Greetings folks! The Region VI Chess tournaments are this Saturday, so I've typed up a few last minute comments and reminders....

You have registered for the "Adult Tournament at the Region VI Championships". Usually called the 'Open' section, the name was changed to avoid confusing parents of all the kids who normally play Open, but are this time required to play scholastic. All pertinent section information can be found at

<u>https://www.austinchesstournaments.com/events/757.</u> Please re-read the tournament description and familiarize yourself with the round times.

If you have kids playing as well, please review the <u>Parent Responsibilities</u>. By registering your player for a tournament hosted by Rocks & Rocks, you as a parent/guardian/coach have agreed to abide by these guidelines. You may want to have another adult available for your child in case your games go long.

## What to bring:

A PEN or PENCIL for notation. Notation is required. A chess clock Chess set (for going over games between rounds) Snacks/Drinks (keep it healthy, see below)

The Westwood Debate and Speech Booster Club will be providing concessions. Bringing snacks or food is always a good idea, because Open Section games are often long, with little space in between. But please consider supporting the Westwood Debate and Speech Booster Club.

**The open section starts at 9:15am sharp**. The Open will play in a classroom, away from most of the scholastic areas, in room 321! The Open section currently has 15 players.

Drew Sarkisian will be your assigned TD. He will pair and post in your playing room. Remember, no pairing is final until the round actually begins. If you are listed as having a forced bye, we will still try to find you a game. It is your responsibility to make sure you are on time for each game. No announcements will be made inside or out. We will be following the posted <u>round-schedule</u>.(your section: 9:15am, 11am, 1pm, 3:20pm)

You have until the end of round 2 to request or remove byes. Before the tournament begins, email me with any bye requests. On Saturday, make those requests directly to Drew in your playing room. Also, if your plans have changed and you will not be attending, please <u>email</u> asap!!

Last of all – **Parking!** The school has limited parking. Carpool when at all possible. Otherwise, you might consider arriving early. Scholastic players must be onsite before 8:30 for non-championship sections. Championship players arrive even earlier.

Thanks for playing. We look forward to seeing you Saturday! Lori Balkum Registrar, Computer Room Gary Gaiffe Organizer, Chief TD Rocks & Rooks