

Greetings folks! The Regents Scholastic Chess tournament is this Saturday. This tournament promises to be a great start of a new scholastic chess season. Please re-read the tournament description: <https://www.austinchess tournaments.com/2021-fall-scholastic-at-regents-school/>

To know ahead of time:

Know your player's section name (find it on the [pre-registration list](#)) and bye requests. If you don't know what a bye is, yet requested one or more, please review our [FAQ list!](#)

Please review our list of [Parent Responsibilities](#). By registering your player for a tournament hosted by Rocks & Rocks, you as a parent/guardian/coach/chaperone have agreed to abide by these guidelines.

No bye changes or section changes are available for round 1 after 9am on Friday! You may request byes for other rounds onsite. You have until the end of round 2 to request or remove half-point byes. **Your player will be paired every round unless you request otherwise.** If your chess player needs to leave for any reason before the last round, you **must** come by Chess Control before the end of the last round in which your player will compete to let us know (if you have not already requested a bye.) If you leave without withdrawing, you will pay a \$25 penalty before being allowed to play in another event. Officially withdrawing is common courtesy to your prospective opponents. If your plans have changed and your player will not be attending, please email me asap! **Refunds for withdrawals are only available until online registration closes.**

Plan what to bring:

A PENCIL (for taking notation)
A chess clock (recommended)
Chess set (for going over games between rounds)
Activities (for between rounds for chess players)
Activities (to keep the waiting parent occupied)
Folding chair (for parents who want to sit apart from main areas of activity)
Picnic blanket & outdoor activities (maybe the rain will miss us?)
Snacks/Drinks (keep it healthy!)

Concessions:

Snacks and drinks will be available until the Awards ceremony begins; offerings include breakfast items, snacks, drinks and pizza. There will be absolutely no food allowed in the playing rooms. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR TRASH! Players are also asked to wash their hands FREQUENTLY. Hand sanitizer will be available in each tournament room.

The day of the tournament:

Doors open for chess players at 7:30am.

Review the [campus map](#).

When you arrive, there is **NO NEED TO CHECK IN**. Chess Control will be open all day and is the place to go for all issues. Fixing the issue at chess control before round 1 will not fix it for round 1. Round 1 is paired on Friday.

Skittles (official waiting area for parents and players) will be in the Events Center. This is also where the awards will be handed out and the Simul with GM Belous will take place. Parents are encouraged to distance and spread out! If the weather holds, please use the many covered outdoor spaces. **Masks are required indoors.**

All Scholastic Section are located in the Grammar Building ([map](#)):

K-3 U600	"the porch"
K-5 U600	Rm 179
K-5 Any	Rm 127
6-12 U600	Rm 177
6-12 Any	Rm 129

Please arrive early, familiarize your child with the location of his/her playing room and restrooms, and **make sure your child knows where to find you when the round is finished.** The Grammar Building will be off limits to all waiting parents. To promote distancing, pairings will be [online](#) only.

Players will need to be in their seats no later than 8:40 for announcements. If your child is not seated at the start of round 1 (9:00am), the game will be re-assigned and s/he may be withdrawn from the tournament. **Please arrive early for announcements!** Because of crowding issues, **Parents will only be allowed in the Grammar Building and its playing rooms prior to round 1.** If your child needs help finding the appropriate room and board in future rounds, we have volunteers and TDs ready at the entrance of the building to help seat players. **Immediately after round 1 begins, Gary will hold an announcement and Q/A session in the Event Center for parents.**

I will post pairings each round [online](#). Remember, **no pairing is final until the round actually begins.** If you are listed as having a 1-point bye, report to your TD (and wait) in your tournament room. We will still try to find you a game.

Last of all – **Parents and coaches, it is your responsibility to make sure your chess player is on time for their next game.** Walking in at the start of the round is NOT acceptable. Players should be seated at least 5 minutes before the round begins. We will be following the posted [round-schedule](#).

round 1 – 9:00am, rd 2 – 11:00am, rd 3 – 12:45 pm, rd 4 – 2:30 pm, rd 5 – 4:00 pm

If a section is running ahead of schedule and requested byes are unaffected, rounds 4 & 5 may begin earlier than posted. All players will be notified in advance.

We have quite a few new players at this tournament. If you don't know the answer, please ask a TD or go to Chess Control! Experienced parents, please be willing to help us answer questions.

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