

**2012 Chess Puzzle Solving Championship**  
**Open to all players**  
**No spectators allowed**  
**Approximate starting time 12:30**

EF (Entry fee) \$5.00 if rating over 599, \$3.00 if rating < 600. Entry fee returned to winners. Pay at Classroom 131 – exact change please.

Bring only pen or pencil – no chess sets.

Sign up at notices on the Scorers Tables in playing areas before 11:00 AM.

Championship will consist of chess puzzles similar to those used at USCF National and Regional Championships.

Each participant will have 20 minutes. Turn solutions in as soon as you have finished. Time will be recorded by TD. The 2012 Chess Puzzle Champion trophies will go to the players with the most correct solutions. In case of ties, Championship trophy will be awarded to person with fastest time.

Print (in block letters – capital letters) your name, and school on your answer sheet.

In all puzzles, white moves first and **FORCES** mate no matter what moves black makes.

Record your moves **legibly**, white and black, on the answer sheet **USING ALGEBRAIC NOTATION :**

**Write (abbreviation of piece moved) ( - ) (square to which piece moved)**

**Abbreviations are K for king, Q for Queen, B for bishop, N for knight and blank or P for pawn.**

**For square moved to, write (column) (row) , column is a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h and row is 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8.**

**If two pieces with same abbreviation can move to the square, write abbreviation – start square – end square. For example, if N on c4 and N on e4, you want to move N on c4 to d6, write Nc4-d6. If your moves captures a piece you can write X instead of -.**

**For castle king-side write O-O; for castle queen-side write O-O-O.**

**For promotion of pawn on c file write Pc8=Q (or N,B,R).**

**For *en passant* write Pf4XPe3 e.p. if black has pawn on f4 and white has just moved his pawn from e2-e4.**

**Read USCF *Chess Life for Kids* magazine to find practice problems and how to record moves using algebraic notation. The magazine is also available online.**

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