

Greetings folks! The Casis Scholastic Chess tournament is this Saturday. This tournament promises to be a great start to the 2023 scholastic chess season. Please re-read the tournament description: <https://www.austinesstournaments.com/2023-winter-casis-scholastic-chess-tournament/>

To know ahead of time:

Know your player's section name (find it on the [pre-registration list](#))!

Please review our list of [Parent Responsibilities](#). By registering your player for a tournament organized by Rocks & Rocks, you as a parent/guardian/coach/chaperone have agreed to abide by these guidelines.

[Email Lori \(registrar@austinesstournaments.com\)](mailto:registrar@austinesstournaments.com) bye requests for round 1 asap! Your bye requests are listed on the [pre-registration](#) page. **No bye changes or section changes are available for round 1 after 9am on Friday!** Bye requests are made for **specific rounds** (times are listed below). You may request byes for other rounds onsite. You have until the end of round 2 to request or remove half-point byes. (Unsure of what a bye is? [Read our FAQs!!](#)) **Your player will be paired 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 in which your player will compete 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. If your plans have changed and your player will not be attending, [please email Lori \(registrar@austinesstournaments.com\)](mailto:registrar@austinesstournaments.com) asap! **Refunds for withdrawals are only available until online registration closes (noon Thursday, 1/19/23).**

Plan what to bring:

A PENCIL (for taking notation and signing your results)
A chess clock (recommended, especially for advanced players)
Chess set (for going over games between rounds)
Activities (for between rounds for chess players)
Activities (to keep the waiting parent occupied)
Folding chair (space is tight)
Picnic blanket for outdoors. It will be cool but rain chances have gone away!
Snacks/Drinks (keep it healthy!)

Concessions:

Please support the CASIS Chess Club! The CASIS Chess Club is offering concessions (ticket system – cash, check, or credit) in the cafeteria. Snacks and drinks are available all day long. Items for sale and a general food availability timeline are available on [our website](#). There will be absolutely no food allowed in the playing rooms. Water bottles are ok. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR TRASH! Players are also asked to wash their hands FREQUENTLY. Hand sanitizer will be available in each tournament room.

The day of the tournament :

Parking at Elementary schools is always difficult, so we suggest you consider carpooling or being dropped off if at all possible. Please review the [Parking Map](#). Do not risk being towed!

Links to pictures of the campus – building configurations, entrance, and parking – have been added to the [event website](#).

Building doors open for chess players and parents at 7:45. When you arrive, there is **NO NEED TO CHECK IN**. Chess Control will be open all day and is the place to go for all issues. Fixing the issue at chess control before round 1 will not fix it for round 1. Round 1 is paired on Friday.

Skittles (official waiting area for parents and players) will be in the Cafeteria. We anticipate the building being quite crowded. If you have downtime between rounds, consider going outside for some fresh air!

All Scholastic Section are located in one of three large class rooms and the gym. The K-1 U400 section will play on the cafeteria stage, which will be curtained off. We will have signs up when you arrive you to the various playing locations.

Please arrive early, 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.** The playing areas will be off limits to all waiting parents. To promote distancing, **pairings will be [online](#) only.** Bookmark this link. Before each round refresh your screen and the new pairing links will appear.

Players will need to be in their seats no later than 8:40 for announcements. If your child is not seated at the start of round 1 (9:00am), the game will be reassigned, and the player may be withdrawn from the tournament. **Please arrive early for announcements!** Because of crowding issues, **parents are asked to stay out of the playing rooms once the tournament begins.** If your child needs help finding the appropriate room and board in future rounds, we have volunteers and TDs (Tournament Directors) ready to help seat players. **No hovering in the hallways** once the round begins! Immediately after round 1 begins, Gary will hold an **announcement and Q/A session in the Cafeteria for parents.**

We will post pairings each round [online](#). Remember, **no pairing is final until the round actually begins.** If you are listed as having a 1-point bye (because of an odd number in your section), report to your TD (and wait) in your tournament room. 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 on time for their next game.** Walking in at the start of the round is NOT acceptable. Players should be seated at least 5 minutes before the round begins. We will be following the **posted round schedule.**

round 1 – 9:00am, rd 2 – 11:00am, rd 3 – 12:45 pm, rd 4 – 2:30 pm, rd 5 – 4:00 pm

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

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