



2024 GATEWAY TEAM TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Belleville West High School

4063 Frank Scott Parkway West, Belleville, Illinois 62223

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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 and follow the instructions. The deadline for advanced registration is **6:00 pm, Friday, January 12.**
 - **ELIGIBILITY:** All students in Kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) are eligible. Players may not compete in sections including grades higher than the highest grade in the school the player represents.
 - **FORMAT:** The tournament will be played in **4 ROUNDS** and is divided into two sections, **TEAM** and **INDIVIDUAL**.
 - **SECTIONS: TEAM**—Each school may enter any number of **FIVE-PLAYER** teams. The best player on each team should be assigned to board one, the second best to board two, and so forth. Wins on Board 1 are worth 8 points, wins on Board 2 are worth 7 points, wins on Board 3 are worth 6 points, wins on Board 4 are worth 5 points, and wins on Board 5 are worth 4 points. The minimum number of players for a team is FOUR. Teams with only four players will earn 0 points for Board 5 each round. **INDIVIDUAL**—Players without a team will compete in the individual section combined across all grade levels (K-12).
 - **TEAM DIVISIONS:** High School (9-12), Ninth Grade and Under (K-9), Eighth Grade and Under (K-8), Sixth Grade and Under (K-6), Fifth Grade and Under (K-5), and Third Grade and Under (K-3). All divisions are combined for pairing purposes.
 - **ROUND TIMES:** 9:30, 12:00, 2:30, and 5:00. *Final round will start earlier if possible.*
 - **TIME CONTROL:** Game in 60m + 5s time delay
 - **AWARDS:** Awards presentation will begin at 7:30 pm. No awards will be presented before this time.
 - Two (2) team trophies will be awarded in the High School Team division. One (1) team trophy will be awarded in each of the other team divisions. School score is the sum of the best scores on each board.
 - Three (3) individual trophies will be awarded in the High School team division. Two (2) individual trophies will be awarded in each of the other team divisions.
 - One (1) trophy will be awarded to the top player in each grade in the individual section.
 - **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.