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2023 Junior league

Thursdays: January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16 (make-up day)

Wydown Middle School

6500 Wydown Blvd, Clayton, Missouri 63105

- **REGISTRATION:** Tournament registration will be from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm each day. Players arriving after 4:45 pm may not be paired. Students who have already paid and registered online must still arrive by 4:45 pm to confirm they are playing that week. Parents and coaches should text Howard Granok, Gateway Chess League, at 314-956-2494 if they are delayed.
- **ENTRY FEE:** The entry fee is **\$15.00** per player for all five weeks of the tournament. Payment may be made by cash, check, or credit card on site or on the website
- **ELIGIBILITY:** All students in kindergarten through grade 9 (K-9) are eligible.
- **FORMAT:** The tournament is played in one section over five consecutive weeks. Each player will play the same opponent twice each week. Time control is game in 30 minutes with a 5 second time delay. USCF ratings may be used for pairings but the tournament is not USCF rated.
- **AWARDS:** Awards will be presented at the annual awards night
 - Team trophies will be awarded to the top team in each grade division: 9th and under, 8th and under, 6th and under, 5th and under, 3rd and under. Second and third place trophies may be awarded when there are at least 5 teams in the grade division.
 - Individual trophies will be awarded to the top player in each grade level. Second and third place trophies will be awarded for grades with five or more players.
- **USCF MEMBERSHIP:** USCF membership is not required for this tournament.
- **RATINGS:** This is NOT a USCF rated tournament, but United States Chess Federation ratings may be used for pairing purposes.
- **TIE BREAKS:** We will use modified median, median, Solkoff, Sonneborn Berger, and cumulative.
- **EQUIPMENT:** Players should provide sets, boards, and clocks. A limited number of clocks and sets will be available for use.
- **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 Napoleon Carter. For further information please call Sam Kassis at 314-496-2266 or visit www.gatewaychess.org. In the event of inclement weather, please contact the Clayton School District, www.claytonschoools.net or call the school at 314-854-6400.