



## 2024 CHRIS BOLLINGER MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 27, 2024

Wydown Middle School  
6500 Wydown Blvd., Saint Louis, Missouri 63105

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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, January 26.**
  - **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 is divided into six (6) sections, round number and time control vary by section. Each school may enter any number of players.
    - **SECTIONS:** 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).
    - **ROUND TIMES (High School, K-9, K-8):** 9:30, 11:30, 1:30, and 3:30. *Final round will start earlier if possible.*
      - **TIME CONTROL:** Game in 45m + 5s time delay
    - **ROUND TIMES (K-6, K-5, K-3):** 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 5:30 pm. No awards will be presented before this time.
    - Two (2) school trophies will be awarded in each section. (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 in each 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](http://www.gatewaychess.org).