



BACH and PEACE Scholastic Open

October 28, 2017: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

at First Baptist Church
631 S School St, Boerne, TX 78006



This five-round scholastic chess tournament (G/30;d5) has 8 rated sections for USCF members (or JTP). USCF membership or free Junior Tournament Player (JTP) can be added at registration. All players play all five games.

Sections: Grades and Ratings

- Scholastic (K-12) Champ (any scholastic player)
- Scholastic (K-12) U1000
- Scholastic (K-12) U600
- Scholastic (K-12) U300/New
- Elementary (K-5) U100/New
- Primary (K-3) U800 – JTP allowed
- Primary (K-3) U400 – JTP allowed
- Primary (K-3) U100/New – JTP allowed

Sections are divided mostly by ratings (rather than grades) to enable most competitive pairings. Chess notation required in all sections except Primary. Ratings for section placement will use the USCF's official ratings for tournaments in October, published in late September. Previously unrated (new) players may play in any section their school grade allows, but the lowest rated are recommended. All sections use G/30;d5 time control: 30 minutes with 5 second delay per side. Players should bring chess clocks if they have them: no clocks are provided except at the end of a round. A time penalty may be imposed in non-Primary sections for failure to take notation outside of time trouble. Clocks required if opponent brings one. Small sections (under 17 players) may be combined.

Prizes

Each section offers individual trophies and medals while team trophies are offered across sections. Individual awards go to section winners. Team awards are based on the top 4 scores (minimum 2) in each of four grade groups, which are High School (9-12), Middle School (6-8), Elementary (4-5), and Primary (K-3). Player scores from the same team (same school and grade group) are added across sections. Combined sections retain original prizes.

Schedule

8:00 AM Doors open
8:30 AM On-site registration opens (no check-in required if prepaid)
9:00 AM Close of registration & problem desk
9:30 AM Round 1 starts (earlier if possible)
Subsequent rounds will follow as soon as possible
Awards will be presented at the end

Registration

Registration opens October 8 at www.homemail.org/chesstournaments : maximum of 200 players total and maximum 32 players per section (except no section limit for K-12 Champ). As sections fill up (first come, first served), players may choose other sections for which they are eligible until the tournament limit of 200 is reached. Register online and prepay by October 26 via PayPal (using the web-page button) for \$15 price; \$20 thereafter. Registrations without payments may be deleted to make room for other players. If space is available, on-site registration and/or payment is \$20 via cash or check to Ross Johnson. Last day to request a refund is Thursday, October 26. Payments after October 26 may receive a 1/2 bye in the first round. Self-serve (online) section changes are allowed anytime before first round is paired. Profits will support the BACH and PEACE home-school chess clubs.

Facilities

Please bring chairs and things to do between games. We have tables, chairs, and chess sets for tournament games, but no chairs for the waiting areas. No public WiFi will be available, so plan to bring a hot spot and/or use cellular data for Internet activities.