



2024 GATEWAY BLITZ TOURNAMENT

Saturday, February 10, 2024

First Assembly Church

4750 N. Service Rd., Saint Peters, Missouri 63376

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- **REGISTRATION:** Advanced registration is recommended. Please visit www.gatewaychess.org and follow the instructions. The deadline for advanced registration is **9:00 pm, Wednesday, February 7**. On site registration may be available, if space allows, between 8-8:30am. All online registrants must check-in by 9am!
 - **ELIGIBILITY:** All students in Kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) are eligible.
 - **FORMAT:** The tournament will be played in **5 DOUBLE ROUNDS**. Players will play once as white and once as black against each opponent. Each school may enter any number of players.
 - **SECTIONS:** High School (Grades 9-12), Middle School (Grades 6-8), and Elementary (Grades K-5).
 - **ROUND TIMES:** 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:30, and 12:00.
 - **TIME CONTROL:** Game in 5m + 2s time delay
 - **AWARDS:** Awards presentation will begin at 12:45 pm.
 - Two (2) school trophies will be awarded in all divisions. (Minimum of two players constitutes a team.)
 - School score is the sum of the three highest player scores.
 - Five (5) individual trophies will be awarded per 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 8:30am. Late registrants or check-ins 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 tournament will be United States Chess Federation Blitz Rated. As many players do not have a published US Chess Blitz rating, the current month Regular rating supplement will be used for pairing purposes. The Tournament Director reserves the right to use a published Blitz rating if available and significantly different than a player's Regular rating. Players without any 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.