

2010 SCI STATE TEAM CHESS TOURNAMENT rev. 1/17/10
THE 41st ANNUAL STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS ORGANIZED BY
SCHOLASTIC CHESS OF INDIANA

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THIS FORM IS FOR GRADES K-8. GRADES 9-12 USE A SEPARATE FORM.

DEADLINE: All entries must be postmarked by **February 16, 2010**. "Postmarked" is the date you mail the entry form, *not* the date that I receive it. Regular first-class postage is cheapest and fastest.

TYPE OF TOURNAMENT: Format is 4-player fixed-roster teams (minimum of 3 players to form a team). The tournament will be conducted using the "Swiss System" (no elimination –score determines final place). All teams will play all day. Scores do not carry over to the finals.

ELIGIBILITY: Any accredited school in Indiana may send any number of four (4) member teams to compete in the Regionals. (Up to two (2) alternates per team are allowed.) **Team members must all be full-time students at the same school building.** A parent or school sponsor must accompany the group to the competition.

USCF Membership: The Regional tournaments are NOT rated by the U.S. Chess Federation. However, the State Finals *are* USCF rated. If your team(s) qualify for the State Finals, all players on the State Finals team(s) must join USCF. Forms will be included in your State Finals packet if your team is a finalist.

IMPORTANT RULES:

1. All divisions in the Regionals and Finals will be four member teams. (Up to 2 alternates are allowed per team. Minimum of 3 players required to form a team.)
2. All players on teams qualifying for the SCI State Finals must play in the same division that they played in the Regionals. (For example, if a 3rd grader plays on a 6th/Under team in the Regionals, then he cannot play on a 3rd/Under team in the Finals.)
3. **A student may play only for the school that he/she attends full-time** and may play in only one division. You may choose your Regional; however, **all teams from a school must attend the same regional.**
4. The tournament will be divided into four divisions: 12th Grade & Under, 8th Grade & Under, 6th Grade & Under, and 3rd Grade & Under. (12th Grade & Under do not play in the Regionals.)
5. All schools must be members of Scholastic Chess of Indiana (SCI). Annual membership is \$1.00 *per school*, not per team.
6. 12th Grade & Under Rule: Students participating in the 12th Grade & Under division will NOT have qualifying Regionals. All competition for this division will be held at Honey Creek MS on Saturday, March 27, 2010. (High school teams must still send in the separate entry form **with player roster and any necessary USCF membership fees**, postmarked no later than March 17, 2010. **DO NOT USE** this entry form.)

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7. 8th Grade & Under Rule: Approximately 32 teams from the Regional rounds of competition will qualify to play in the SCI Team State Championships on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at Honey Creek MS in Terre Haute.
8. 6th Grade & Under Rule: Approximately 32 teams from the Regional rounds of competition will qualify to play in the SCI Team State Championships on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at Honey Creek MS in Terre Haute.
9. 3rd Grade & Under Rule: All teams that compete in the Regionals will be invited to the SCI Team State Championships on Saturday, March 27, 2010 at Honey Creek MS in Terre Haute.

WHEN AND WHERE: Regional sites are located throughout Indiana. All Regionals will begin with a players' meeting at 8:45 a.m. (local time) and play should be completed between 3:00-5:00 p.m., depending on the size of the regional. A school may enter in any **one** of the following regional sites:

<u>CITY</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>POSTMARK DEADLINE</u>	<u>PLAY DATE</u>
Goshen	Goshen High School	February 16	February 27
Hammond	Morton High School	February 16	February 27
Indianapolis	Ben Davis High School	February 16	February 27
Terre Haute	Honey Creek Middle School	February 16	February 27
Evansville	Plaza Park Middle School	February 16	March 6

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AWARDS: At the Regional level, trophies will be awarded to the top 3 **schools** in 8th & Under, 6th & Under, and 3rd & Under. Each participant in the Regionals will receive a ribbon.

EQUIPMENT: Most regional hosts provide sets, but not chess clocks. However, it is not a requirement for you to bring your own equipment to compete in the Regionals.

FOOD: Food is available for purchase at most of the Regional sites. In most cases, food will be served by local groups, or you may wish to eat in nearby restaurants.

CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY: Upon receipt of the enclosed entry form, you will be mailed registration form(s), a map and regional information. The registration forms that we will mail back to you must be turned in with team rosters at the Regional site by 8:30 a.m. local time. (Exception: 12th Grade & Under - mail the **separate** entry and registration form directly to Scholastic Chess of Indiana. 12th Grade & Under teams do not compete in the Regionals.)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Steve Steppe by e-mail: Ssteppe@aol.com or phone 812-299-5111.

UNANTICIPATED REGIONAL CLOSING: If a Regional has to be closed due to bad weather or any other reason, you will be contacted by phone (assuming we have your completed entry form). Assume the Regional to be open if no contact is made.

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