

SCHOOL CHESS ASSOCIATION

2010 WINTER & SPRING Chess Tournaments

January 16*	Frozen Open Grade Level	Hopkins	Community Center
January 30	Snowball Open & Team VS Team	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
February 6	Groundhog Open & Double Bug	Plymouth	Zachary Lane
February 20*	SCA Statewide Grade Level	St Paul	Capitol Hill
March 6	Twin City Middle School-JR High	Burnsville	Metcalf JR. HS
March 6	Burnsville Open	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
March 20	Doubles Tournament	New Hope	Sonnesyn
April 24	Lawrence Lampert Memorial Tourney	Golden Valley	Breck School
April 24-25***	SCA Statewide Prim/Elem Championship	Golden Valley	Breck School
May 1	Tournament of Champions	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS
May 1	May Open	Burnsville	Metcalf JR HS

*K-8 Grade Level (9 sections) 9-12th section is available.

***In honor of the memory of Lawrence Lampert, founder of the School Chess Association, the State Tournament now includes the annual "open section" for players in grades 7 through 12 and adult. Parents are invited and encouraged to enter the 'open section.' The entry fee for the 'open section' – one day tournament will be applied to the Lawrence Lampert Memorial Chess Scholarship fund. Registration form for special tournament is in this mailing.

*** **Note theme this year - ("Chess is a Science")**

Tournament cancellations will be announced on the SCA web site and through WCCO radio (830 AM).

ADDITIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENTS (NOT SCA AFFILIATED)

March 27-28	MSCA Scholastic Tournament	Cooper High School
April 9-11	National Junior High (K-9)	Mpls, MN
April 16-18	National High School (K-12)	Columbus, OH
May 7-9	National Elementary (K-6)	Atlanta, GA

SCA Summer Chess Camp: Check the SCA web page: www.schoolchess.org

Week 1:	June 28-July 1	Week 5:	Aug 2-5
Week 2:	July 12-15	Week 6:	Aug 9-12
Week 3:	July 19-22	Week 7:	Aug 16-19
Week 4:	July 26-29		

Chess camp is Monday through Thursday, 8 AM to 5 PM, camp is held at the Saint Louis Park Recreation Center. Additional information and registration material is enclosed.

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.

HOPKINS COMMUNITY CENTER, Hopkins, 1001 Hwy 7 – (Former Eisenhower High School) Hwy 100 to Highway 7 West. Turn slight right onto N Service Dr/MN 7, use front entrance. If you come to 494 you have gone too far.

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.

SONNESYN ELEMENTARY, New Hope, 3421 Boone Ave North. Take US 169 to 36th street exit turn east and continue to Boone. Turn south on Boone enter 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.

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SCA CHESS INFORMATION - WINTER AND SPRING 2010

AWARDS: Awards include trophies, medals and merit points.

Remember to bring your CHESS SET & CHESS CLOCK (if available) TO ALL TOURNAMENTS. Secondary school – aged

students may start a game with a clock if both players agree or if playing USCF rated chess. Food Concessions will be available at all tournaments.

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: 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 \$32.00 per year includes 12 issues of Chess Life; without issues of chess life membership is \$24.00. Youth: For those 15 and under the price is \$27.00 per year includes 6 issues of Chess Life; without Chess Life issues membership is \$20.00. Scholastic: For those 12 and under the price is \$23.00 per year includes 6 issues of Chess Life for Kids; without Chess Life for kids issues membership is \$16.00. Bring **chess clock** and **chess set**. All USCF rules are followed. Rated chess is available at all tournaments except the State Primary & Elementary Championship, the Doubles, 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. This two-day tournament is \$28.00 for advanced registration and \$38.00 at door. 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 State 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 Minnesota State Elementary and Primary Champion. **Time control will consist of 60 minutes per player. This is a USCF rated Tournament.** Also 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.

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 9:15 instead of 8:30, 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.