



4th BACH and PEACE Scholastic Open
October 19, 2019: 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 4 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

- Grades 4-12 Champ (hardest)
- Grades 4-12 U1000/New HS
- Grades 4-8 U600/New ES/MS
- Grades PK-3 Any/New PS – JTP allowed (easiest)

Sections are divided both by school grade and by USCF rating to enable more competitive pairings: U### in the section name means ratings under the given number. Ratings for section placement will use the USCF's official ratings for tournaments in October, which USCF creates the third Wednesday in September. Previously unrated players (less than 4 rated games) are considered "new." 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 one section for grades PK-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 rounds. Clocks required if opponent brings one. Small sections may be merged or invite adults. Large sections may be split.

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, PK-3). Players' scores from the same team (same school and grade group) are added across sections. Adult players (if any) are ineligible for prizes. District competitions based on top eight players (min 2) are for bragging rights only.

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 will follow as soon as possible, approximately 75 to 90 minutes total for each round. All players play all five games (no elimination). No break for lunch. Awards will be presented at the end (by 5:00PM).

Registration

Registration and payment are available at <http://homemail.org/chestournaments> : maximum of 200 players total. Register through the website and prepay by October 17 via PayPal (using the web-page button) for the \$15 price; \$20 thereafter. Additional costs for annual USCF memberships may apply. 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 17. Payments after October 17 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 October 12.

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.