



19th Annual Grade Level Championships Chess Tournament

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Location: UW-Milwaukee Student Union – 2200 E. Kenwood Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53211

Format: Grade level pairings for Round 1 will be posted online on Friday, February 27th.
* If you are going to cancel, please email bob@wisconsinscholasticchess.org. *

Pairings sheets posted at the score tables, at the end of each division row, in the hallway outside the Wisconsin Room, and in the hands of the Floor TDs for each section.

There is no PA system, so we will follow scheduled round times. There will be bagpipes to announce round starts. If we get behind, we will repost the round times. Those who are sure they will not be earning a trophy can pick up their medals at the awards table after Round 5 play. We should be done with awards around 4:30 p.m.

- We have 120 trophies to hand out! \$1,000 Scholarship goes to the winner of the 10-12 grade division!! -

Schedule

Round 1 – 8:45 a.m.
Round 2 – 10:30 a.m.
Round 3 – 11:45 a.m.
Round 4 – 1:00 p.m.
Round 5 – 2:15 p.m.
Awards – 3:45 p.m.

Awards: Ten individual trophies per divisions K-9. Ten individual trophies in the 10th-12th grade division. \$1000 scholarship to the champion of the high school division (10th-12th). Three team trophies in divisions 2nd-9th grade. One team trophy in the 1st grade division. One team trophy in the grade 10-12 division. Medals to all. The top 3 scores will be used for team awards. Teams with two members may win awards.

Check-in: There will be no check-in. Instead, the doors to the Wisconsin Room will close at 8:45 a.m. **Competitors must be present at their boards by 8:45 a.m. to play in Round 1.** Anyone arriving late can enter the tournament in Round 2. *Please arrive as early as possible.* Once all players are seated, we may need to make some manual pairings to fill in no-show spots. This should take no longer than 5 to 10 minutes. Round 1 will start once this process is completed.

Register Early!

- **Early Bird Entry Fee Rate: \$45** – Register and pay online by February 13th
- **Reduced Entry Fee Rate: \$55** – Register and pay online by February 20th
- **Last chance Advance Entry Fee Rate: \$65** – Register and pay online by Feb 26th 11 p.m.
- **Regular Entry Fee Rate: \$75** – Day-of registrants pay onsite the day-of the tournament.

No credit cards accepted. Fee paid at check-in, cash or *check payable to WSCF.*
Arrive as early as possible, especially day-of registrants.

Register online at <https://www.wisconsinscholasticchess.org/events/19th-annual-wisconsin-grade-level-championships/>.

** No refunds for this tournament. **

T-shirts: T-shirts available for registrants. Limited assorted sizes – first-come, first-served, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Supervision: At least one designated adult supervisor is always required to chaperone Chess Teams and individual competitors in kindergarten through 8th grade.

Odds & Ends: **PARKING** is available in UW-Milwaukee's covered gated lots for a \$5 daily fee on Saturdays. Park in the attached Union or Lubar parking garages. Follow signs to Student Union's Wisconsin Room. **TEAM ROOMS:** Contact bob@wisconsinscholasticchess.org for pricing and availability. **FOOD** available for purchase. Union Station will be open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **VOLUNTEERS** make this day possible! Sign up to volunteer <https://tinyurl.com/wscfvolunteer> or at registration the day-of. Bring pencils and clocks if you have them. For more information, contact WSCF via email at bob@wisconsinscholasticchess.org or call 262-573-5624.

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