

SCHOOL CHESS ASSOCIATION

2015-2016 Tournament Schedule

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

October 17	Kickoff Open & Invitational SCA Camp (Rated Section)	Champlin	Oxbow Creek
November 7*	Fall Grade Level	New Brighton	Highview
November 21**	Priyanka Open + (3 rated sections & All GIRLS SECTION)	Metcalf	Burnsville
December 5*	Winter Open Grade Level	Metcalf	Burnsville
January 9	Snowball Open & Team VS Team + (Rated Section)	Metcalf	Burnsville
January 23	Frozen Open and Double Bug + (Rated Section)	Metcalf	Burnsville
February 6	Groundhog Open and Doubles Tournament (Rated Section)	Zachary Lane	Plymouth
February 20*	SCA Statewide Grade Level	Metcalf	Burnsville
March 12	Anarae Schunk Memorial Twin City Middle School-JR High	Metcalf	Burnsville
March 12	Burnsville Open + (Rated Section)	Metcalf	Burnsville
April 9 ***	Lawrence Lampert Memorial Tourney	Breck	Golden Valley
April 9-10	SCA Statewide Elem/Prim Championship	Breck	Golden Valley
April 30	Tournament of Champions	Zachary Lane	Plymouth
April 30	April Open	Zachary Lane	Plymouth

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.

All newsletters are e-mailed; please inform us of any change in your e-mail address. Send to: 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

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 a clock (if available) to all tournaments. Limited number of chess sets will be available this year.

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 27-30	Week 5:	Aug 1-4
Week 2:	July 11-14	Week 6:	Aug 8-11
Week 3:	July 18-21	Week 7:	Aug 15-18
Week 4:	July 25-28		

Chess camp is Monday through 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

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.

HIGHVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL , New Brighton, 2300 7th Street NW. Directions from the West: Go east on I-694 to the Silver Lake Road exit. Turn right (south) onto Silver Lake Road. Turn left (east) onto 7th Street NW. You will see Highview Middle School on the left.

METCALF JR. HIGH, Burnsville, 2250 Diffley Road. Take 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.

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. 12-14	MN Open MSCA	Marriot, Minneapolis
April 1-3	National High School	Atlanta, Georgia
April 15-17	National JR High	Indianapolis, Indiana
May 6-8	National Elementary	Nashville, Tennessee

2015-2016 TOURNAMENTS

WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR OF CHESS

Tournament Times & (NOTE) CHANGE IN
Entry fees This year: 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 **\$20.00 per player** and **\$18.00 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 12th grade. If lost or forgotten, a new card must be purchased. All checks should be made payable to 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 method 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. 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.. 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 (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: Please check USCF website for information regarding fees. Bring **chess clock** and **chess set as there will be a limited number of chess sets available**. All USCF rules are followed. Rated chess is available at all tournaments except Grade Level Tournaments, Statewide Primary & Elementary Championship, Doubles Tournament, and Tournament of Champions as this rated section is an invitational only.

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 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.

Congratulations to
our
2015 Statewide
Tournament
Champions
well done!



Uri Moon-Rosha
Primary Champion



Joseph Thompson
Elementary Champion