

# 2014 MISSOURI SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS TOURNAMENT

**DATE** – The tournament will be played on Saturday, March 1, 2014.

**PLACE** – The tournament will be played at Battle High School, 7575 Saint Charles Road, Columbia, Missouri, 65202.

**REGISTRATION** – Tournament registration will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Advanced registration is recommended. For advanced registration go to [www.gatewaychess.org](http://www.gatewaychess.org) and follow the instructions. The deadline for advanced registration is 6:00 p.m., Friday, February 28.

**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 10:30, 1:00, 3:30 and 6:00 with the last round beginning early if possible. 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 should be assigned to board one, the second best player should be 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. Eight school plaques and eight individual trophies per board will be awarded. The time control is game in sixty minutes. United States Chess Federation membership is required for tournament high school tournament participation. Players must either show proof of membership or purchase membership at the tournament. Players without current membership may purchase three month membership at the tournament for \$5.00. The costs for full year memberships are \$24.00 and up for players under twenty-five years of age and \$20.00 for players under sixteen years of age is.

**NINTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION FORMAT** – The tournament will be played in six rounds at 10:30, 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30 and 6:00 with the last round beginning early if possible. 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. Four school plaques and ten individual trophies will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes. Players may be paired with players in other sections.

**EIGHTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION FORMAT** – The tournament will be played in six rounds at 10:30, 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30 and 6:00 with the last round beginning early if possible. 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. Four school plaques and ten individual trophies will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes. Players may be paired with players in other sections.

**SIXTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION FORMAT** – The tournament will be played in six rounds at 10:30, 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30 and 6:00 with the last round beginning early if possible. 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. Four school plaques and ten individual trophies will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes. Players may be paired with players in other sections.

**FIFTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION FORMAT** – The tournament will be played in six rounds at 10:30, 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30 and 6:00 with the last round beginning early if possible. 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. Four school plaques and ten individual trophies will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes. Players may be paired with players in other sections.

**THIRD GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION FORMAT** – The tournament will be played in six rounds at 10:30, 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30 and 6:00 with the last round beginning early if possible. Students in kindergarten through grade three are eligible. Each school may enter any number of players. The school score is the sum of the four highest player scores. Four school plaques and ten individual trophies will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes. Players may be paired with players in other sections.

**RATINGS** – United States Chess Federation ratings will be used if 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, the FIFTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION and the THIRD GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION at either 7:30. Awards will be presented to the HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION AT 8:30. No awards will be presented before these times.

**ENTRY FEE** – The entry fee is \$20.00 per player. The entry fee for players who begin registration after 9:30 or who pay the cashier after 10:00 is \$30.00. Players who begin registration after 10:00 will not be paired in round one.

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

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

**SPONSORS** – Each school must have either a sponsor or parent present. There will be a sponsors and parents meeting about fifteen minutes after the start of round 1.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** – The tournament director is Thomas Rehmeier..

**FURTHER INFORMATION** – Please call Thomas Rehmeier at 573-291-0852..

**TEAM ROOM RESERVATIONS** – For team room reservations call Thomas Rehmeier. The cost for a team room from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. is \$200.00 for a classroom.