

Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Federation



Wisconsin All-Catholic Schools



Chess Invitational

Sponsored by St. Sebastian School

Hosted by Marquette University

Saturday, March 14, 2009

All skill
levels
welcome!

Medals for
all
participants!

Location: Marquette University Alumni Memorial Union, 1441 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, WI. Tournament will be in the 3rd floor ballroom. Parking in structure on 16th Street between Wisconsin Avenue and Wells Street for \$4 for the day. There should be ample street meter parking as it will be spring break for Marquette students.

Eligibility: Participation in this tournament is limited to students from Wisconsin who attend a Catholic Elementary or High School **OR** are enrolled and currently participate in their parish's faith formation (CCD) program.

Format:

K-3. Five individual trophies, 3 team trophies, medals to all. 5 or 6 rounds Game 30	K-6. Five individual trophies, 3 team trophies, medals to all.
	K-12. Five individual trophies, 3 team trophies, medals to all.



Entry: \$10 per player for advance registration, (\$15 on site registration) Register online at www.wisconsinscholasticchess.org before midnight of Thursday before the tournament to qualify for advance registration. Check in from **7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.** Round 1 begins at 9:30 a.m. or before. Players not checked in by 8:45 a.m. will begin play in round 2. Please check in as early as possible.

Make checks payable to: *St. Sebastian Home and School.* Please pay for registration at the school on the morning of the tournament. Coaches and parents only at registration table, please.

Lunch: Available for purchase on-site in Alumni Memorial Union or local restaurants.

Supervision: At least one designated adult supervisor must be present at all times during the tournament to oversee your school's team, or individual participants who are in K through 8th grade.

Questions: Contact the tournament host Joe Cayen at jcayen@cayen.net or 414.899.5936 or WSCF at td@wisconsinscholasticchess.org.

Inclement Weather: In case of inclement weather go to the WSCF website for information on a later start time, postponement, or cancellation. If there is no mention of a change in the tournament then it will proceed as planned.

Wisconsin All Catholic Schools Invitational Questions and Answers

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Here are some answers to some commonly asked questions from first-time tournament goers. There are more detailed official FAQs available at this website: http://www.wisconsinscholasticchess.org/faq/faq_08_rules.pdf.

Q1: Do students just play someone in their same grade?

A1: There are three sections (levels) of play. K-3, K-6 and K-12. Students in grades K(indergarten) through 3rd grade will play in the K-3 section. Students in grades 4 through 6 will play in the K-6 section. Students in grades 7 through 12 will play in the K-12 section along with students in any grade that want to play against the toughest and oldest competition. When a player wins, they get 1 point. If they lose they get 0 points and stalemates or draws give both players .5 points. Players with the most points are awarded the highest place at the end of the day.

Q2: How does the team concept work?

A2: This is a team and individual event. A team may have as many players as desired, but only the top four scores count for team results and tie breaks. A team must have at least two players in a section to be eligible for team awards in that section. Students do not have to come as a team. All are welcome!

Q3: Does a team have to be all of the same grade level, like a team of 3rd graders playing against other 3rd graders?

A3: Per Q2, a team must consist of at least two players in the same section.

Q4: What will the day be like?

A4: The tournament will consist of 5 or 6 games of chess (called rounds) during the day. The first will start no later than 9:30 am. At this time, listing of players in each section will be posted. This listing is called a pairing; it lists all players and their board number and whether they are white or black. Students find their board and wait until the Tournament Director (TD) says to begin. As soon as a student is done playing, they reset their board and report the results to a scorer's table. They then leave the tournament room and go to the skittles room. The skittles room is the room where players and their families/coaches "hang out" between the games. As soon as all the games of the round are completed, the scores are entered into a computer and the new pairings are posted, and the next round begins. This will continue until 5 or 6 rounds are completed. Then final scores are tabulated and the awards are presented. Trophies will be given out to the top five scores in each section and for the top three teams.

Q5: What do we do about lunch? Is there a break?

A5: There is no break; players eat between games in the skittles room. Many tournament hosts have food for sale – we can not do this because we are in the Marquette student union. There will be food for sale in the union and at restaurants just across the street.

Q6: Can parents and other watch the games?

A6: Most tournaments do not allow this because of the rate incidences of coaches trying to communicate with their players (winks, coughing, etc.). Depending on the tournament room configuration, it is our hope that we will be able allow spectators to watch the games. If anything improper happens, we'll have to ask all spectators to leave the tournament room.

Q7: What if two players have the same score at the end of the tournament?

A7: Most tournaments end with many players having the same scores. Individual ties for final position will be broken by well-accepted chess tiebreakers. These are Modified Median, Solkoff, Cumulative, Cumulative of Opposition, head-to-head, most blacks, and then a coin toss, in that order. In some WSCF tournaments, especially those with a scholarship being awarded, a tiebreak playoff may be played after the last round.

Q8: Do we need to bring boards or pieces? What about a chess clock?

A8: The tournament will supply all boards and pieces for the tournament games. It is recommended that you bring your own board and set for use in the skittles room to use before the tournament starts to "warm up" and to review your games between rounds. If you want to use a chess clock, you can bring one and your opponent will have to use it. Games usually can only last one hour; if a game is very slow, a clock will be placed on the board. The first player out of time will lose the game if a checkmate or draw hasn't been achieved before that happens.