

2006-2007 GATEWAY CHESS LEAGUE BOARD TOURNAMENT

DATE – The tournament will be played on Saturday, December 2, 2006.

PLACE – The tournament will be played at Chaminade High School, 425 South Lindbergh, Saint Louis, Missouri-63141.

REGISTRATION – Tournament registration will be from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Advanced registration is recommended. To register go to www.gatewaychess.org and follow the instructions. The deadline for advanced registration is 6:00 p.m., Friday, December 1.

ELIGIBILITY – All students in kindergarten through grade twelve are eligible. Schools may not enter teams in sections that include grades higher than the highest grade in the school that the team represents.

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION FORMAT – The tournament will be played in four rounds at 9:30, 12:00, 2:30 and 5:00. Students in grades nine through twelve are eligible. Each school may enter any number of four player teams and a partial team. The best player on each team is assigned to board one, the second best player is assigned to board two and so forth. A school that enters only a partial team must assign the players to the highest boards, and a school that enters a partial team in addition to one or more full teams must assign the players to the lowest boards. The school score is the sum of the best scores on each board. Four school trophies and four individual trophies per board will be awarded. The time control is game in sixty minutes.

NINTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION FORMAT – The tournament will be played in six rounds at 9:30, 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00. Students in kindergarten through grade nine are eligible. Each school may enter any number of players. The school score is the sum of the four highest player scores. Two school trophies and eight individual trophies will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes. Players may be paired with players in the EIGHTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION.

EIGHTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION FORMAT – The tournament will be played in six rounds at 9:30, 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00. Students in kindergarten through grade eight are eligible. Each school may enter any number of players. The school score is the sum of the four highest player scores. Two school trophies and eight individual trophies will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes. Players may be paired with players in the NINTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION.

SIXTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION FORMAT – The tournament will be played in six rounds at 9:30, 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00. Students in kindergarten through grade six are eligible. Each school may enter any number of players. The school score is the sum of the four highest player scores. Two school trophies and eight individual trophies will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes. Players may be paired with players in the FIFTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION.

FIFTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION FORMAT – The tournament will be played in six rounds at 9:30, 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00. Students in kindergarten through grade five are eligible. Each school may enter any number of players. The school score is the sum of the four highest player scores. Two school trophies and eight individual trophies will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes. Players may be paired with players in the SIXTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION.

RATINGS – United States Chess Federation Ratings will be used where possible. Grade twelve students without ratings will be assigned a rating of 800, grade eleven students without ratings will be assigned a rating of 750 and so forth.

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS – Awards will be presented for the NINTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION, the EIGHTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION, the SIXTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION and the FIFTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION AT 6:30. Awards will be presented for the HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION at 7:30. No awards will be presented before these times.

UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION – United States Chess Federation membership is required for tournament participation. Players must either show proof of membership or purchase membership at the tournament. The cost for players between fifteen years of age and nineteen years of age is \$20.00 for one year membership and subscription of CHESS LIFE. The cost for players less than fifteen years of age is \$20.00 for one year membership and subscription to CHESS LIFE, or \$13.00 for one year membership and subscription to SCHOOL MATES.

ENTRY FEE – The on time entry fee is \$8.00 per player. The entry fee for players who begin registration after 8:30, or who pay the cashier after 9:00 is \$10.00. Checks must be written to INTERSCHOLASTIC CHESS.

TIE BREAKERS – Ties will be broken using the SOLKOFF SYSTEM, the SONNENBOERN-BERGER SYSTEM, the MEDIAN SYSTEM and the CUMULATIVE SYSTEM.

EQUIPMENT – Players are responsible for providing sets, boards and clocks and pen or pencil for writing game notation. Limited numbers of sets, boards and clocks will be available for those without necessary equipment. Sets, boards and clocks will be on sale at the tournament.

SPONSORS – Each school must have either a sponsor or parent present. There will be a sponsors and parents meeting during round one.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR – The tournament director is Edward Baur.

FURTHER INFORMATION – Please call Edward Baur at 314-965-4853 on school days or at 314-645-2897 evenings and weekends.