

2008 DENKER QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT 2008 POLGAR QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT

DATE – The tournament will be played on Saturday, April 12, 2008.

PLACE – The tournament will be played at the Days Inn, 1900 I-70 Drive Southwest, Columbia, Missouri, 65203.

REGISTRATION – Tournament registration will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 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, February 1. **If you pre-register, you must still be present for registration from 8:30-9:30 am or late fees will apply.**

DENKER QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY – All students in grades nine through twelve who live in the state of Missouri with United States Chess Federation ratings of 1000 or over are eligible. Those without United States Chess Federation ratings who placed fifth better on board 1, fourth or better on board 2, third or better on board 3 and second or better on board 4 in the Senior High Division of the Missouri Scholastic Championship Tournament are eligible.

POLGAR QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY – All girl students in kindergarten through grade 12 are eligible who live in the state of Missouri are eligible.

DENKER QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT FORMAT – The tournament will be played in four rounds at 10:30, 1:00, 3:30 and 6:00. Plaques will be awarded to the top ten players. The time control will be game in sixty minutes.

POLGAR QUALIFIER TOURNAMENT FORMAT – The tournament will be played in four rounds at 10:30, 1:00, 3:30 and 6:00. Plaques will be awarded to the top ten players. The time control will be game in sixty minutes.

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 at 8:30. No awards will be presented before these times.

ENTRY FEE – The on time entry fee is \$10.00 per player. The entry fee for players who begin registration after 9:30, or who pay the cashier after 10:00 is \$12.00. **If you pre-register, you must still be present for registration from 8:30-9:30am or late fees will apply.** 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 314-645-2897.