



2011 Pittsburgh Scholastic Chess Championship



Saturday March 3, 2012

Times 9:30 ~ 4pm

Open to anyone in Grades K - 12; Pittsburgh residence not required

This tournament is the kid's version of the City Championship for chess in Pittsburgh. Anyone in grades K to 12 may participate, regardless of where they live or attend school. Beginner and Experienced players alike may test their skills against other players of similar ability, thanks to the many different sections. Most kids love the excitement and the challenge of a tournament. If you have never been to a tournament before, find out what you have been missing. You get to play a new group of kids, make some new friends, and possibly win a ribbon or one of the many trophies we will be awarding! Sign up today and get in on the fun!

Location: Oakland Catholic High School, 144 N. Craig St, Pgh. PA 15213. Directions: From Sq. Hill, take Forbes Ave to Craig St in Oakland. Turn rt on Craig St. Shortly after you cross 5th Ave, you will see the entrance to the school parking lot on your right.

6 Sections: Kids will automatically be placed in the correct section based on official March ratings, or may play in higher section by request.

Sections may be combined or split if necessary, based on registrations.

- Beginner:** Open to Kids Rated Under 400 and Unrateds in Grades K - 5
- Advanced Beginner:** Open to Kids Rated 400 to 599 and Unrateds in Grades 6 to 12
- Intermediate:** Open to Kids Rated 600 to 849 in all Grades
- Advanced Intermediate:** Open to Kids Rated 850 to 999 in all Grades
- Premier :** Open to Kids Rated 1000 to 1199 in all Grades
- Championship:** Open to Kids who are Rated 1200 and over in all Grades

Registration Info: Entry is \$20 if postmarked by 2/18; add \$5 late fee later. Entries are accepted until Mar 2. **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 2/18 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 : _____

Email Address : _____ Boy Girl

Please check the appropriate box:

- Students age 12 or under. Entry fee + Scholastic USCF membership. (\$37 if postmarked by 2/18, \$43 later).
- Students age 13 to 15. Entry fee + Youth USCF membership. (\$42 if postmarked by 2/18, \$47 later).
- Students age 16 to 24. Entry fee + Young Adult USCF membership. (\$46 if postmarked by 2/18, \$51 later).
- Students, with current USCF memberships. (\$20 if postmarked by 2/18, \$25 later).**

My USCF ID # and expiration date are _____ (lookup at www.uschess.org/msa)

Please make checks payable to: **Jerry Meyers**, and mail to: **4101 Windsor Street, Pittsburgh PA 15217-2610**

Entry Form - \$5 Late fee after 2/18/12 - No on-site registration!!

Schedule: Everyone should bring a chess set, board, and pencil, and be at the playing site by 9:30 am. Rounds begin promptly at 10 am, 11:15 am, 12:45 pm, and 2pm. 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 finish 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.**

Playing Format: No eliminations. Everyone plays 4 games. Pairings are made using a method called the Swiss System, 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 Premier and Championship 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 2 teams will each receive a trophy for their school and a ribbon for each member of their team.** The members of the 3rd place team will also receive ribbons. Based on past attendance, it is likely that additional trophies will be added.

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.

Registration Options: Please mail entry before 2/18/12 to avoid late fee and possibly increase the number of prizes. Early entries allow us to add additional prizes to large sections. Entries postmarked after 2/18 will be charged \$5 late fee and must be received by Mar 2. **Cancellations after 2/18 are nonrefundable.** Checks returned for any reason are subject to \$20 charge. **There will be no on-site registration.**

Classes at the Pittsburgh Chess Club: Improve your child's play with Pittsburgh Chess Club classes. Next Sunday classes for Beginners, Adv Beginners, and Intermediate players start 3/11. Advanced kids and Adults meet Monday night from 7-8:30pm, starting 3/12. See website for details.

Western PA Youth Chess Web site: <http://www.youthchess.net>

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