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## 2022 Class Tournament

Saturday, February 19, 2022

Westminster Christian Academy

800 Maryville Center Drive, Chesterfield, Missouri-63017

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**COVID-19 REGULATIONS:** MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL PLAYERS, COACHES, PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND OFFICIALS. We are following USCF guidelines in this matter. Masks must be worn properly, covering the mouth and nose. Your attendance at this event signifies your acceptance of this requirement. If you are unable or unwilling to comply, do not attend. Masks will be provided for those who don't have one.

- **REGISTRATION:** Tournament registration will be from 8:00 am to 9:00 am. Players arriving after 9:00 am may not be paired and will be charged a late fee of \$6. Parents and coaches should text Howard Granok, Gateway Chess League, at 314-956-2494 if they are delayed.
- **ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee is **\$12.00** per player. Payment may be made by cash, check, or credit card.
- **ELIGIBILITY:** All students in Kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) are eligible.
- **FORMAT:** The tournament will be played in four rounds at 9:30, 12:00, 2:30 and 5:00 with the last two rounds beginning early if possible. Each school may enter any number of players. Players are assigned to boards (ratings classes) by USCF rating. The school score is the sum of the four highest player scores, regardless of which board they play. The time control is game in sixty minutes. Players will be paired with players of all different grade levels within their class.
- **BOARD ASSIGNMENT:** Players rated 1000 and above are assigned to board one, players rated between 800 and 999 are assigned to board two, players rated 600 to 799 are assigned to board three, and players rated under 600 are assigned to board four.
- **RATINGS:** This is a USCF rated tournament, and United States Chess Federation ratings will be used where possible for pairing purposes. To determine in which class they will play, grade twelve students without ratings will be assigned a rating of 800, grade eleven students without ratings will be assigned a rating of 750, and so forth.
- **AWARDS:** Awards will be presented at the conclusion of the tournament.
  - Team trophies will be awarded by division: 5<sup>th</sup> and under, 6<sup>th</sup> and under, 8<sup>th</sup> and under, 9<sup>th</sup> and under, High School. Up to three team trophies will be awarded in each group.
  - The top 6 players in each class will be awarded trophies.
- **USCF MEMBERSHIP:** USCF memberships are required and may be purchased on-site for \$11 each.
- **TIE BREAKS:** Tiebreaks will be used in the order of: modified median, median, Solkoff, Sonneborn Berger, and cumulative.
- **EQUIPMENT:** Players are responsible for providing sets, boards, clocks and either pen or pencil for writing game notation. Limited numbers of sets, boards and clocks will be available for those without necessary equipment. Equipment may be on sale during the tournament.
- **SPONSORS:** Each school must have either a sponsor or parent present. There will be a sponsors and parents meeting approximately fifteen minutes after the start of round one.
- **TOURNAMENT COORDINATORS:** The tournament director is Tom Rehmeier and the organizer is David Haas. For further information please call Sam Kassis at 314-496-2266 or visit [www.gatewaychess.org](http://www.gatewaychess.org). In the event of inclement weather, please contact Westminster Christian Academy We will attempt to put this information on our website as soon as possible.