

October 2, 2011

Dear Chess Club Coach,

We are pleased to announce the beginning of the West Virginia Scholastic Chess League for 2012. The WVSCA will manage the chess league. The United States Chess Federation (USCF) will rate the games. The matches will be at Saint Francis Elementary School in the Parish Center in St. Albans, WV. The team match dates are scheduled for:

Saturday Jan 21, 2012

Saturday Feb 18, 2012

Saturday Jan 28, 2012

Saturday Feb 25, 2012 Individual Championship

Each day we will play three rounds with team-modified Swiss pairings (team members will not be paired with each other). The individual League Scholastic Chess Championship will be February 25, 2012 and is open to all scholastic league members without entry fee and all other scholastic players with valid and current United States Chess Federation (USCF) memberships for \$10. Memberships should be valid through February 28, 2012 or later.

If your school has a chess club that would like to enter a team or teams 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 13, 2012** 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  $\leq 3$  players is \$30. A 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> player can be on the team for an additional \$10 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, can 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 John Homer will determine whether club teams are valid.

Each team member is required to join the USCF. Fees decrease with multiple year memberships and there are family memberships. USCF membership can be obtained instantly from the USCF website at [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org) and choosing "join" or by calling 800 903-8723. Each team needs 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. On tournament days, each team member needs to check-in before 8:45 AM. Pairings will be generated on the day of the 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. Like last year, teams will compete as they do in the State Scholastic Chess Tournament. 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 each section 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.

Sincerely,

Craig Timmons  
KVSCL Manager

**2012 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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Player 1: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Player 2: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Player 3: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

USCF ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ USCF Rating (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Player 4: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

USCF ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ USCF Rating (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Player 5: Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

USCF ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ USCF Rating (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
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