

From : Youth Chess Charitable Foundation
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To : Chess Coaches/Parents/Participants
Date : April 19, 2007
Reminder #3

RE : **April 28, 2007 Chess Tournament in Bakersfield at American Elementary School - Entry Form Attached**

PLEASE NOTE – THIS IS THE LAST SCHOLASTIC CHESS TOURNAMENT OF THE 2006/2007 SCHOLASTIC CHESS SEASON IN KERN COUNTY.

ALL TOURNAMENTS ARE ORGANIZED BY THE YOUTH CHESS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION AND SPONSORED BY GSN, INC.

**6th Annual American Heritage Spring Chess Classic
Organized By Youth Chess Charitable Foundation (YCCF)**

The 6th Annual American Heritage Spring Chess Classic will be held on April 28, 2007 at American Elementary School located at 800 Verdugo Lane, Bakersfield, CA 93312-2888. Directions are on the Entry Form.

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- Date of Tournament : April 28, 2007
- Location : At American Elementary School
800 Verdugo Lane
Bakersfield, CA 93312-2888
- Directions and other information on entry form. Please go to website for entry forms
- **We expect over 200 participants and over 80 teams from various schools and clubs to participate. Los Angeles County; Orange County; the Coast; and San Joaquin Valley are always well represented.**
- Lots of Trophies (over 200); individual and category; and 23 team prizes
- Great Competition

- Awards – Approximately 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM
- 5 **Combined** Championship Team Sections
- 9 Individual Sections – 5 Individual Championship sections and 4 Individual Junior Varsity sections
- The entry form is also available on our website : www.youthchess.com
- On site **LATE** registration 8:30AM to 9:15AM
- Opening Ceremony 9:45AM
- Round times 10:00AM; 11:30AM; 12:45PM; 2:00PM; 3:15PM
- 5 Chess games played by each participant. [**THIS IS NOT A SINGLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT.** All participants play 5 games regardless of how many of the 5 games are won or lost].
- 5 Round Swiss System Format [Everyone plays 5 games against players with approximately the same number of wins and losses after each round]; game 30 minutes; Chess Sets and Chess Boards provided. **PLEASE BRING CHESS CLOCKS**
- **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL ENTRY FORMS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY APRIL 25, 2007, before the Saturday Tournament on April 28, 2007** to avoid a late fee **and** to ensure that participants play the first round.
- **ENTRY FEE \$25; LATE FEE \$35 AFTER WEDNESDAY (4/25/07); ALL entries after Wednesday (4/25/07) are LATE**
- **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)**
- The mailing Address for payment is :

**Youth Chess Charitable Foundation (YCCF)
5500 Ming Avenue, Suite 480
Bakersfield, California 93309**

YCCF does not pair late entries for the first round. As a result YCCF 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. They **do not** play 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. YCCF tournaments are 5 round swiss; game 30 minutes; and are open to any scholastic player from preschool to kindergarten to seniors in high school.

PLEASE NOTE: MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN FORMAT - NOW 9 INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS AND 5 COMBINED TEAM SECTIONS

- **9 INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**
[K; 1; K-3 U400 & U/R; K-3 CHAMP; K-6 U600 & U/R; K-6 CHAMP; K-8 U800 & U/R; K-8 CHAMP; K-12]
- **5 COMBINED TEAM SECTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**
[K-1; K-3; K-6; K-8; K-12]

THE 9 INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS ARE COMBINED TO ARRIVE AT THE TOTAL COMBINED TEAM SCORES FOR EACH OF THE 5 TEAM SECTIONS.

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES IN CATEGORY PRIZES AND TROPHY DISTRIBUTION. THERE ARE NOW OVER 200 INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES PLUS 23 TEAM TROPHIES .

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.**]

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

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Trophies and Awards in each section:

1. **There are 15 Kindergarten and 15 1st Grade trophies plus 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. **PRESCHOOLERS MAY ALSO PLAY IN THE KINDERGARTEN SECTION.** In the past, several 4 to 5 year old **PRESCHOOLERS** have played. Often they also have an older sibling in a higher section.
2. Trophies or plaques are awarded to the top 15 individuals in Championship sections in K-3, K-6, K-8 and K-12.
3. Trophies are awarded to individuals in each of the Junior Varsity sections – See following section on category prizes for unrated and selected USCF ratings for **each** Junior Varsity section.
4. Team trophies are awarded to the top 5 teams in each of 4 sections (K-1; K-3; K-6; and K-8;) and top 3 teams in the K-12 section. **Only the top 5 SCORES FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP AND JUNIOR VARSITY SECTIONS ARE COMBINED TO ARRIVE AT THE TOTAL TEAM SCORES.**
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 four separate areas as follows:

- K-1 - Usually located in the area where the K-1 section plays
- K-3 - Main Tournament area
- K-6 - Play in Main tournament area **but will receive awards in a separate 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 1 10 20	Biggest upset - Championship Section Biggest upset - Junior Varsity Section Top 10 - unrated – in Junior Varsity Section Top 20 - under 400 USCF rating – in Junior Varsity Section
K-6	1 1 10 20	Biggest upset – Championship Section Biggest upset - Junior Varsity Section Top 10 - unrated – in Junior Varsity Section Top 20 - under 600 USCF rating – in Junior Varsity Section
K-8	1 1 10 20	Biggest upset – Championship Section Biggest upset - Junior Varsity Section Top 10 - unrated – in Junior Varsity Section Top 20 - under 800 USCF rating – in Junior Varsity Section
K-12	1 3 5	Biggest upset – Championship Section Top 3 - unrated – not in top 15 individual in the Championship section Top 5- under 1,000 USCF rating - not in top 15 individual in the Championship section

Traditionally, YCCF Chess Tournaments have the most and best trophies, awards and prizes of any Scholastic Chess Tournament.

YCCF normally has 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. YCCF encourages 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 YCCF Tournaments are unique in the scholastic chess world and also provides a wonderful opportunity for the Host School kids to showcase their talent for 15 to 20 minutes to 300-400 people while awaiting 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.]**

YCCF also normally has 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 or 661-827-9075 if you have any questions.

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

This is the end of another exciting chess season in Kern County. We hope to see all of you there.

Viva Chess!

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

QUESTION : CAN A PLAYER CHOOSE TO PLAY IN AN HIGHER SECTION WITHIN HIS/HER GRADE LEVEL OR HIGHER GRADE OR SECTION THAN THEIR ACTUAL GRADE LEVEL?

ANSWER : Yes! Any Player can play in a **Higher** section if they are seeking more competition. A player **cannot** play in a lower rated section and **cannot** play in a lower grade section than his/her grade section.

QUESTION : UNDER THE NEW FORMAT WITH 9 INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS AND 5 COMBINED TEAM SECTIONS, HOW WILL TEAM SCORES BE CALCULATED?

ANSWER : Individual scores from different sections within one Team section will be combined. For example if a school had **four** participants in the K-3 U400 and unrated (Junior Varsity- “JV”) section with scores of 5, 3, 2, 1 and **four** participants in the K-3 open (Championship – “C”) section with scores of 4, 4, 3, 1; the top 5 scores from both sections will be combined for a total combined Team score of 19.

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Section} \\ \hline \text{Score} \end{array} \quad \frac{\text{JV}}{5} \quad + \quad \frac{\text{C}}{4} \quad + \quad \frac{\text{C}}{4} \quad + \quad \frac{\text{C}}{3} \quad + \quad \frac{\text{JV}}{3} \quad = \quad 19$$

For those of you familiar with the Western States Single Grade Scholastic Chess Championships where there are 13 Individual sections and 5 Team sections, various Individual sections are also combined in a similar manner to arrive at Team scores for each of the 5 **Combined** Team sections.