SCHOOL CHESS ASSOCIATION

2026-2027 Tournament Schedule

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

October 10	Kickoff Open (K-2, K-5, K-8, USCF Rated K-Adult) & SCA Camp Championship (invitational)	Diamondhead Ed. Center	Burnsville
November 7	Fall Grade Level *	Diamondhead Ed. Center	Burnsville
November 21	Priyanka Open (K-2, K-5, K-8, USCF Rated K-Adult, ***Girls K-12***)	Diamondhead Ed. Center	Burnsville
December 5	Winter Grade Level *	Diamondhead Ed. Center	Burnsville
January 23	Frozen Open Individual & ***Team*** Tournament (K-2, K-5, K-8, USCF Rated K-Adult (not team))	Plymouth Middle School	Plymouth
Feb 13	Groundhog Open (K-2, K-5, K-8, USCF Rated K-Adult, ***Doubles***)	Diamondhead Ed. Center	Burnsville
Feb 27	SCA Statewide Grade Level *	Diamondhead Ed. Center	Burnsville
March 13	March Open (K-2, K-5, K-8, USCF Rated K-Adult)	Diamondhead Ed. Center	Burnsville
April 17 April 18	SCA Statewide Primary/Elementary/Middle Championship Day 1 Lawrence Lampert Memorial Tourney** (9-Adult) SCA Statewide Primary/Elementary/Middle Championship Day 2	Plymouth Middle School	Plymouth
May 1st	May Open (K-2, K-5, K-8, K-12) & Tournament of Champions (invitational, USCF Rated)	Diamondhead Ed. Center	Burnsville

*** Grade Level Tournaments include ten "grade" sections (one for each grade K-8) plus one section for grades 9-12.**

**** The Lawrence Lampert Memorial Tourney is open to all players, including adults. Entry fees will be applied to the Lawrence Lampert Memorial Chess Scholarship fund.**

All newsletters are sent via email. Please inform us of changes to your email address. Send updates to: registrar@schoolchess.org. Your email 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 noreply@schoolchess.org Bring a chess set, pencil, notation paper, and a chess clock (if available) to all tournaments. Chess set loaners are no longer available for use during rounds; chess sets may be purchased at the concession area when available.

At-door registration is from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Players who arrive after 8:30 a.m. may not be paired in the 1st round (unless pre-registered and pre-paid). If pre-registered and pre-paid, players must arrive by 8:30 a.m.

AWARDS - SCA awards trophy prizes to the top three players in each section (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12) and a superior performance trophy to 4th and 5th place in our standard tournaments. Rated section trophies depend on the number of players in that section. Tie breakers are used in all sections when appropriate.

Concessions will be available at all tournaments.

Tournament cancellations announced on the SCA web site and through WCCO radio.

Welcome to a new year of chess.

Entry fees are $28.00 per player with a $1.00 discount for each sibling. On-site registration will be $33.00 per player (and $32.00 per additional sibling). ID cards are still $2.00.

Unless pre-registered, a School Chess Association ID card must be brought to all tournaments, including USCF rated chess. The SCA encourages all players to pre-register as this allows for timely starting times.

The statewide championship will have different times and entry fees.

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

Week 1:	June 21-24	Week 5:	July 26-29
Week 2:	July 5-8	Week 6:	Aug 2-5
Week 3:	July 12-15	Week 7:	Aug 9-12
Week 4:	July 19-22		

Chess camp is Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additional information and registration material will be available online and in the winter newsletter.

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Tournament Venues

PLYMOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL, 10011 36th Avenue North, Plymouth, MN 55441. Take US-169 N to 36th Ave N. Turn left (west) on 36th Ave N and go 0.2 miles to Plymouth Middle School.

DIAMONDHEAD EDUCATION CENTER, 200 Burnsville x way, Burnsville, MN 55337. Take 35W south of the Cities. Take Burnsville Pkwy Exit (2). Turn right onto Burnsville Pkwy. Go 0.6 miles then turn left onto Pillsbury Ave. Go 300 feet then turn left into the parking lot.

Check our tournament page for complete information about our tournaments.