

Maryland Scholastic Chess Spectacular

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

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Saturday, May 10, 2008

University Center, third floor
University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)
URL: www.umbc.edu/chess/spectacular

FORMAT

Four-round Swiss System (SS) in two sections: Quick Rated Open, Unrated Novice. Everyone plays four games. 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.

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

Trophies to top ten finishers, top individuals (elementary, middle, high), top schools (elementary, middle, high).**
Top four players, and anyone with a perfect score, advance to the playoff.

Unrated Novice Section: 4-SS. G/20 mins. USCF membership not required.*

Trophies to top ten finishers, top individuals (elementary, middle, high).

Unrated Playoff: Single-elimination, G/10 mins. (2-sec delay), two games per match.

Ties broken by 5 min. – 4 min. “shootout” in which white with 5 mins. must win.

SCHEDULE

Registration:	8 – 9 a.m.
Rounds:	10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m.
Lunch:	12 – 12:30 p.m.
Exhibition match:	2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Coaches' sessions:	10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m., 12:45 – 2:15 p.m.

REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE

Free entry to any Maryland student; \$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. Byes: 1/2 point bye available in round 1 only. Register online at www.umbc.edu/chess/spectacular.

LUNCH

Free box lunch to first 300 Maryland students and coaches who register by April 25. Non-residents may purchase box lunches for \$10 each, if ordered by April 25.

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, dralansherman@starpower.net

UPCOMING EVENTS AT UMBC

Anyone may play. USCF membership required.

March 8 – 9, 2008: UMBC Open-Alvin S. Mintzes Chess Tournament (5-SS in two sections: Open, U1800)

September 13 – 14, 2008: UMBC Chess Championship (5-SS in three sections: Open, U1800, Beginners)

Support for this event was provided in part by the Maryland State Department of Education.

* USCF membership may be purchased at site (\$19 under 17 years old, \$25 under 26 years old), or 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.*

