

SCHOOL CHESS ASSOCIATION

2012 Tournament Schedule

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

January 7	Snowball Open & Team VS Team + (Rated Section)	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
January 21	Frozen Open and Double Bug + (Rated Section)	Plymouth	Zachary Lane
February 11	Groundhog Open and Doubles Tournament (Rated Section)	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
February 25*	SCA Statewide Grade Level	St Paul, MN	Capitol Hill
March 10	Twin City Middle School-JR High	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
March 10	Burnsville Open	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
April 21 ***	Lawrence Lampert Memorial Tourney	Golden Valley	Breck School
April 21-22 nd	SCA Statewide Elem/Prim Championship	Golden Valley	Breck School
May 5	Tournament of Champions	Edina	United Methodist Church
May 5	May Open	Edina	United Methodist Church

* 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.

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 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 25-28	Week 5:	July 30-Aug 2
Week 2:	July 9-12	Week 6:	Aug 6-9
Week 3:	July 16-19	Week 7:	Aug 13-16
Week 4:	July 23-26		

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 Spring 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.

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.

GOOD SAMARITAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Edina, 5730 Grove Street, MN 100 exit onto Vernon Avenue South. Merge onto Vernon Ave. South. Turn left onto Tracy Ave. Turn right onto Grove St. Take first right onto Wycliffe Rd- Church on the right.

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 17-19	MN Open MSCA	Crown Plaza Hotel, Plymouth, MN
April 13-14	National High School	Minneapolis, MN
April 27-29	National JR High	San Diego, California
May 11-13	National Elementary (K-6)	Nashville, Tennessee

SCA CHESS INFORMATION - WINTER AND SPRING 2012

CLOCKS: Secondary School Age players will start with a clock if one is available also USCF rated chess players will start with a clock.

TOURNAMENT TIMES & ENTRY FEES: 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. If pre-registered and pre-paid, player must arrive by 9:00 a.m. Tournaments approximately over by 3:00 p.m. for 3rd grade and under, 3:30 for older players and for rated section. Grade Level tournaments may run a bit later. A ½ point bye is available for missed game if we are notified at beginning of tournament. Entry fees are \$16.00 per player and \$15.00 for additional siblings. The State Tournaments will have different times and entry fees. 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: 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 May Open and the 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-This is the biggest annual tournament in Minnesota and is open to players in 6th grade or under. More individual and team awards than any Minnesota tournament. See the [registration form](#) for

entry fees. At door registration for this tournament is 7:45am to 8:15am. 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 WILL AGAIN** be available at a **CHARGE at the Statewide Tournament**. If you are interested please notify: lorene@schoolchess.org for information on 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 \$16.00 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 4 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 May Open - Two special sections for the top players in state. K-3 and 4-6 invited players all receive chess awards. 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 at: 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 9:00 instead of 8:00, 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 8:30 to sign in and pay for your registration. If you do not arrive by 8:30 you **will not** be paired for the 1st round. Are you a new to the School Chess Association? Go to online pre-registration and print the registration form. Lose 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 ½ point. In a four round tournament, each win is 1¼ points and each draw is 1/2 points. 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), and 500 points (special chess set) and 600 points (\$600.00 bond). Merit points can be checked on the web page.

