



# 43<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL STASER SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



Presented by:  
ORANGE COUNTY GREAT PARK, HANLEY CHESS ACADEMY (HCA) &  
AMERICAN CHESS EQUIPMENT, Inc.

**DATE:** Sunday, November 18, 2018

**LOCATION:** Orange County Great Park (refer to attached map for directions)

**FOR TOURNAMENT QUESTIONS:** Contact National Master Joe Hanley at (714) 925-3195 or [hanleychessacademy@gmail.com](mailto:hanleychessacademy@gmail.com) and Dewain Barber at [amchesseq@aol.com](mailto:amchesseq@aol.com).

**FOR REGISTRATION QUESTIONS OR GROUP REGISTRATIONS:** Contact Kaila Reynolds at [kreynolds@cityofirvine.org](mailto:kreynolds@cityofirvine.org).

**ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

- **Farmers Market:** Local vendors and food trucks available for food purchases from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- **Great Park Balloon: Weather permitting,** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7 p.m.-10 p.m.  
Adults \$10, Children 18 and younger, free with paid adult.
- **Great Park Carousel:** Purchase tickets at Visitors Center. All-Day Pass: \$3, Single Ride: \$2

EVENT INFORMATION	NON-RATED SECTION Hangar 244	US Chess Federation RATED SECTION Artist Studios
<p><b>REGISTRATION:</b></p> <p><u>Deadline:</u> Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 5 p.m.</p> <p><u>Non-Rated Section:</u> Open to first 200 registered players.</p> <p><u>Rated Section:</u> Open to first 100 paid players. If filled, players will be referred to the Non-Rated Section.</p> <p><b>*No onsite registration</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ages 5-14 ONLY</b></li> <li>• Free to all <b>K-8 grade scholastic players only</b>. USCF rated players may be in this section.</li> <li>• <b>Non-Rated players register with Code #9385</b> at this link: <a href="https://secure.yourirvine.org/CA/city-of-irvine/catalog?filter=c2VhcmNoPTQ5MjgzNA==">https://secure.yourirvine.org/CA/city-of-irvine/catalog?filter=c2VhcmNoPTQ5MjgzNA==</a></li> <li>• <b>Before check-out, enter your child's grade and school.</b></li> <li>• Boards and sets will be provided.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ages 5-18 ONLY</b></li> <li>• \$25/Player (\$30 for non-Irvine residents)</li> <li>• Four Sections: <b>Under 500 &amp; UNR, Under 800, Under 1100, Under 1400, &amp; Open</b></li> <li>• Ratings as of November 15 will be the official ratings used for the tournament.</li> <li>• <b>Rated players register with Code #9386</b> at this link: <a href="https://secure.yourirvine.org/CA/city-of-irvine/catalog?filter=c2VhcmNoPTQ5MjgzNQ==">https://secure.yourirvine.org/CA/city-of-irvine/catalog?filter=c2VhcmNoPTQ5MjgzNQ==</a></li> <li>• <b>Before check-out, enter your child's USCF membership number, expiration date, and rating.</b></li> <li>• Chess clock and score sheets are MANDATORY.</li> </ul>
<p><b>PLAY SCHEDULE:</b></p>	<p>9:30 a.m. Arrive 9:45 a.m. Opening Ceremony Starts 10 a.m. Play Begins 12 p.m. Lunch (Hangar closed) 1 p.m. Play Resumes 3 p.m. Non-rated Section Ends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tournament will run as a <b>round robin by grade</b>.</li> <li>• Players will play against each person in their section of their grade.</li> <li>• Students may be released sooner if all games are completed.</li> </ul>	<p>8:45 a.m. Arrive 9:15 a.m. Opening Ceremony Starts 9:30 a.m. Play Begins 6 p.m. Rated Section Ends</p> <p><b>Open &amp; U1400</b> (4 Rounds; G/55, d5): 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. <b>Lunch 1:30-2 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>U1100</b> (5 Rounds; G/45, d5): 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4 p.m. <b>Lunch 12:30-1 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>Under 800 &amp; U500/UNR</b> (5 Rounds; G/30, d5): 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12 noon, 1:45 p.m., 3 p.m. <b>Lunch 1:10-1:45 p.m.</b></p> <p>**Round times will be followed exactly</p>
<p><b>PRIZES:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Medals</b> will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place in each section of each grade.</li> <li>• <b>Certificates of Participation</b> will be awarded to all participants.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Trophies awarded to:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place in each section</p>

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Reading the FAQ's will answer many, if not all, of your questions and make the event less stressful and more enjoyable for you and your child. Please take the time to read these.**

### **1. Once I have registered my child, what do I need to do?**

An email confirmation will be sent upon registration. Please make sure to follow the time schedule indicated on the website or tournament flier.

### **2. Do I need to check in on the day of the tournament?**

Non-rated players: Proceed to Hangar 244. Your child should sit at the table in his/her grade that has his/her name on the score sheet.

Rated players: Proceed to the Artist Studios. Look for your child's name in the listings outside of the tournament hall. Make sure you look in the correct section for your child's name. If your child is listed, they may sit in the Tournament Playing area until Opening Ceremonies begin. If your child is not listed, please see Mr. Hanley. Competition will begin at the end of the Opening Ceremonies.

### **3. What section is my child eligible for?**

Either. As a general guideline, if your child is new to chess, new to tournaments, or this is their second or third tournament, we suggest the Non-rated Section. If he/she has played in a Non-rated event and has won a trophy, we request you register him/her for the USCF Rated section. Note the USCF Rated section has requirements of:

- A. A current USCF membership.
- B. Having and using a chess clock on each game.
- C. Keeping notation of all moves for both black and white in each game.

### **3. What does my child have to know in order to participate?**

In order to participate, they must know how to move and capture the pieces, how to castle, and the check and checkmate rules.

### **4. In the Non-Rated Section, what equipment does my child have to have?**

None, as all boards and sets are being provided by the tournament organizers.

### **5. In the USCF Rated Section, what equipment does my child have to bring?**

Their clock, their scorebook, and a pencil.

### **6. What is the United States Chess Federation membership?**

It is a membership to the governing body of United States Chess. It has an expiration of one year and is required to compete in any USCF rated tournament held in the United States. You will receive a magazine called "*Chess Mates*" every other month. It has information for tournaments, exercises, instructional pieces, etc.

### **7. When will my child have his/her first rating?**

The Staser Scholastic Rated section will be submitted by Mr. Hanley shortly after the completion of the tournament. Please allow up to 24 hours for the tournament to be rated after the completion of the tournament. Then, go online to [www.uschess.org/msa](http://www.uschess.org/msa), click on "Look Up a Member", type in your child's name, click on his/her name, and click on Tournament History. You will then see the Staser Scholastic listed. Besides the name of the tournament, you will see two bold black numbers. The first is his/her pre-tournament rating and the second is his/her post-tournament rating. To see all new ratings for all players of the tournament, simply click on the tournament link and you will see all results.

### **8. How many games will my child get to play throughout the tournament?**

If your child is in the Non-rated section, he/she will play close to 6-10 games. In the Rated section, your child will either play 4 or 5 games.

### **9. How do I know which Rated section to register my child for?**

This depends on his/her rating. If they are rated under 500 or unrated (this will be their first rated tournament), register him/her for the U500 section. If they are rated between 501-999, register him/her for the U1000 section. If he/she is rated above 1000, register him/her for the Open section.

**10. How many games would my child need to win to receive a trophy?**

We, the organizers, never know how many wins are needed. It is different in each tournament. There are five place trophies as well as two class trophies for each section.

**11. Does my child ever get eliminated?**

No, your child will play all games. The awards are based on how many games your child wins.

**12. Are there requirements for my child to play in the USCF Rated section?**

Yes, we have the following rules we ask everyone to read. By registering you are agreeing to follow these rules:

***I agree:***

- 1. My child is required to use a clock on each of his/her games. If my child is playing the black pieces and does not have a clock available, I will be required to provide one. Clocks will be available for rent at \$5/game or purchase for \$50-75 from Hanley Chess Academy.*
- 2. If my child is more than 7 years of age, I understand my child is required to keep notation of all moves until one player has less than 5 minutes remaining on his/her time.*
- 3. In the case neither of the above 2 rules are adhered to, this result may not count nor will the result be submitted for rating with the United States Chess Federation. This is at the organizer/tournament director's sole discretion*
- 4. If 1 of the 2 players adhere to the above rules, then:
  - a. The player adhering to the rules will receive full credit for the win.*
  - b. The player not adhering to the rules will not receive credit for the win nor receive rating credit by the United States Chess Federation.**
- 5. We are offering a free seminar on keeping notation from 9 am-9:15 am on the day of the tournament. Please go to the USCF Rated playing hall. This is where this free seminar will be held.*