

2026 Kickoff Scholastic Chess Tournament September 26th



Held in 4 rated sections and one unrated section. All rated sections will be 4 Round Swiss System events.

EF for all K-12 sections in advance is \$10.00 per player. Or \$40.00 for a team of 4. 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. Maximum of 6 per team. Schools with 7-8 players must create an A and a B team.

Lunch Breaks are Provided between round 2 and 3 in all sections except the unrated.

Open Section: USCF membership is required EF is \$15.00 in advance by 9/25/2026 and \$25.00 on site.

Registration on site is staggered with **Open Registration** from 8:00-8:45, TC: G/55;d5 Rds at 9:00, 11:10, 2:10 and 4:20PM. **High School Rated Registration** 8:45-9:15, TC G/40;d5 Rds at 9:30, 11:15, 1:30 and 3:15.

Middle School Registration 9:30-10:15, TC; G/25;d5 Rounds at 10:30, 11:40, 1:40, 2:40. **Elementary School Registration 10-10:30**, TC: G/25;d5 Rounds at 10:45, 12:00, 2:00, 3:05. Afternoon rounds may begin early if all players agree.

Unrated Scholastic Team and Open Section: NO USCF MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION EF: \$10.00. Open to non-USCF members of any age, but only K-12 students will be eligible for the team trophies. Director reserves the right to have adults play in a separate section in the spirit of fairness.

Registration: 11:00-11:30 TC G/20;d5, Rds at 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30. No lunch break in this section since it starts at 11:30. Prizes in this section: Trophies to 1st team (if any) in K-5, 6-8, 9-12, Trophy to 1st, 2nd Individuals, Trophy to 1st place team (if any) in K-5, 6-8, and 9-12 sections.

PLEASE BRING SETS AND BOARDS AS SOME WILL BE PROVIDED BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH. CLOCKS ARE HIGHLY DESIRED BUT NOT REQUIRED.

Rated Sections Prizes:

High School, Middle School and Elementary: Trophies to 1st and 2nd team in each section and medals to 1st-3rd in all K-12 sections. Open Rated Trophies to 1st, 2nd, and 1st U1600.

You may register individuals and pay the fees at If you register 4 or more players from the same group you can get a \$5.00 discount by using my square link at <https://square.link/u/EiqTVMUgf>. Although you can pay the fees on Square please email me the pertinent information using the form on the next page. You can also register and pay by card at <https://www.kingregistration.com/event/kickoffscholastic> or mail me a check at Bruce Draney, 14002 Frederick Circle, Omaha, NE 68138. You can reach me by email at gambiteer49@yahoo.com. Please, join USCF in advance before the day of the event to avoid delays in getting the tournament started. Also, early registration is VERY strongly recommended for the same reason.

Boys Town National Headquarters is located at 14100 Crawford Street on Boys Town Campus, using map navigation is strongly recommended if you have never been there as only one road goes to the building which is by the lake. Hope to see you all there whether rated or unrated.

Here is the form to register the kids from your school or for teams 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 with an A and a B team separately:

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 at <https://square.link/u/EiqTVMUg>

Students that are not yet in high school must have an adult present to supervise their child. This can be a coach, sponsor or even a surrogate adult as long as you let me know who it is in advance. This is a beautiful facility as those of you who had children attend the chess camp will attest and we are guests of Boys Town so we want to make sure we treat the property and facility with respect with no running or messing around. No one is to go outside and open the doors to go out to view the lake.

This tournament is an experiment to determine if running unrated events draws enough interested participants as more and more Nebraska youths have joined USCF to play in rated tournaments. If the unrated section draws poorly it will likely be discontinued as unnecessary for the November Cornucopia Scholastic and Open.