

Greetings folks! The 2024 Spring Del Valle Chess tournament is this Saturday...

All pertinent tournament information can be found at <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/open-section-at-the-2024-spring-del-valle-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(registrar@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.

Make any bye or other changes onsite with your TD (Drew). We are a small group. There is the potential we will merge K-12 Elite into the Open section (they play for trophies and you for cash). This will ensure you all get games each round. We thank you for your flexibility!

If your plans have changed and you will not be attending, please email me asap!!! That will affect merging decisions. **Refunds for withdrawals were only available until online registration closed (9am this morning)**, 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)

We have heard nothing from the school regarding concessions. Because of the potential that games will run long, bring lunch and snacks!!! Water only.

Allow extra time on Saturday morning to find your playing space. The Open section will be in its own room #371.

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.

Drew will post a paper copy of pairings – the place you will also 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. With only 4 games, we will do everything possible to avoid that situation. [Pairings and Wall Charts](#) will also be available online.

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 AND 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. It is VERY IMPORTANT that if you're done playing, you withdraw before the next round is played. Leaving without saying anything is bad form, wastes your opponent's time, and will cost you on your next tournament entry.

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).

See you Saturday!
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