

Greetings folks! The NYOS Scholastic Chess tournament is this Saturday and you have a player who is registered for the event.

Please re-read the tournament description: <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/2023-winter-nyos-scholastic-chess-tournament/>

### **To know ahead of time:**

**Know your player's section name (find it on the [advance entry/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** (include the name of your player and section)! Your bye requests are listed on the [advance entry](#) 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 \(registrar@austinchestournaments.com\)](mailto:registrar@austinchestournaments.com) asap! **Refunds for withdrawals were only available until online registration closed (5pm, Wednesday 11/29/23).**

### **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

\$5 Cash or Venmo access for your player's **Puzzle Contest** entry (side event - info onsite)

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:**

**Please support the NYOS Chess Club!** 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 will soon be 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 schools is often difficult, so we suggest you consider carpooling or being dropped off if at all possible. Please review the [Building and Parking Map](#). Enter and exit on the North end (toward Building 1). Watch for no parking signs off campus. Do not risk being towed!

Find links to the information you need on the [event website](#).

**Building doors open for chess players and parents at 8:00.** 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!

**Most Scholastic Section are located in the gym (in Building 3).** The K-12 Elite will play in **Building A, room 100**. The cafeteria is also in Building A. Chess Control is in Building A. Please familiarize yourself with the [campus map](#). Section locations are subject to change before the event begins. We appreciate your patience as section counts can fluctuate.

Please arrive early, familiarize your player with the location of his/her playing room and restrooms, and **make sure your player knows where to find you when the round is finished**. The playing areas will be off limits to all waiting parents. **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 player 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! We would like to start on time!** Because of crowding issues, **parents are asked to stay out of the playing rooms once the tournament begins.** If your player needs help finding the appropriate room and board in future rounds, we have volunteers and TDs (Tournament Directors) ready to help seat

players. 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.**

**rd 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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