



2nd BACH and PEACE Scholastic Open
November 10, 2018: 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 (hardest section)
- Scholastic (K-12) U1200
- Scholastic (K-12) U900
- Scholastic (K-12) U600
- Scholastic (K-12) U300/New
- Elementary (K-5) New Only
- Primary (K-3) U600 – JTP allowed
- Primary (K-3) New Only – JTP allowed (easiest section)

Sections are divided mostly by ratings (rather than grades) to enable more competitive pairings: Uxxx means ratings under the given number. Previously unrated players (less than 4 rated games) are considered “new”. Ratings for section placement will use the USCF’s official ratings for tournaments in November, published in late October. Unrated (new) players may play in any section their school grade allows, but the lowest rated are recommended (see sections labeled “new”). Chess notation required in all sections except Primary. 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. Clocks required if opponent brings one. Small sections may be merged or invite adult players.

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. Adult players (if any) are ineligible for prizes.

Schedule

8:00 AM Doors open
8:30 AM On-site registration opens if space available (no check-in required if prepaid)
9:00 AM Close of registration & problem desk
9:30 AM Round 1 starts (earlier if possible) – each round is one game for each player
Subsequent rounds (everyone plays all 5 rounds) will follow as soon as possible (no break for lunch)
Awards will be presented at the end (before 5:00 pm)

Registration

Registration and payment are available at www.homemail.org/chestournaments : maximum of 200 players total and maximum 32 players per section. As sections fill up (first come, first served), players may choose another section for which they are eligible until the tournament limit of 200 is reached. Register through the website and prepay by November 8 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, November 8. Payments after November 8 may receive a half-point bye in the first round. Self-serve section changes (on website) are allowed anytime before first round is paired. Profits will support the BACH and PEACE home-school chess clubs. **Free team rooms** will be provided (at director’s discretion) to several of the largest preregistered teams as of Nov 3.

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. There will be no food for sale, so please bring your own lunch or purchase nearby. There is an HEB close by as well as several fast food restaurants. We have plenty of parking space.