

Greetings folks! The 2023 Winter NYOS Chess tournament is this Saturday, so I've typed up a few last-minute comments and reminders....

All pertinent tournament information can be found at <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/open-section-at-the-2023-winter-nyos-scholastic-chess-tournament/>. Please re-read the tournament description and familiarize yourself with the round times.

If you have kids playing as well, please review the [Parent Responsibilities](#). Also, contact [Lori \(registrar@austinchestournaments.com\)](mailto:lori@austinchestournaments.com) if your Family-Child team is not listed on the [pre-registration list](#). By registering a player for a tournament hosted by Rocks & Rocks, you as a parent/guardian/coach/chaperone have agreed to abide by these guidelines. You may want to have another adult available if you also have a younger child playing, in case your games go long.

**No bye changes or section changes are available for round 1 after 9am on Friday.** Please do NOT email other requests after 9am. Make them onsite with your TD (Drew). You have until the end of round 2 to request or remove other byes.

If your plans have changed and you will not be attending, please email me asap!!! **Refunds for withdrawals were only available until online registration closes (5pm on Wednesday), but it still helps to know if you cannot attend.**

What to bring:

- A PEN or PENCIL for notation. NOT provided!
- A chess clock (few provided. PLEASE bring your own!)
- Chess set (for going over games between rounds)
- Snacks/Drinks (keep it healthy, see below for more information)

The NYOS Chess Club is offering concessions 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. However, bringing snacks or food is always a good idea, because Open Section games are often long, with little space in between. Absolutely no food in the playing room. Water only.

Allow extra time on Saturday morning to find your playing space. The Open section will be in its own room in Building 2. We will post signs – locations are still being determined.

Parking at schools is always difficult, so we suggest you consider carpooling or being dropped off if at all possible. Enter and exit on the north end (toward building 1). Please review the [Building and Parking Map](#). Watch for no parking signs off campus. Do not risk being towed!

**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.

Open pairings should be [online](#) throughout the event; however, Drew will post a paper copy for you to record results. Remember, no pairing is final until the round actually begins. If you are listed as having a forced bye, we still might be able 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 round schedule**.

**rd 1 – 9:00am, rd 2 – 11:00am, rd 3 – 1:00pm, rd 4 – 3:00pm**

If you are late for round 1 and you have **not** notified us ([registrar@austinchestournaments.com](mailto:registrar@austinchestournaments.com) AND [austinchessclub@gmail.com](mailto:austinchessclub@gmail.com) ) that you are on your way, we assume you will not be attending. Your game will be reassigned and you will be withdrawn. In rounds 2 – 4, late arrival means a loss of time on your clock.

Even if the scholastic tournament runs behind, the open section will stay on schedule. You will be paired for every round unless you request a bye or withdraw. See your chief TD, Drew Sarkisian, for onsite byes or withdrawal requests.

Prizes – please make sure the billing address used to purchase your entry is where you want your prize check to be sent. When in doubt, leave your mailing address with Drew or better yet, email it to Lori ([registrar@austinchestournaments.com](mailto:registrar@austinchestournaments.com)).

See you Saturday!  
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