

Greetings folks! The Kealing Scholastic Chess tournament is this Saturday, so I've typed up a few last minute comments and reminders....

This tournament promises to be a great continuation of our scholastic chess season.

All pertinent tournament information can be found at www.AustinChessTournaments.com. Please re-read the tournament description: <http://www.austinchesstournaments.com/events/726>.

If your player's name is highlighted on the [pre-registration](#) list for ANY reason, please contact [me](#) ASAP. (To find your player's name, log in to your ACT account, click on the pre-registration list, and search for your player's name. If you are receiving this email, your player's name is there.) Only complete entries will be paired for round 1. Please also read our list of [Parent Responsibilities](#). By registering your player for a tournament hosted by Rocks & Rocks, you as a parent/guardian/coach have agreed to abide by these guidelines.

No bye changes are available for round 1 after noon on Friday! You have until the end of round 2 to request or remove other byes. Please note: **Your player will have an opponent in every round unless you request otherwise.** If your chess player needs to leave for any reason before the last round, you **must** come by Chess Control before the end of the last round your child will play to let us know (if you have not already requested a bye.) If you leave without withdrawing, you will pay a \$25 penalty before being allowed to play in another event. Officially withdrawing is common courtesy to your prospective opponents. Also, if your plans have changed and your player will not be attending, please email me if at all possible!!! **Refunds for withdrawals are no longer available, but it still helps to know if your player cannot attend.**

What to bring:

A PENCIL (for taking notation and filling out results slips)

A chess clock (highly recommended)

Chess set (for going over games between rounds)

Activities (for between rounds for chess players)

Activities (to keep the waiting parent occupied)

Folding chair (parents – we can't always guarantee enough chairs for waiting parents)

Snacks/Drinks (keep it healthy, see below)

The Kealing Chess Club will be providing concessions tomorrow. Bringing snacks for your chess player is always a good idea. But **please consider supporting the Kealing Chess Club.**

When you arrive, **there is NO NEED TO CHECK IN if your child's name is not highlighted on the pre-registration list.** Chess Control will be open all day, and is the place to go for all issues. However, entries paid for at Chess Control will NOT be paired in the first round. Skittles (waiting area for parents and players) and concessions will be in the cafeteria. Please arrive early, take a look around, familiarize your child

with the location of his/her playing room and restrooms, and make sure your child knows where to find you when the round is finished. Find a place to sit in the cafeteria, look for where pairings will be posted, and get in the chess mood. Pairings will be available when you arrive. All scholastic sections will play in one of the two gyms. **Players will need to be in their seats no later than 8:45 for announcements.**

If we have internet access, pairings will be online throughout the event. I will post links to those pairings on the [Kealing Chess Tournament page](#). Remember, no pairing is final until the round actually begins. If you are listed as having a forced bye, report to your TD! We will still try to find you a game.

Last of all – Parents and coaches, it is your responsibility to make sure your chess player is seated in time for their next game. No announcements will be made inside or out. We will be following the posted [round-schedule](#).

We have quite a few new players at this tournament. Experienced parents, please be willing to help us answer questions. If you don't know the answer, ask a TD or go to Chess Control!

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