

Greetings folks! The Saturday Scholastic Chess Tournament at the 2024 ACC Summer Open is this Saturday...

All pertinent tournament information can be found at <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/saturday-scholastic-at-the-2024-acc-summer-open/>. Please re-read the tournament description and familiarize yourself with the round times.

Please review the [Parent Responsibilities](#). By registering a player for the tournament, you as a parent/guardian/coach/chaperone have agreed to abide by these guidelines

Make any bye or other changes onsite at Chess Control with Melissa. Your Chief TD is Gary Gaiffe.

If your plans have changed and you will not be attending, please email me (Lori: registrar@austinchestournaments.com) asap!!! That will allow players on the waiting list a chance to participate. **Refunds for withdrawals were only available until August 9th**, but it still helps to know if you cannot attend.

What to bring:

A PEN or PENCIL for notation. NOT provided!

A chess clock (few provided. PLEASE bring your own!)

Chess set (for going over games between rounds)

Snacks/Drinks (keep it healthy, see below for more information)

We have no official concessions. The hotel offers a small coffee shop and also has a restaurant called the Onion Creek Grille, open only 7am – 1pm. Bring lunch and snacks!!! Only water in a container with lid at the chess board.

Please allow extra time on Saturday morning to find your playing space. Both scholastic sections will play in **the Oaks room** – along the front wall of the hotel, to your right after you walk in the entrance.

All phones must be turned off during the round and if brought in, may not leave the playing room during the round. No earphones.

Pairings and Wall Charts will be available online. We will post a paper copy of pairings before each round. You will record your results with your TD(s). Remember, no pairing is final until the round actually begins. If you are listed as having a forced bye, we still might be able to find you a game.

It is your responsibility to make sure you are on time for each game. No announcements will be made inside or out. We will be following the **posted round schedule**.

round 1 – 10:00am
round 2 – 11:30am
lunch break
round 3 – 1:30pm
round 4 – 2:45pm
round 5 – 4:00pm

Trophies and medals will be handed out in the playing room as soon as the games are finished.

If you are late for round 1 and you have **not** notified us (registrar@austinchestournaments.com AND austinchessclub@austinchestournaments.com) that you are on your way, we assume you will not be attending. Your game will be reassigned and you will be withdrawn. In rounds 2 – 4, late arrival means a loss of time on your clock. It is VERY IMPORTANT that if you're done playing, you withdraw before the next round is played. Leaving without saying anything is very bad form, wastes your opponent's time, and will cost you a monetary penalty on your next tournament entry.

We need the rounds to stay on schedule. You will be paired for every round unless you request a bye or withdraw. **See chess control (Melissa) for onsite byes or withdrawal requests.**

Prizes – We do not mail trophies and medals. We'd love to hand them to you in person! If you cannot stay, please attempt to arrange with a friend to pick up your awards. Contact Lori (registrar@austinchestournaments.com) about anything left behind.

See you Saturday!
Lori Balkum
Registrar, Computer Room

Gary Gaiffe
Tournament Chief TD

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