

Maryland Scholastic Chess Spectacular

*A scholastic chess tournament open to any student in grades 1-12.
Coaches are welcome to attend free session on how to teach chess.*

9:30am-5pm, Sunday, May 2, 2010

University Center, 3rd Floor, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC), www.umbc.edu/chess

A Swiss System (SS) Tournament in two sections: Quick Rated Open, Unrated Novice.

Everyone plays every round. Top players from Open advance to an Exhibition Match Playoff with move-by-move sports commentary. *Players must bring their own regulation sets and clocks.* Players new to tournaments should read:

<http://main.uschess.org/docs/forms/IntroToTournaments.pdf>

Quick-Rated Open Section: 4-round-SS. G/20 mins. USCF membership required.*

For rated and unrated scholastic competitors *with prior tournament experience*. Trophies to top ten finishers, top individuals (elementary, middle, high, unrated), top schools (elementary, middle, high). Top 10 finishers receive free entry to chess camp. Top four players, and anyone with a perfect score, advance to knockout playoffs. Trophies to top ten finishers, top individuals (elementary, middle, high), top schools (elementary, middle, high).** This section will be Quick-Rated by the USCF.

Unrated Novice Section: 3-round-SS. USCF membership not required.

For unrated scholastic players *with no prior tournament experience*. Players with established ratings are not permitted in this section. Top 4 finishers receive trophy and free entry to chess camp (G/7mins playoff may be required). Certificate to everyone completing three games. *Includes instruction on how to play in tournaments 10-10:45am.* This section will not be rated.

Unrated Playoffs (invitational): For finalists from Quick Rated Open.

Single-elimination G/7mins (2-sec delay), two games per match, with move-by-move sports commentary. Ties broken by 5mins-4mins "shootout" in which White with 5mins must win.

SCHEDULE

Late Registration: 8 – 9 a.m. (All players should pre-register online by 4-9)
Check In: 8 – 9:30am: Each player must check in with Tournament Director by 9:30am (or will be given a ½-point bye in Round 1.)
Rounds: 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m. Only players are allowed in tournament rooms.
Lunch: 12 – 12:30 p.m. (Bring your own, none will be provided)
Exhibition playoff match: 2:45 – 5:00 p.m. *Spectators welcome.*
Coaches' session: 12:45 – 2:15 p.m.

REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE

Free entry to any Maryland student who registers by 4-9. Limit 200. Late entries may be required to take ½-bye in Rd1. \$20 per person for non-residents. Checks payable to UMBC; mail to Dr. Alan T. Sherman, CSEE Dept, UMBC, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250, ATTN: Spectacular. Byes: 1/2 point bye available in round 1 only. Register online at www.umbc.edu/chess after February 8.

DIRECTIONS. Take exit 47B off I-95 and follow signs to UMBC. Park in lot 9 or 16.

ORGANIZER. Dr. Alan T. Sherman, Director, UMBC Chess Program, sherman@umbc.edu

UPCOMING EVENTS AT UMBC. *Anyone may play. USCF membership required.*

March 27 –28, 2010: UMBC Open-Alvin S. Mintzes Chess Tournament (5-SS in two sections: Open, Under1800)

September 18 – 19, 2010: UMBC Chess Championship (5-SS in three sections: Open, Under1800, Beginners)

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* USCF membership may be purchased at site (\$16 under 14 years old, \$20 under 17 years old, \$24 under 26 years old), but please purchase in advance directly from www.uschess.org. ** School score is sum of points earned by top four finishers from same school. Home-schooled students may play for their district school.