

2025 National Chess Day

Nebraska Scholastic Team

Kick-off Tournament



When: Saturday October 11th 2025.

High School Registration 8:30-9:00 Rounds at 9:30, Lunch 11-12, 12:15, 2:00, (4:00 if needed)

Elementary and Middle School Registration: 10:00-10:30, Rounds at 11, lunch from 12-1:00 PM. Round 2 at 1:15 and Round 3 and 4 (if needed) to commence after conclusion of the previous round.

Where: UNO CPACS Building on UNO Campus 62nd and Dodge in Omaha. CPACS is across the parking lot diagonally from the library past the bell tower. Parking is free on Saturday in the bell tower lot.

Entry fee: \$40.00 per school team of 4 players. Each additional player is \$7.00. Individuals may enter and play without a team for \$10.00. Entry fee for the Open section is \$15.00. Sets and boards provided.

Sections: All team sections are Unrated and do NOT require USCF membership. Trophies to 1st and 2nd Place team in all sections. Medals to top 3 Winners in the Open Section. Notation required only in the Open.

High School Team event 4 Rounds (Adjustable based on number of teams entering). Time Control G/40;d5

Middle School Team event 4 Rounds (Adjustable based on number of teams entering). Time Control G/30;d5*

Elementary School Team event 4 rounds (Adjustable based on number of teams entering). Time Control G/30;d5.* *Clocks not usually necessary unless a game is lasting too long in elementary or middle school*

USCF Rated Open Section will be of 3 or 4 rounds Swiss System if necessary. Time control is G/55;d5. USCF Membership IS required to play in this section. The Open section is NOT a team event. Open Section **Registration is 8:00-8:45**, Rounds at 9, 1:00, 3:30. Notation IS required in the rated section.

What: A team consists of at least 2 and as many as 7 players from a school. Teams entering more than 7 players should enter an A and a B team and will need to pay additional fees. Schools may only win one trophy per section. Homeschoolers may play as a team or individuals if they live in the same vicinity.

Register in advance by mailing a check to Seetharaman Renganathan 21117, Madison St, Elkhorn Nebraska or you may pay by PayPal chessrockerz@gmail.com. Large numbers of late entries cause problems and delays so late entries will be \$48.00/team and \$12.00 per player.

How: You may use this form to register your school's team(s)

Name of School _____

Location of School (City) _____

Team Section: High School_____ Middle School_____ Elementary School _____

Name of Coach/Sponsor (Parent if Home School) _____

Team #1

Player #	Grade in School	First Name	Last Name	Rating if any
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				

If you have more than 7 players, please enter 2 four-person teams and please print and fill out this form with your second team. Players beyond 8 will need to pay an additional \$7.00 per player. If you wish to register teams in different sections, please fill out a separate form.

Individuals playing without a teammate should simply register with me and pay the \$10.00 fee. Note that we are emphasizing teams here so there are no individual trophies or prizes being offered except in the USCF rated open section. Please send PayPal transaction to chessrockerz@gmail.com.

If none of your players have official ratings, please put them in their approximate order of playing strength from strongest to weakest based on your best guess from having seen them play each other.

In a chess tournament every player plays all of their games. There is NO elimination. In a team event players from the same team will not play one another and up to 4 team members scores will be added together throughout the day. At the end of the tournament whichever team has the most total points from their top 4, wins. So even a team member who scores 1 point could help their school win a trophy. Official rules of chess will be utilized although the team sections are not officially rated.

In the middle school or elementary school sections a parent or coach (at least one) from each school must be present during the tournament as we don't want young children without supervision. We are guests of UNO and need to respect the playing site. Elementary and Middle School Tournament should end by 4 PM.