

2008 MISSOURI SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP CHESS TOURNAMENT

DATE – The tournament will be played on Saturday, February 2, 2008

PLACE – The tournament will be played at the Holiday Inn Select, 2200 I-70 Drive Southwest, Columbia, Missouri, 65203.
For reservations, call 1-800-315-2621 Hotel Front Desk: 1-573-445-8531

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.**

ELIGIBILITY – All students in kindergarten through grade twelve who attend a Missouri school are eligible.

HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION FORMAT – The tournament will be played in four rounds at 10:30, 1:00, 3:30 and 6:00. Students in grades nine through twelve are eligible. Students may represent only the school that they attend. 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. Eight school plaques and eight 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 10:30, 12:00, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30 and 6:00. Students in kindergarten through grade nine, at schools that have grade nine, are eligible. Students may represent only the school that they attend. Each school may enter any number of players. The school score is the sum of the four highest player scores. Three school plaques and ten individual trophies will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes.

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. Students in kindergarten through grade eight are eligible. Students may represent only the school that they attend. Each school may enter any number of players. The school score is the sum of the four highest player scores. Three school plaques and ten individual trophies will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes.

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. Students in kindergarten through grade six are eligible. Students may represent only the school that they attend. Each school may enter any number of players. The school score is the sum of the four highest player scores. Three school plaques and ten individual trophies will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes.

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. Students in kindergarten through grade five are eligible. Students may represent only the school that they attend. Each school may enter any number of players. The school score is the sum of the four highest player scores. Three school plaques and ten individual trophies will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty minutes.

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. Students in kindergarten through grade three are eligible. Students may represent only the school that they attend. Each school may enter any number of players. The school score is the sum of the four highest player scores. Three school plaques and ten individual trophies will be awarded. The time control is game in thirty 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 for the NINTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION, the EIGHTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION, the SIXTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION, FIFTH GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION and the THIRD GRADE AND UNDER DIVISION at 7:30. Awards will be presented for the HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION at 8:30. No awards will be presented before these times.

ENTRY FEE – The on time 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 \$25.00. **If you pre-register, you must still be present for registration from 8:30-9:30 am 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 directors are Edward Baur and Ken Fee.

FURTHER INFORMATION – Please call Edward Baur at 314-645-2897 evenings and weekends. Contact Ken Fee at 816-835-7529.