

Greetings folks! The 2024 National Chess Week tournament at Paragon Prep is this Saturday, so I've typed up a few last-minute comments and reminders....

All pertinent tournament information can be found at <https://www.austinchestournaments.com/open-and-k-12-elite-sections-at-the-paragon-prep-november-2024-scholastic/>

Please re-read the tournament description and familiarize yourself with the round times.

If you have kids playing as well, please review the [Parent Responsibilities](#). Also, contact [\(Lori registrar@austinchestournaments.com\)](mailto:Lori(registrar@austinchestournaments.com)) if your Family-Child team is not listed on the [pre-registration list](#). By registering a player for a tournament hosted by Rocks & Rocks, you as a parent/guardian/coach/chaperone have agreed to abide by these guidelines. Open section adults may want to have another adult available if you also have a younger child playing, in case your games go long.

No bye changes or section changes are available for round 1 after 9am on Friday. Please do NOT email other requests after 9am Friday. Open Section - talk with your TD about any bye requests. K-12 Elite players - visit Chess Control for those requests. You have until the end of round 2 to request or remove other byes.

If your plans have changed and you will not be attending, please email me asap!!! **As detailed on the [event website](#), refunds for withdrawals were only available until midnight, Wednesday 11/20/2024. But it is still helpful to know if you cannot attend.**

There is some parking at the school and across the street. DO NOT park in front of the Doctor's office. Do not risk being towed! Please allow extra time to park, come inside the building, and find your room. We are in the **McGrath Building**. We expect K-12 Elite to play in room 113, and Open to play in room 140B.

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)

Lunch (Zaika Indian Kitchen), Light snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. K-12 Elite and Open Section games are often long, with little space in between. Absolutely no food in the playing room. Water bottles only.

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

Open and K-12 will be [online](#) throughout the event. 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**. Your schedule is tight with little downtime for long games.

Open (4 rounds):

rd 1 – 9:15am, rd 2 – 11:10am, rd 3 – 1:25pm, rd 4 – 3:30pm

K-12 Elite (5 rounds):

rd 1 – 8:45am, rd 2 – 10:35am, rd 3 – 12:25pm, rd 4 – 2:15pm, rd 5 – 4:00pm

If you are late for round 1 and you have **not** notified us (austinchestournaments@gmail.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 all other rounds, late arrival means a loss of time on your clock.

We will stay on schedule and you will be paired for every round unless you request a bye or withdraw.

Prizes – K-12 Elite: you are playing for trophies (Individual and Team). Open section participants: you are playing for cash prizes. Please make sure the billing address used to purchase your entry is where you want your prize check to be sent. When in doubt, email your preferred address to Lori (registrar@austinchestournaments.com).

See you Saturday!

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