

# 2017 GATEWAY CHESS LEAGUE BOARD TOURNAMENT

**DATE** – The tournament will be played on Saturday, December 16, 2017.

**PLACE** – The tournament will be played at Harris-Stowe State University, 3026 Laclede, Saint Louis, Missouri, 63103.

**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](http://www.gatewaychess.org) and follow the instructions. The deadline for advanced registration is 6:00 p.m., Friday, December 15.

**ELIGIBILITY** – All students in kindergarten through grade twelve are eligibles. 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 four rounds at 9:30, 12:00, 2:30 and 5:00 with the last round starting earlier 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. Schools that enter partial teams in addition to one or more full teams may assign the players to boards at the discretion of the coach. 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 with the last round starting earlier 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 eight 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 9:30, 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00 with the last round starting earlier 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 eight 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 9:30, 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00 with the last round starting earlier 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 eight 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 9:30, 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00 with the last round starting earlier 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 eight 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 9:30, 11:00, 12:30 and 2:00, 3:30 and 5:00 with the sixth 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. Two school trophies and trophies and eight individual trophies will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes. Players may 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 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 6:30. Awards will be presented to 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 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