

Greetings folks! The 2025 Region VI Chess Championships are this Saturday, so I've typed up a few last-minute Open Section comments and reminders....

All pertinent tournament information can be found at <https://www.austinesstournaments.com/open-section-at-the-2025-region-vi-chess-championships/>. 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 \(registrar@austinesstournaments.com\)](mailto:Lori(registrar@austinesstournaments.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. You may want to have another adult available if you also have a younger child playing, in case your games go long.

If you'd like to request or remove byes that do not affect round 1, please make those requests onsite with your TD. HOWEVER - with such a small section, we do hope you will play all rounds. If your plans have changed and you will not be attending, please email me asap!!! **Refunds for withdrawals are only available until online registration closes, but it still helps to know if you cannot attend.** Your section is small and personal. Your presence matters!

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)

NYOS always offers a wonderful assortment of concessions. Feel free to bring food and drink just in case. It's better to be prepared, in case your games run long. Absolutely no food at your chess board! Please respect your fellow players. Water only.

Allow extra time on Saturday morning to park, get any kids situated, and find your playing space. **The Open section will be in room 346 in Building 2.**

All phones must be turned off during the round and may not leave the playing room during the round. No earphones. Open pairings and results should be online during the day, but we will also post paper copies. Please remember that 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. All games are G/45, +5.**

rd 1 – 9:15am, rd 2 – 11:15am, lunch break, rd 3 – 1:45pm, rd 4 – 3:45pm

If you are late for round 1 and you have **not** notified us registrar@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. Even if the scholastic tournament runs behind, the open section will stay on schedule. You will be paired for every round unless you request a bye or withdraw. See your TD for onsite byes or withdrawal requests.

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, leave your mailing address with Drew or better yet, email it to [Lori \(registrar@austinchestournaments.com\)](mailto:Lori (registrar@austinchestournaments.com))
See you Saturday!

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