

Your chess player is currently registered for a Varsity, JV, or Novice section at the Region VI Chess Championships scheduled for this coming Saturday, March 25th at Canyon Vista Middle School.

You are responsible for all the information within this email, on the tournament flyer, and in the online tournament listing. Please read on!

Review the 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.

Please re-read the tournament description:

<http://www.austinchestournaments.com/events/758!> **Round Times (9:00am, 10:25am, 12:10pm, 1:35pm, 3:00pm, 4:25pm*** 6th round only for non-champ sections with 50+ players) and other important info is listed in the [tournament flyer](#). Parents and coaches, it is your responsibility to make sure your chess player is seated in time for each game. No announcements will be made inside or out.

Your player's name IS on the [pre-registration](#) list. (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. The list does sort.) **Please familiarize yourself with your child's section name and bye requests.** If you are unsure of your section choice or bye requests, don't wait until the tournament day to ask questions! **As of 12 noon on Thursday, no bye changes or section changes are available for round 1!** Please [email](#) asap with round 1 changes. Please remember – unpaid entries will not be paired for round 1.

Chess Control will be open all Saturday, and is the place to go for all non-emergency issues. You have until the end of round 2 to request or remove other 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)

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)

Folding chair (parents – we can't guarantee enough chairs for waiting parents)
Snacks/Drinks (bring healthy snacks and drinks, but please consider supporting the Westwood Debate and Speech Booster Club by visiting concessions.)

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. **No spectators are allowed during tournament games.**

When you arrive, **there is no need to check in.** Skittles (waiting area for parents and players) and concessions will be in the cafeteria. ALL non-championship sections (Middle School Varsity, all Varsity U800, all JV U500, and all Novice U300) will play in the gym. **Players in the gym sections will need to be in their seats no later than 8:30am for announcements.** Parking will be tight, and carpooling is strongly encouraged. Please arrive early, show your child the location of his/her playing room and restrooms, and make sure s/he knows where to find you when each round is finished. Find a place to sit in the cafeteria or a hallway, look for where pairings are posted, and get in the chess mood. Pairings will be available when you arrive. Round 1 starts promptly at 9:00am. Late players may be withdrawn with no refund and their games forfeited and/or reassigned. **Please arrive early.**

Pairings will also be online throughout the event. I will post links to those pairings on the [Region VI tournament page](#). 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!

Thanks for playing! See you Saturday!

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