



"May All Your Knights  
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# Tuscaloosa Scholastic Challenge

March 24, 2012

First Presbyterian Church  
900 Greensboro Avenue  
Tuscaloosa, AL 35401

This tournament brings together the chess talent from schools in Tuscaloosa and nearby cities. Students will compete individually but may also compete as members of a school chess team. The location is in downtown Tuscaloosa within walking distance of restaurants and attractions.

| <b>Tuscaloosa Scholastic Chess Championship</b>                           |   |  |  |
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| <b>Rated Individual Sections</b>  | <b>Grade Limits: K-12</b>   | <b>Grade Limits: K-6</b>   | <b>Grade Limits: K-3</b>   |
|   | Trophies for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Trophies for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Trophies for 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , and 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Adv. Reg. Fee: \$35*<br>(Discounted price for USCF and ACF members: \$15) | Compete for the title of Tuscaloosa Scholastic Chess Champion in your grade range. The full fee includes USCF and ACF memberships as well as a subscription to <u>Chess Life for Kids</u> .<br><b>Additional prizes:</b> Freedom Chess Academy will pay the tournament entry fees for 1 <sup>st</sup> place winners to attend the Alabama State Scholastic Chess Championship in Birmingham on April 28.  |  |  |
| <b>Team Competition</b>   | Schools / chess coaches may name four players competing in the Rated Individual section as their school/club team. One alternate may also be named. The team score will be the sum of the points scored by each of the four players in USCF-rated Individual sections.<br>One team championship trophy will be awarded in each section.   |  |  |
| <b>Unrated Individual</b>   | <b>K-12</b>   | <b>K-6</b>   | <b>K-3</b>   |
|   | Trophy for 1 <sup>st</sup> place  | Trophy for 1 <sup>st</sup> place                                     | Trophy for 1 <sup>st</sup>   |
| Adv. Reg. Fee: \$10   | No pressure. No memberships. Low cost. Come and play for the fun of it.   |  |  |
| <b>Details</b>  | <b>Pre-register:</b> Complete and mail the attached form with payment, mail by 3/19. Or hand deliver by 3/21. School chess coaches are encouraged to collect forms and payment in advance.<br><b>On-site Registration:</b> 8:15 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. (For those not pre-registering and pre-paying.)<br>On-site registration fee: Rated: \$45; Unrated: \$15.<br><b>Mandatory players meeting:</b> 9:00 a.m. <b>Rounds times:</b> 9:10-10:20-12:30-1:45-3:00<br><b>Game time:</b> G/30; players with analog clocks get 30 minutes for each player. <b>Pairing:</b> 5SS<br><b>School discounts:</b> Schools who commit to send a chess team by email on or before Friday, March 9, 2012 will receive \$40 in hardship credits; these may be applied toward any tournament fees for students in need of financial assistance. They may be used at the schools discretion. |  |  |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The full fee for the rated section includes a 3-mo. membership in the US Chess Federation and a 1-yr membership in Alabama Chess Federation. Plus a 3 mo. of <u>Chess Life for Kids</u>.</li> <li>✓ Alternatively USCF memberships may be purchased in advance at <a href="http://www.uschess.org">www.uschess.org</a>.</li> <li>✓ ACF membership may be purchased in advance at <a href="http://www.alabamachess.com">www.alabamachess.com</a></li> <li>✓ No computers. No smoking. Cell phones off during play. Wheelchair accessible.</li> <li>✓ Contact info / email address: <a href="mailto:freedomchess@gmail.com">freedomchess@gmail.com</a> Phone: (205) 391-9648</li> <li>✓ More info at: <a href="http://www.freedomchessacademy.org">www.freedomchessacademy.org</a>.</li> </ul>                               |  |  |



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# Advance Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

USCF#: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (for rated sections only)

**Sections:** [Check 1 box below]

**Scholastic Sections:** Your School: \_\_\_\_\_

USCF-rated:  Open (k-12)  Elementary (k-6)  Primary (k-3)

Unrated:  Open (k-12)  Elementary (k-6)  Primary (k-3)

**Non-Scholastic Sections:**

Open  Reserve (<1500 rating)  Adult Unrated

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment** (Individual payments must accompany this form to qualify for the advance registration rate. (Exception: school officials who pre-register their students and send us this info by the pre-registration deadline may pay at the tournament and apply school credits at that time.)

**Tournament Entry Fee:**

(Open/Reserve Sections: **\$30**; Scholastic Rated: **\$35\*** Unrated Sections: **\$10**) \_\_\_\_\_

\* Includes a 3-month subscription to Chess Life for Kids, a 3-month USCF membership, and a 1-year ACF membership.

\* **Discount for Scholastic USCF members (\$10)** (Scholastic rated section only; USCF # reqd.) \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Discount for Scholastic ACF members (\$10)** (Scholastic rated section only) \_\_\_\_\_

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Freedom Chess Academy**. Include Player Name(s) on the check.  
Mail this form with your check by **March 19, 2012** to:

**Freedom Chess Academy**  
**PO Box 2356**  
**Tuscaloosa, AL 35403-2356**