

2012-2013 End of the School Year
Joint Library and School Chess Programs
allClubs Scholastic Chess Tournament

June 22, 2013
at the West Hartford Senior Center

15 Starkel Road, West Hartford, CT
(same building as the Bishop's Corner Library)

Sponsored by
School and Library Chess Programs and Chess Instructor Alexander Lumelsky
in cooperation with
West Hartford Bishop's Corner Branch Library and West Hartford Senior Center

You are invited to compete and show off your school-year-end chess skills!

The event format will be Five Rounds for all players, with timing rules of G/25 d5 or G/30. Players can bring their own clocks, if available, and tournament boards. The event will be organized in three sections: K-5 Elementary, 6-8 Middle School, and 9-12 High School.

The Elementary Section tournament is first and foremost a competition of chess programs, and thus a team event. Each team will have four members and, if desired, one alternate. Players can register as a team or will be organized into teams by their club director or club sponsor. If a program is registering more than four or five players, then those players will be divided into separate teams for the same club. If there are only three players, then that team will be allowed a Phantom Player as their fourth member. The Phantom will have an automatic record of 2-2-0, but will not count toward any tie breaks, as those points were not earned. Any players with insufficient teammates, such as teams of 1 or 2, will be team assigned as best as possible, and if are unable to be assigned, will play as independents for Individual Awards only. Organizational priority will be given to creating complete teams.

By way of example,

- (1) Club A has 7 players registering. The top 4 will be in Club A Team 1. The remaining 3 will be in Club A Team 2 with a Phantom.
- (2) Club B has 5 players. They will all be registered as one team with 1 alternate.
- (3) Club C has only two players. Unless there is a way to merge them with another club, they will play as Independents.
- (4) Club D has 6 players. They will be organized into two teams with a Phantom on each team.

Assuming sufficient registration, there will be awards for the Top 10 Teams, and any chess club or program can win more than one team award. For example, as discussed above, both Club A teams can come in the top 10 and separately receive team trophies.

Individual awards will be presented to the Top 5%, 10%, 20% and 30% finishers. In a single day tournament it is impossible to accurately determine a true top finisher unless registration is limited to only a handful of players. If registration allows, instead of playing for specific placement, individuals will play to finish at the top of the curve. In which case, the top 5% will qualify to play a round robin playoff on a subsequent schedule to decide the allClubs First, Second and Third Place finishers.

Registration permitting, the Middle School and High School Sections will run similar to the Elementary Section. However, if registration does not permit, the competition will be limited to an individual competition with prizes for at least first, second and third place in each section. In which case, the Swiss System-style pairings will be used. The sections may also be merged for a greater variety of competition.

Participation is by advance registration only, which must be received by June 17, 2013 (mailed on or before June 14, 2013). Later registration will be permitted or rejected at the Tournament Administrator's discretion. There is NO on-site registration. Pairings will be finalized in advance of the tournament day, unless Swiss System is used. If space capacity is reached, a waiting list may be established, while options are weighed to include everyone.

This is an unrated clubs' tournament to facilitate the greatest number of library and school club participants without any additional obligations or other concerns.

The registration fee is \$35 (additional sibling \$25). Check-in on June 22 will start at 10:00 AM. Play will begin at 10:30 AM. With rounds anticipated every hour or as soon as the prior round is completed. Trophy presentation will follow at approximately 3:30 to 4:00 PM. Half point byes are permitted in all rounds, but must be requested in advance.

Please direct any questions to Alexander Lumelsky at alexander.lumelsky@gmail.com.

Registration Form

Name: _____ USCF Rating, if any: _____

Age: _____ Grade: _____ Club/Program: _____

School: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____

Address: _____

Parent's preferred e-mail: _____ @ _____

Registration type: Individual / Team -- If team registration, name the other team members: _____

_____ (all team members must complete separate Registration Forms)

I am requesting a ½ point bye for Round: 1 2 3 4 5

Please make checks to "Alexander Lumelsky" and send with registration form to Attn: allClubs Registration, A. Lumelsky, 270 Farmington Avenue, Suite 365, Farmington, CT 06032