

2nd Bob Hope Elementary Chess Tournament

February 9, 2019 8:30 AM -5:00 PM

Bob Hope Elementary School
3022 Reforma Drive, San Antonio, TX 78211

This five-round scholastic chess tournament (G/30;d5) has 9 rated sections for USCF members or Junior Tournament Players (JTP). USCF membership or free JTP can be added at registration. All players play all five games.

Sections: Grades and Ratings

- Grades K-12 Champ (hardest)
- Grades K-12 U1200
- Grades K-12 U900/New HS
- Grades 6-8 U600/New MS
- Grade 5 U600/New ES
- Grade 4 U600/New ES
- Grades K-3 Any – JTP allowed
- Grade 3 U600/New PS – JTP allowed
- Grades K-2 U600/New PS (easiest) – JTP allowed

Sections are divided both by school grades and by USCF ratings to enable more competitive pairings: U### in the section name 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 February, published in middle January. Unrated (new) players may play in any section their school grade allows, but the lowest ratings are recommended (see sections labeled “new”). Chess notation is required in all sections except the three sections for grades K-3 only. A time penalty may be imposed in other sections for failure to take notation. 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 the round. Clocks required if opponent brings one. Small sections may be merged or invite adults. Large sections may be split by grade level.

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 four scores (minimum 2) in each of four grade groups, which are High School (HS, 9-12), Middle School (MS, 6-8), Elementary (ES, 4-5), and Primary (PS, K-3). Players’ 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 and problem desk

9:30 AM Round 1 starts (earlier if possible); each round is one game for each player

Subsequent rounds will follow as soon as possible. Each player plays five rounds. No break for lunch. Awards will be presented at the end (before 5:00PM).

Registration

Registration and payment are available at <http://homemail.org/chesstournaments> : maximum of 200 total players. Register through the website and prepay by February 7 via PayPal (using the web-page button) for the \$15 price; \$20 thereafter. Registrations without payments may be deleted to make room for other players. There is no waiting list, so keep trying to register if the 200 limit is reached. If space is available, on-site registration and/or payment is \$20, cash only. Last day to request a refund is Thursday, February 7. Payments after February 7 may receive a half-point bye in the first round. Self-serve section changes (on website) are allowed anytime before the first round is paired. Tournament profits will go to support the Bob Hope Chess Team.

Facilities

Please bring chairs and things to do between games. We have tables, chairs, and chess sets for the tournament playing room, but not for the waiting areas. The public WIFI is not always assessable, so please bring hot spots for Internet activities. There will be food/concessions for sale all day.