

From : Youth Chess Charitable Foundation
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To : Chess Coaches/Parents/Participants
Date : February 9, 2006
Reminder #1

RE : **February 25, 2006 Chess Tournament in Bakersfield at Thorner Elementary School - Entry Form Attached**

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN CATEGORY PRIZES AND TROPHY DISTRIBUTION. THERE ARE NOW OVER 170 INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES AND 25 TEAM TROPHIES (5 TEAM TROPHIES FOR EACH OF 5 SECTIONS)

The 5th Annual Presidents' Day Chess Classic will be held on February 25, 2006 at Thorner Elementary School located at 5501 Thorner, Bakersfield, CA 93306. Directions are on the Entry Form attached.

- (1) All checks for the chess Tournament entry fees and for USCF chess membership fees are to be made payable to : **YOUTH CHESS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION (YCCF)**
- (2) The mailing Address is :
Youth Chess Charitable Foundation (YCCF)
5500 Ming Avenue, Suite 480
Bakersfield, California 93309
- (3) The fax number is : 661-827-9077
- (4) The telephone number: 661-827-9068
- (5) Our email address is : youthchessorg@aol.com
- (6) The entry form is also available on our website : www.youthchess.com

Please remember that all entry forms **and** payment must be **received by Wednesday February 22, 2006**, [NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE. IT IS ONE DAY EARLIER THAN IN PRIOR TOURNAMENTS], before the Saturday Tournament (February 25, 2006) to avoid a late fee **and** to ensure that participants play the first round.

We do not pair late entries for the first round. As a result our Tournaments start and end on time. **Late entry participants will only be able to play rounds 2 to 5.** However, late entries receive a ½ point bye for the first round.

For those participants involved in sports or other activities a ½ point bye is available for any round except the final round.

Our Tournaments are 5 round swiss, game 30 minutes and are open to **any** scholastic player from kindergarten to senior in high school. We have 5 sections [K-1; K-3; K-6; K-8 and K-12.]

The Tournament is open to individuals, school teams and club teams. Teams consist of at least 2 players from each school or club. The top **5** players from each school or club in each section count towards team trophies. **[Club teams and school teams currently compete against each other for team prizes. We may revisit this and have separate prizes for club teams and school teams. What do you think?]**

Participants can play as individuals. They do not have to be on a club or school team in order to play.

Trophies and Awards in each section:

1. **All Participants in the K-1 section are awarded trophies or plaques.** This section also plays in an area separate from the main Tournament area
2. Trophies or plaques are awarded to the top 15 individuals in K-3, K-6, K-8 and K-12 (Championship section)
3. Numerous category prizes are awarded to individuals who do **not** finish in the top 15 in the Championship section – See following section on category prizes for unrated and selected USCF ratings for each section
4. Trophies are awarded to the top 5 teams in each of 5 sections (K-1; K-3; K-6; K-8; and K-12)
5. Medals are awarded to all participants with 2 or more points, who do not otherwise receive a trophy
6. Ribbons are awarded to all participants with less than 2 points

For greater efficiency the awards ceremonies are conducted in three separate areas as follows:

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| K-1 | - Usually located in the area where the K-1 section plays |
| K-3 and K-6 | - Main Tournament area |
| K-8 | - Play in the main Tournament area but will receive awards in a separate area |
| K-12 | - Play and receive awards in a separate area |

There are also Category Prizes awarded as follows:

Section	Number of Category Prizes	Category Prizes
K-1	None	All participants receive trophies or plaques
K-3	1 5 5	Biggest upset Top 15 - unrated – not in top 15 individual in the Championship section Top 15 - under 400 USCF rating - not in top 15 individual in the Championship section
K-6	1 5 5	Biggest upset Top 15 - unrated – not in top 15 individual in the Championship section Top 15 - under 600 USCF rating - not in top 15 individual in the Championship section
K-8	1 5 5	Biggest upset Top 5 - unrated – not in top 15 individual in the Championship section Top 5 - under 800 USCF rating - not in top 15 individual in the Championship section
K-12	1 3 3	Biggest upset Top 3 - unrated – not in top 15 individual in the Championship section Top 3- under 1,000 USCF rating - not in top 15 individual in the Championship section

Traditionally, we have the most and best trophies, awards and prizes of any Scholastic Chess Tournament. In the past, our local sponsors have also been generous with providing free tickets and/or coupons for sporting events and/or food services.

We normally have at least one chess master on site to provide limited group chess instruction and individual game analysis. This is free to all participants and is a good opportunity to receive some excellent chess instruction and analysis at no cost. We encourage all participants to have at least one of their own games analyzed. **One of the best and most effective chess learning techniques is game analysis.**

These chess masters are also often available for individual; team; club; group; and/or school lessons! Please inquire directly with these chess masters for rates; schedules; levels of play that they teach; locations where they teach; etc.

The host schools normally also provide some form of entertainment after the Tournament and before the Awards Ceremony. This has helped ensure that our Tournaments are unique in the scholastic chess world and also provides a wonderful opportunity for our kids to showcase their talent for 15 to 20 minutes to 400-500 people while we await the determination of the final results.

Please note the entertainment does not add extra time to the Tournament. It does allow you to be entertained [If you wish] while waiting for awards. If you do not wish to be entertained please leave the awards area until we commence actually handing out awards. This courtesy will allow those who wish to hear the entertainment to actually do so. This year we will ask anyone who is disruptive or disrespectful to our student entertainers to leave the awards area until awards are ready to be handed out. If you have no interest, go outside and play. In any event, please show all student entertainers the respect that you would like to receive if you were providing the entertainment. **[Coaches and Parents please help with this.]**

We also normally have chess vendors on site to provide the opportunity to purchase books, supplies, chess sets, chess clocks, etc.

Please email me at youthchessorg@aol.com or call me at my cell (661) 510-7118 or office (661) 827-9068 if you have any questions.

Also visit our website at www.youthchess.com for entry forms, results of Tournaments, pictures, Tournament schedule, etc.

We look forward to another exciting chess season. We hope to see all of you there.

Viva Chess!

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