



## 2023 GATEWAY ELEMENTARY TOURNAMENT

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Maplewood-Richmond Heights High School  
7539 Manchester Road, Saint Louis, Missouri 63143

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- **REGISTRATION:** Tournament registration will be from 8:00 am to 8:30 am. Advanced registration is recommended. For advanced registration visit [www.gatewaychess.org](http://www.gatewaychess.org) and follow the instructions. The deadline for advanced registration is **6:00 pm, Friday, October 13.**
- **ELIGIBILITY:** All students in Kindergarten through grade six (K-6) are eligible. Players may not complete in sections including grades higher than the highest grade in the school the player represents.
- **FORMAT:** The tournament will be played in **5 ROUNDS**. Each school may enter any number of players.
  - **SECTIONS:** All players regardless of grade level will be paired in **ONE SECTION**.
  - **DIVISIONS (FOR TEAMS):** Sixth Grade and Under, Fifth Grade and Under, and Third Grade and Under
  - **ROUND TIMES:** 9:30, 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, and 3:30. *Final round will start earlier if possible.*
  - **TIME CONTROL:** Game in 30m + 5s time delay
- **AWARDS:** Awards presentation will begin at 5:00 pm. No awards will be presented before this time.
  - Three (3) school trophies will be awarded in each division. (Minimum of two players constitutes a team.)
    - School score is the sum of the four highest player scores.
  - Three (3) individual trophies will be awarded for each grade 1-6; One (1) for Kindergarten.
- **ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee is **\$15.00** per player. A late fee of \$10.00 will be assessed for players who begin registration after 8:30 am. Players who begin registration after 9:00 am will not be paired in round one. Payment may be made by cash, check, or credit card.
- **MEMBERSHIP:** United States Chess Federation membership is required for tournament participation. Players must either show proof of current membership or purchase at the tournament. The cost is \$11.00 and up.
- **RATINGS:** The current month United States Chess Federation rating supplement will be used for pairings. Players without a rating will be paired as unrated. (Local ratings no longer assigned.)
- **TIE BREAKERS:** Ties will be broken using Modified Median, Solkoff, Cumulative, and Cumulative Opp. for individual trophies and using Solkoff, Cumulative, Cumulative Opp., and Median for team trophies.
- **EQUIPMENT:** Players are responsible for providing sets, boards, and clocks. A limited number of clocks will be available for checkout. Chess 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 approximately fifteen minutes after the start of round one.
- **TOURNAMENT COORDINATORS:** The tournament director is Thomas Rehmeier. The tournament organizer is Sam Kassis. For further information please call Sam Kassis at 314-496-2266 or visit [www.gatewaychess.org](http://www.gatewaychess.org).