



2023 GATEWAY GRADE TOURNAMENT

Saturday, October 28, 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 and follow the instructions. The deadline for advanced registration is **6:00 pm, Friday, October 27**.
 - **ELIGIBILITY:** All students in Kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) are eligible.
 - **FORMAT:** The tournament will be played in **4 ROUNDS**. Each school may enter any number of players.
 - **SECTIONS:** Players will be paired with players only in the **SAME GRADE**. (Sections may be combined for pairing purposes if there are not enough players.)
 - **DIVISIONS (FOR TEAMS):** High School, Ninth Grade and Under, Eighth Grade and Under, Sixth Grade and Under, Fifth Grade and Under, and Third Grade and Under
 - **ROUND TIMES:** 9:30, 11:30, 1:30, and 3:30. *Final round will start earlier if possible.*
 - **TIME CONTROL:** Game in 45m + 5s time delay
 - **AWARDS:** Awards presentation will begin at 5:30 pm. No awards will be presented before this time.
 - Four (4) school trophies will be awarded in the High School division. Two (2) school trophies will be awarded in each of the other divisions. (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 per grade level. One (1) for Kindergarten.
 - Players who score 3 points but do not score high enough to win a trophy will receive a medal.
 - **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.