



# 14th Tri-State Junior Chess Open

## Saturday December 17, 2011      Times 9:30 ~ 4pm



Open to anyone in Grades K-12

Our annual Tri-State Championship is aimed at kids from PA, WV, and Ohio, but open to everyone. Most years, we have players from all 3 states, eager to test their skills against competitors from neighboring states. Tournaments like this generate lots of excitement! This is your chance to play some new opponents and challenge yourself. We will have a minimum of 40 trophies and numerous ribbons. Join us at the beautiful playing site at CMU and have some fun! See you there!

**Location:** Carnegie Mellon University, Rangos Ballroom, 2nd Floor in the University Center Bldg. The University Center Building is located near Forbes Ave. between Morewood & Beeler. We have permission to use Morewood Garden parking lot, near Forbes & Morewood. You may also use the Parking garage if open.

**8 Sections:** (Kids are automatically placed in the correct section by official Dec ratings, or play up by request)

<b>Grades K &amp; 3 Beginner:</b>	Open to Kids Rated Under 400 or Unrated in Grades K to 3
<b>Grades 4 to 5 Beginner:</b>	Open to Kids Rated Under 400 or Unrated in Grades 4 to 5
<b>Grades K - 5 Adv Beginner</b>	Open to Kids Rated 400 to 600 in Grades K to 5
<b>Grades 6 to 12 Beginner:</b>	Open to Kids Rated Under 600 or Unrated in Grades 6 - 12
<b>Rated 600 to 774:</b>	Open to Kids Rated 600 to 774 in all Grades
<b>Rated 775 to 949:</b>	Open to Kids Rated 775 to 949 in all Grades
<b>Premier:</b>	Open to Kids Rated 950 to 1249 in all Grades
<b>Championship:</b>	Open to Kids who are Rated 1250 and over in all Grades

Sections may be combined or split if necessary, based on enrollment. Changes will be posted on youthchess.net.

**Registration Info:** Entry is \$20 if postmarked by 12/3; add \$5 late fee later. Entries are accepted until 12/16. **No on-site registration. USCF membership is required.** Rates vary with age, as listed on entry form. All memberships include rating service and online access to a chess magazine published by the USCF. Note: Bounced Checks are subject to \$20 charge. **Cancellations after 12/3 are nonrefundable.** Please enter early.

**Questions?** Call Jerry Meyers (412) 422-1770. For more details, see **Website:** <http://www.youthchess.net>

-----Starts 9:30am - Full schedule on back. Mark on your calendar. Cut here and save top for info.-----

Full Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City : \_\_\_\_\_ State : \_\_\_\_\_ Zip : \_\_\_\_\_ If new address or school, check here

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate : \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  Boy  Girl

Please check the appropriate box:

- Students age 12 or under. Entry fee + Scholastic USCF membership. (\$36 if postmarked by 12/3, \$41 later).
- Students age 13 to 15. Entry fee + Youth USCF membership. (\$40 if postmarked by 12/3, \$45 later).
- Students age 16 to 24. Entry fee + Young Adult USCF membership. (\$44 if postmarked by 12/3, \$49 later).
- Students, with current USCF memberships. (\$20 if postmarked by 12/3, \$25 later).**

My USCF ID # and expiration date are \_\_\_\_\_ (See <http://www.uschess.org/msa>)

**USCF membership is required.** If your membership expires before 12/31/11, you must renew.

Please make checks payable to: **Jerry Meyers**, and mail to: **4101 Windsor Street, Pittsburgh PA 15217**

**Entry Form - \$5 Late fee after 12/3/11 - No on-site registration!!**

**Schedule:** Everyone should bring a chess set, board, and pencil, and be at the playing site by 9:30 am for announcements. Rounds begin promptly at 10 am, 11:15 am, 12:45 pm, and 2 pm. One hour is allotted for each game, with the results of unfinished games being judged by the directors. For parents whose children are old enough to drop off, most games will be done by 2:45 ~ 3pm so return by then. Award ceremony will be from 3:15 to 3:45pm. Food will be on sale at the tournament site.

**Playing Format:** No eliminations. Everyone plays 4 games. Pairings are made using the Swiss System method, which matches players together who have the same number of points each round. Your opponents get tougher if you keep winning, and easier each time you lose. For this tournament, use of chess clocks and recording of your moves is only required in the Championship and Premier sections. If you do not own a clock, you are not required to buy one. Recording your moves is not required in other sections but not doing so can limit your right to make some claims. It is a good learning tool, and is recommended for all.

**Team Competition:** When four or more students from one school play in the tournament, they will automatically be considered a team. They do not need to all sign up at once or register in any special way to be counted as a team. If less than 4 students from one school enter, they play only for individual prizes. There is no maximum to the number of students who can play on your team. However, each team's score will be computed by summing the results of the 4 highest scoring players on the team. Having a large team increases your odds of winning and cannot hurt you. Team members can play in different sections. Teams from all grade levels will be competing against one another. You will not be paired against other members of your team. The top 3 teams will each receive a trophy for their school and a ribbon for each member of their team. The members of the 4th place team will also receive ribbons. Extra trophies may be added based on early entries.

**The best way to get a team is for you to recruit them! Offer someone a ride. Encourage them to play!**

**Individual Prizes:** In each section, trophies to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th place winners. Ribbons to the 6th place finishers, top girl and top unrated player. Ties for trophies will be broken using the following tiebreaking systems in the order given: Solkoff, Modified Median, and the Cumulative Points method. These methods all attempt, in different ways, to determine who played the toughest field of opponents. The idea is that in the event of a tie, the person who played tougher opposition should come out ahead of the person who played easier opponents. All players tied for ribbons will receive one.

**Classes and Winter Camp at the Pittsburgh Chess Club:** Improve your child's play with classes or a camp at the Pittsburgh Chess Club in Squirrel Hill. **Next Sunday classes start Jan 8. Winter chess camp for players rated 450 - 950 is 12/26 to 12/30.** See website for details. Not sure where to place your child or how to get started? Call Jerry Meyers (412) 422-1770 or email [catnipper99@yahoo.com](mailto:catnipper99@yahoo.com) for help.

**Web Site: Check your ratings and other info on our web site: <http://www.youthchess.net>**

**Notice:** The US Chess Federation (USCF) is raising dues as of January 1, 2012. Basic scholastic memberships for children under age 12 will increase by \$1 to \$17. The Youth rate, for children aged 13 to 16 will increase \$2 to \$22, and the Young Adult rate, for children aged 17 to 24 will increase to \$26. Adult dues are also increasing.

We have no control over these rate increases. However, if you wish, you can renew before January 1 and beat the rate increase. When you renew, the USCF simply adds one year to your child's expiration date, so you do not lose any time by renewing early.

If your child is registering for the tournament and already has a current USCF membership, the easiest way to renew early is just check one of the boxes that says entry fee + USCF membership.