

2025 Cornucopia Scholastic Chess Tournament November 8, 2025



In celebration of the birth of Nebraska Scholastic chess in 1965, the UNL Chess Club and Lincoln Chess Foundation present the 2025 Cornucopia Scholastic Chess Tournament on Saturday November 8th at the UNL Student Union Ballroom on the 2nd floor at 1400 R Street in Lincoln.

Held in 4 sections.

K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 are all 4 round Swiss System events depending on numbers, and are both a team and an individual unrated tournament not requiring USCF membership. EF for all sections in advance by 11/7/2025 is \$10.00 per player. Or \$40.00 for a team of 4. Each additional player beyond 4 is only \$7.00 per player in advance. Late entries cause delays and are generally discouraged so the price rises to \$12.00 per player and \$48.00 for a team on site.

Open Section: 3 or 4 round Swiss depending on numbers. USCF membership is required EF is \$15.00 in advance by 11/7/2025 and \$20.00 on site.

Registration on site begins at 10 AM with 1st round set for 10:30 in the Open and High School and 11:00 AM in the middle school and elementary sections.

Time controls: Elementary and Middle School both G/30; d5 with rounds at 11:00, Lunch 12:15-1:15 pm, 1:30, 3 pm and round 4 will follow immediately after the end of round 3.

Time controls: High School and Open G/50; d5 with round 1 at 10:30, Lunch 12:30-1:00, Round 2 1:00, Round 3 at 2:45 PM and round 4, if necessary, at 4:45 PM or immediately after the conclusion the previous round.

Director reserves the right to shorten the time control in the last round if the Union is closing at 7 PM.

Prizes: Open: Trophies to 1st, 2nd 1st Under 1400, top Nebraska woman and top University Student.

High School, Middle School and Elementary Trophies to 1st & 2nd Individual and 1st and 2nd team in each section.

UNL requires parental permission to attend an organized event on their campus for any minors. Parents can sign this form electronically at the following hyperlink: Parents do NOT have to personally attend the event although obviously we would ask that young children have at least one coach or parent supervising for each team. This permission form can be submitted electronically OR parents can download it, sign it and return it with the student on the day of the tournament. Here is the hyperlink to grant permission:

<https://forms.gle/o3tz8u25cMDYTYsp8>

Here is the form to register the kids from your school or for individuals to enter:

Name of School _____

Location of School (city) _____

Grade Section: High School 9-12 _____ Middle School 6-8 _____ Elementary K-5 _____

Name of coach/sponsor or parent _____

Team #1 (up to 7) if more than 7 fill out two forms:

Player #	First Name	Last Name	Grade in School	Rating if any

To pay, by credit or debit card you may pay on the following Square Link: <https://square.link/u/CdOYKHno>

Just an historical note, in January of 1965, 60 years ago, Bud Narveson an English professor at UNL organized the very first state wide scholastic chess championship in the country in this very ballroom on the campus of UNL. We are proud to host this event 60 years later to celebrate the outstanding support the University of Nebraska has always given to chess. That very first scholastic was only open to high schools and was won by Omaha Central led by Don Rodgers. Be a part of history come out and experience team chess now still going strong 60 years later.

Coaches, please make sure that your students have their parent or guardian sign the permission slip and return it electronically. Only minors under 18 years of age need parental permission. Adults and people over 18 do not need to sign the permission slip.

If you wish to register and pay on king registration you may register for that section and pay by PayPal at: <https://www.kingregistration.com/event/CornupcopiaTournament> Minors playing in the Open section must still submit a parental permission form. Players may play in two sections for \$5.00 more. So Open and High School both would cost \$20.00 in advance etc. (Note Open requires USCF membership).