

November 23, 2017

Dear Chess Club Coach,

The West Virginia Scholastic Chess Association is pleased to announce the beginning of the chess league for 2018. The WVSCA will manage the chess league and the United States Chess Federation (USCF) will rate the games. The matches will be held at Saint Francis Elementary School Parish Center, St. Albans, WV.

Team match dates: **Saturday, Jan 20, 2018** **Saturday, Jan 27, 2018**

Individual Championship: **Saturday, Feb 17, 2018**

Each team match date will consist of three rounds with team-modified Swiss pairings (team members will not be paired with each other). The Individual League Scholastic Chess Championship will be held on February 17, 2018 and the number of rounds will be determined by the number of entries. The Individual Championship is open to all scholastic league members without entry fee. The entry fee for all other scholastic players with valid and current USCF memberships is \$12. **IMPORTANT:** To play in the league or compete in Individual Championship, all players **must** have a USCF membership valid through February 28, 2018 or later.

If your school has a chess club that would like to enter a team(s) or if you would like to form a chess team for this league, please use the enclosed sign-up sheet. Please return the enclosed form and payment by check, payable to WVSCA **before January 16, 2018** to:

Craig Timmons
811 Hughes Drive
St. Albans, WV 25177

Please note on the memo line of the check the school and team name(s). This year the league entry fee for each team of ≤ 3 players is \$36. A 4th and 5th player can be added to the team for an additional \$12 per player. If you have 6 players, please form two 3-player teams. The fees go toward league management supplies, USCF rating fees, and year-end awards and trophies.

Chess players from schools that don't have teams, or players from schools which have 1-2 players left over after the teams are formed, may form a "Club Team", but they cannot play for other schools. Club teams must have 3-5 players and entry fees will be the same as for school teams. A player cannot join a club team if there is a space for him on his school team. Craig Timmons or Bob Greer will determine whether club teams are valid.

Each team member is required to join the USCF. USCF membership can be obtained instantly from the USCF website at www.uschess.org by choosing "join" or by calling 800-903-8723. Each team must have an advisor/contact who can maintain communication with the league officials. Multiple teams from one school may have the same advisor acting on behalf of all the school's teams.

Sections will be K-5 and 6-12. Each team will play in only one section. Each team member needs to check-in **before 8:45 AM** (Coaches may check-in teams). Pairings will be generated on the day of play and play is expected to begin at 9:00 AM. Players arriving late will not be paired for the first round. There will be three rounds played each day. The next round will begin approximately 15 minutes after the last game for a section is completed. All players will play in each round (unless a player receives a bye).

The team score will be computed by taking **the three highest scores of a team**. Players will compete against players, not teams, but the results will be computed for their respective teams. Trophies will be given to the top five (5) teams in K-5 section, top three (3) HS and top two (2) MS teams for league play. Trophies will be given to the top players in the individual championship.

This league has been successful in the past several years. We hope the league will continue to grow in popularity and continue to be an annual competition.

Craig Timmons

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2018 West Virginia Scholastic Chess League Team/Club Entry Form

School: _____ Team Name: _____

Section (Circle One) K-5 6-12 Clubs should enter the word **Club**
for school

Advisor/Contact: _____

Contact Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email (please provide if you have one): _____

Player 1: Name: _____ Birth date: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

USCF ID# _____ Expiration Date: _____ USCF Rating (if any) _____
Required

Player 2: Name: _____ Birth date: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

USCF ID# _____ Expiration Date: _____ USCF Rating (if any) _____
Required

Player 3: Name: _____ Birth date: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

USCF ID# _____ Expiration Date: _____ USCF Rating (if any) _____
Required

Player 4: Name: _____ Birth date: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

USCF ID# _____ Expiration Date: _____ USCF Rating (if any) _____
Required

Player 5: Name: _____ Birth date: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

USCF ID# _____ Expiration Date: _____ USCF Rating (if any) _____
Required