



Scholastic Team Tournament

ORGANIZER: The Bahamas Chess Federation (BCF)

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DATE/TIME: Saturday, March 23rd, 2023 TIME: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

VENUE: To be announced

LUNCH: Snacks & beverages will be on sale

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Curtis Pride Sr.

CHIEF ARBITER: FA Elton Joseph

ADDITIONAL ARBITERS: FA Angel Pride & NA Curtis Pride Jr.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT: The FIDE laws of chess will govern the tournament; Swiss format of 5 rounds; game in 10 minutes.

Note: The Chief Arbiter reserves the right to change the format before the beginning of the tournament if needed, depending on the number of teams entered in each category.

SCHEDULE:

Round 1: 10:00 a.m.

Round 2: immediately following Round 1

Round 3: immediately following Round 2

Lunch Break - 1 hour

Round 4: immediately following lunch

Round 5: immediately following Round 4

15 minutes break

Awards Presentation

ELIGIBILITY

The Scholastic Chess Championship 2024 is organized for Primary, Junior, and Senior High School Students.

Players: All players must be full-time students at a school in the Bahamas.

An eligible male or female player may compete with a traditional or combined team.

A traditional team consists of four (4) students from the same school

A combined team consists of four (4) students from more than one school.

A school may only enter one (1) team per category

Note: The combined team is for students from home schools, small schools, or any other schools that do not have four (4) chess players to form a traditional team.

It is our hope that each team includes at least one female player

CATEGORIES: there are three (3) age group categories for Traditional Teams and 1 for Combined Teams.

Traditional Categories:

Under 12 – The player must be less than 13 years old on January 1st, 2024

Under 15 – The player must be less than 16 years old on January 1st, 2024

Under 18 – The player must be less than 19 years old on January 1st, 2024

Each player can only be entered in one category.

An Under 12 player can participate in the Under 15 or Under 18 category

An Under 15 player can participate in the Under 18 but not in the Under 12 category

An Under 18 player can only participate in the Under 18 category

Combined Categories:

Under 18 – The player must be less than 19 years old on January 1st, 2024

ENTRY

Submission: Schools/coaches are responsible for registering teams online until 7:00 p.m. March 22nd at <https://www.bahamaschessfederation.org/scholastic-team-2024.html>

Registration can also be sent to bahamaschessofficial@gmail.com. Please submit information in an excel file.

No teams will be registered after the registration deadline.

A team may replace one player on March 23rd before 9:30 am. After this time no changes are allowed.

If a player does not show or cannot continue the team can continue playing with the reminding players.

Fees: \$40 per team

All registration fees will be collected at the playing hall before 9:30am on March 23rd.

SCORING

Team: A team will receive two (2) points for winning a round, one (1) point for a draw, and one (0) point for a loss.

The team that earns the highest combined players score in each round wins that round. This requires a score of 2 1/2 or higher.

Team points from each round will be added to determine the total team points.

Player:

Players scores will be used to determine tie breaks

Each player will receive one (1) point for a win, a half (1/2) point for a draw, and zero (0) point for a loss.

Tie Breaks:

In the case of ties, the winners will be decided by the implementation of the following tie-break systems in the order mentioned:

1. Match points
2. Total number of game points scored
3. Direct Encounter
4. Sonneborn-Berger

AWARDS

For Traditional Teams:

- The overall team winner will be recognized as the Scholastic Chess Teams Champion for 2024
- Team trophy for the teams that finishes with the top three (3) overall scores
- Trophy for each player of the team that finishes with the top 3 overall scores
- Medals for each player of the teams that finish 1st in each category

For Combined Teams:

Trophy for each player of the Team that finishes with the top overall score

Medals for each player of the teams that finish 2nd or 3rd

RULES

Pairings will be done automatically by the FIDE -online Arena playing platform according to the FIDE -Swiss Rules

The default time is 5 minutes after the round has started.

If a player is unable to continue playing for any reason the team will NOT be disqualified from competing in the tournament.

Each player MUST play on the same board throughout the qualifying rounds. For example, if a player starts round 1 on board 1, he/she must continue to play on Board 1.

Mobile phones, laptops, tablets, and other smart devices must be switched off and cannot be used during the match.

The Federation will not be held responsible for any loss, damage, or theft of personal property on the premises.

By registering for this event, players acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agreed to the tournament regulations