

The 2025 Region VI Scholastic Chess Championships are this Saturday at NYOS Charter School in Austin, and you have a player who is registered for the event.

Please **re-read the tournament description**

(<https://www.austinchestournaments.com/2025-region-6-scholastic-chess-championships/>)

**To know ahead of time:**

Know your **player's section name** (find it on the [advance entry/pre-registration list](#))! You must know your player's section name in order to know where to go!

**We have two types of sections at this tournament - Championship and Non-Championship.** Non-Championship sections include Varsity, JV, and Novice labels. Those all come with an 'under' description. Championship and Non-Championship sections play different time controls and have different round time starts.

**KNOW YOUR SECTION NAME!**

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

**[Email Lori \(registrar@austinchestournaments.com\)](mailto:registrar@austinchestournaments.com) bye requests for round 1 asap** (include the name of your player and section)! Your bye requests are listed on the [advance entry](#) page. **No bye changes or section changes are available for round 1 after 9am on Friday!** Bye requests are made for **specific rounds** (times are listed below). You may request byes for other rounds onsite (please do not email those on Friday). You have until the end of round 2 to request or remove half-point byes. (Unsure of what a bye is? [Read our FAQs!](#)) **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 Lori \(registrar@austinchestournaments.com\)](mailto:registrar@austinchestournaments.com) asap!

**As detailed on the [event website](#), refunds for withdrawals are/were only available until noon, Thursday 2/20/2025.**

**Plan what to bring:**

A PENCIL (for taking notation and signing your results)

Cash or Venmo access for purchasing a pencil at Chess Control to replace the one your chess player loses

A chess clock (highly recommended, especially for advanced players)

Chess set (for going over games between rounds)

Activities (for between rounds for chess players)

Activities (to keep the waiting parent occupied)

Folding chair or picnic blanket (it's going to be cold day, but the rain might hold off

Lunch/Snacks/Drinks (keep it healthy!) \*\*\*NYOS always offers a huge **concessions** spread! Please help support the NYOS chess club!

### **The day of the tournament :**

Parking at schools is often difficult, so we suggest you consider carpooling or to at least plan on arriving early. Watch for no parking signs off campus

**We are playing in multiple buildings.**

***Playing locations (Championship rooms are to change):***

***ALL Varsity, JV and Novice Sections play in the Gym (bldg. 3)***

***Primary Championship Room 422 (bldg. 2)***

***Elementary Championship Room 324 (bldg. 2)***

***Middle School Championship Rooms 100 & 101 (bldg. A)***

***High School Championship Room 100 (bldg. A)***

**Building doors open for chess players and parents at 7:30am.** 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 (foyer of Building A).** 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 **cafeteria in building A.** With cold weather and so many players, there is sure to be some chess parent sprawl into other public areas of the multiple buildings we are using. Bring a chair! Games will take place in classrooms listed above. A [map of the campus](#) is **posted on the event website.** Section locations are subject to change before the event begins. We appreciate your patience as section counts can fluctuate.

Please arrive early, familiarize your player with the location of his/her playing room and restrooms, and **make sure your player knows where to find you when the round is finished.** The playing areas will be off limits to all waiting parents. **Pairings will be [online](#) only.** Bookmark this link. Before each round refresh your screen and the new pairing **links** will appear.

### **Championship Sections:**

**Players should be in their seats in their playing room no later than 8:00 for announcements.** If your player is not seated at the start of round 1 (8:15am), the game will be reassigned, and the player may be withdrawn from the tournament.

### **Non-Championship Sections (Varsity, JV, Novice):**

**Players should be in their seats in the gym no later than 8:40 for announcements.** If your player is not seated at the start of round 1 (9am), the game will be reassigned, and the player may be withdrawn from the tournament.

**Please arrive early for announcements! We would like to start on time!** Because of crowding issues, parents are asked to stay out of the playing rooms once the tournament begins. The gym has a bit more space, but there are **NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED** during any round. You must leave in order for the round to begin. After round 1 begins, Gary will hold an **announcement and Q/A session in the Cafeteria for parents.**

We 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 (because of an odd number in your section), report to your TD (and remain in your tournament room until released by your TD). We will always try to find you a rated game, because you came to play chess!

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.**

### **Non-Championship Sections (G/30, d5)**

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

### **Championship Sections (rds 1-3, G/45, d5; rds 4-5, G/60, d5)**

rd 1 – 8:15am, rd 2 – 10:15am, rd 3 – 12:15 pm, rd 4 – 2:15 pm, rd 5 – 4:30 pm

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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