

Your chess player is currently registered for a Championship section at the 2017 Region VI Chess Championships scheduled for this Saturday, May 25th at Canyon Vista Middle School.

All pertinent tournament information can be found at www.AustinChessTournaments.com. Please re-read the tournament description: <http://www.austinchesstournaments.com/events/758>! **Round Times (8:15, 10:15, 12:20, 2:20, 4:45)** and other important info are listed in the tournament flyer. Parents and coaches, it is your responsibility to make sure your chess player is on time every round. No announcements will be made inside or out. 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.

Your player's name IS on the [pre-registration](#) list. (To find your player's name, log in to your ACT account, navigate to the pre-registration list, and search for your player's name. The list does sort.) Please familiarize yourself with your child's section name and bye requests.

After 12 noon on Thursday, no bye changes or section changes are available for round 1! Please email me asap if you have any round 1 changes.

Chess Control will be open all Saturday, and is the place to go for all onsite issues. You have until the end of round 2 to request or remove byes. You do that onsite at Chess Control AFTER round 1 has started. 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 – NOT PROVIDED by the organizer. Notation is required.)

A **chess clock** (highly recommended)

Chess set (for reviewing games between rounds)

Activities (for between rounds for chess players)

Activities (to keep the waiting parent occupied – NO SPECTATORS are allowed in the playing rooms)

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

Snacks/Drinks (keep it healthy, see below)

The Westwood Debate and Speech Booster Club will be providing concessions, and you may also bring your own food/drinks. There will be absolutely no food allowed in

the playing rooms. Water bottles with lids are allowed. **All phones must be turned off during the round and may not leave the playing room during the round.** Earphones are allowed at the TD's discretion, but only connected to devices with no internet capability.

When you arrive, **there is NO need to check in.** Skittles (waiting area for parents and players) and concessions will be in the cafeteria. Please arrive early, find your child's playing room, show them the closest restrooms, and make sure your child knows where to find you when the round is finished. Locate pairings and get in the chess mood.

Middle School and High School Championship sections will play in the Library. Elementary Championship will play in room 103 (Robotics room). Primary Championship will play in the room 106 (Theater room). (All non-championship sections will play in the gym.) **Championship players will need to be in their seats no later than 7:55 for announcements.**

In addition to being posted each round on the wall, pairings will be online throughout the event. Links to those pairings will be on the [Region VI Tournament page](#) as of Saturday morning. Remember, no pairing is final until the round begins. If you are listed as having a forced bye, report to your TD! We will still try to find you a game.

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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