

**Dear Chess Sponsor
or Principal:**

The 2018 Missouri State Scholastic Chess Championship is scheduled for March 17, 2018, returning to Battle High School in Columbia, Missouri. This is the largest annual chess tournament in Missouri,

averaging over 500 participants from all corners of the state and is the official championship event organized and sanctioned by the Missouri Chess Association (www.mochess.org).

We are sending this invitation to more than 1,000 chess club sponsors and school officials at as many elementary, middle, and high schools as possible. Students from all Missouri schools grades K-12 are eligible to participate. Your help in encouraging your students and others in your district to participate is essential to making this event successful.

You will find eligibility, format, and registration information in this brochure. Due to continued positive feedback from previous years, the High School section of the State Championship will again be a rated event sanctioned by the United States Chess Federation (USCF). In an effort to allow as many students to enter as possible, the Missouri Chess Association is sponsoring a portion of the USCF membership dues for players without a current membership.

We are also pleased to announce that the Missouri High School Tournament of Champions (qualifier for the National Denker Tournament of Champions) and the All- Girls State Championship will both be held on April 14, 2018 at the Parkade Center in Columbia, Missouri. So please mark your calendars!

Thank you for your time and dedication to students and to this great game. I hope to see you and your team on March 17.

Yours in chess,

Thomas Rehmeier
Vice President and Scholastic Coordinator
Missouri Chess Association



2018 Missouri Scholastic Championship Chess Tournament
c/o Missouri Chess Association
210 N. Olive St.
Pacific, MO 63069
www.mochess.org

TIME-SENSITIVE INFORMATION. PLEASE FORWARD TO PRINCIPAL OR
CHESS CLUB SPONSOR IMMEDIATELY.

**MISSOURI SCHOLASTIC
CHAMPIONSHIP
CHESS
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Saturday, March 17, 2018

**BATTLE High School
7575 St. Charles Road
Columbia, MO 65202**

Sanctioned by the Missouri Chess
Association as the Official State
Scholastic Championship Event



**Register in advance before 6 p.m.
Friday, March 16, 2018 at
www.mochess.org**

REGISTRATION

Tournament registration will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. the day of the tournament. Registration in advance is recommended. Go to mochess.org and follow the instructions. The deadline for advance registration is 6 p.m., Friday, March 16, 2018.

ENTRY FEE

The entry fee is \$20 per player registered in advance or before 9:30a.m. the day of the tournament. Players who begin registration after 10a.m. will not be paired in Round One. High school players that are not currently USCF members will pay an additional \$5. Please make checks payable to **MISSOURI CHESS ASSOCIATION**.

CHESS EQUIPMENT

Sets and boards will be provided for use in the Under Sections. Commemorative Pens and Notation Booklets will be provided to all players.

TEAM ROOM RESERVATIONS

Individual classrooms with an approx. capacity of 25 people may be available for rent as team rooms at \$200 per room. Please contact Thomas Rehmeier by email at t.rehmeier@yahoo.com for more information.

ELIGIBILITY

All students in kindergarten through grade 12 are eligible. Schools may not enter teams in divisions that include grades higher than the highest grade in the school that the team represents.

SPONSORS/COACHES

Each school must have either a sponsor or parent present. There will be a meeting for sponsors and parents during Round One.

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UNDER DIVISIONS

FORMAT

The tournament format is the same for all divisions (**K-3**, **K-5**, **K-6**, **K-8**, and **K-9**). They will be played in six rounds at 10:30 a.m., 12 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m., with the last round beginning early if possible. Each school may enter any number of players. The school score is the sum of the four highest player scores. Three school plaques and ten individual trophies will be awarded. The time control is game in 30 minutes. Players may be paired with players in other divisions. Under Sections are not USCF Rated.

RATINGS

United States Chess Federation ratings will be used if possible. Grade 12 students without ratings will be assigned a rating of 800, grade 11 students without ratings will be assigned a rating of 750, and so forth.

TIE BREAKS

Ties will be broken using the Solkoff System, the Sonneboern-Berger System, the Median System and the Cumulative System.

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

7:30 p.m. — Awards will be presented for the Under Divisions (**K-3**, **K-5**, **K-6**, **K-8**, and **K-9**)

Winner of the K-8 Section Qualifies for the 2018 Barber National Tournament of K-8 Champions!

8:30 p.m. — Awards will be presented to the High School Division.