

Greetings folks! The 2023 Region VI Chess Championship Tournament is this Saturday. This tournament promises to be a great continuation to the 2023 scholastic chess season. Please re-read the tournament description: <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/2023-r6-scholastic-chess-championships/>

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 \(registrar@austinchestournaments.com\)](mailto:registrar@austinchestournaments.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 \(registrar@austinchestournaments.com\)](#) asap! **Refunds for withdrawals are only available until online registration closes (noon Thursday, 2/23/23).**

Plan what to bring:

A PENCIL (for taking notation and signing your results)

Cash or venmo access for purchasing a pencil at Chess Control to replace the one your chess player loses

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 or picnic blanket (it's going to be a gorgeous day!)

Snacks/Drinks (keep it healthy!)

Concessions:

There will be **limited concessions** available. Nala Austin (Indian) will be serving from 11:30-4. We are hopeful also for water, drinks, and perhaps snacks. Feel free to bring food and drink with you, in case availability or timing doesn't work for your player's schedule. 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 :

Links to a campus map has 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 (in the gym) 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 Gym.

Section locations:

- All **NON-championship scholastic sections** (anything labeled **novice, jv, or varsity**) are located in the **Events Center**
- All **Championship sections** will be in the **Grammar Building**
Primary & Elementary Championship – the Oak room
Middle School Championship – room 179
High School Championship – room 177

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.

Championship sections – players should be seated no later than 8am. All non-championship players (the Events Center) should be seated no later than 8:35am. Announcements will begin at this time. If your child is not seated at the start of round 1 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**. No hovering in the hallways or peeking thru windows. Immediately after round 1 begins, Gary will hold an **announcement and Q/A session in the Gym 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 (and arrive MUCH earlier for round 1). We will be following the **posted round schedule**. Know your section name to know your round times!

The Events Center

Varsity, JV, and Novice Sections (G/30, d5 – all rounds):

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

The Grammar Building

Championship Sections (Rds 1-3, G/45, d5/ Rds 4-5, G/60, d5):

rd 1 – 8:15am, rd 2 – 10:15am, rd 3 – 12:15 pm, rd 4 – 2:15 pm - rd 5 – 4:30 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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