section)	Champlin	Oxbow Creek
November 3*	Burnsville Grade Level	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
November 17**	Priyanka Open +(3 rated sections & <b>All GIRLS SECTION</b> )	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
December 8*	Winter Open Grade Level	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
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	Capitol Hill
March 9	Twin City Middle School-JR High	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
March 9	Burnsville Open	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
March 23 ***	<b>Lawrence Lampert Memorial Tourney</b>	MPLS	Minnehaha Academy
March 23-24th	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](mailto: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](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.**

**It is important to 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 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](http://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 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

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.

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, 4100 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.

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.

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  
April 5-7 SUPER NATIONALS Nashville, Tennessee

## 2012-2013 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 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 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. A USCF membership increase expected in January 2012. 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 \$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 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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