

2017 GATEWAY CHESS LEAGUE ACTION TOURNAMENT

DATE – The tournament will be played on Saturday, February 17, 2018

PLACE – The tournament will be played at Saint Louis University at the Center for Global Citizenship(the old West Pine gymnasium), 3672 West Pine Mall, Saint Louis, Missouri-63103. The best parking is at the visitor section of the parking garage near the southwest corner of Grand and Laclede.

REGISTRATION – Tournament registration will be from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Advanced registration is recommended. For advanced registration go to www.gatewaychess.org and follow the instructions. The deadline for advanced registration is 6:00 p.m., Friday, February 16.

ELIGIBILITY – All students in kindergarten through grade twelve are eligible. Players may not compete in sections including grades higher than the highest grade in the school the player represents.

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION FORMAT – The tournament will be played in six rounds at 9:30, 11:00, 12:30 and 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00 with the last round starting early if possible. Students in grades nine through twelve are eligible. Each school may enter any number of players. The school score is the sum of the four highest player scores. Four school trophies and trophies and four individual trophies per grade will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes. Players will be paired with players in other divisions.

NINTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION FORMAT – The tournament will be played in six rounds at 9:30, 11:00, 12:30 and 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00 with the last round starting 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. Two school trophies and four individual trophies per grade will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes. Players will be paired with players in other divisions.

EIGHTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION FORMAT – The tournament will be played in six rounds at 9:30, 11:00, 12:30 and 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00 with the last round starting 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. Two school trophies and four individual trophies per grade will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes. Players will be paired with players in other divisions.

SIXTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION FORMAT – The tournament will be played in six rounds at 9:30, 11:00, 12:30 and 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00 with the last round starting 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. Two school trophies and four individual trophies per grade will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes. Players will be paired with players in other divisions.

FIFTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION FORMAT – The tournament will be played in six rounds at 9:30, 11:00, 12:30 and 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00 with the last round starting 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. Two school trophies and four individual trophies per grade will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes. Players will be paired with players in other divisions.

THIRD GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION FORMAT – The tournament will be played in six rounds at 9:30, 11:00, 12:30 and 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00 with the last round starting 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. Two school trophies and four individual trophies per grade will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes. Players will be paired with players in other divisions.

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 at 6:30. No awards will be presented before this time.

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 is \$9.00 and up.

ENTRY FEE – The entry fee is \$12.00 per player. The entry fee for players who begin registration after 8:30 or who pay the cashier after 9:00 is \$18.00. Players who begin registration after 9:00 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 fifteen minutes after the beginning of round one.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR – The tournament director is Edward Baur.

FURTHER INFORMATION – Please call Edward Baur at 314-645-2897.