January 26, 2020

Dear Scholastic Chess Club Coach,
The West Virginia Scholastic Chess Association is pleased to announce that the 2020 chess league tournament will be on February 15, 2020 at John Adams Middle School, 2002 Presidential Drive, Charleston, WV 25314. WVSCA will manage the chess league and the United States Chess Federation (USCF) will rate the games. Team and individual trophies will be awarded. IMPORTANT: To play in the league, all players **must** have a USCF membership valid through **February 29, 2020** or later.

If your school has a chess club that would like to enter a team(s) or if you would like to form a chess team for this league, please use the enclosed sign-up sheet. Please return the enclosed form and payment by check, payable to WVSCA **by February 8, 2020** to:
Rick Shaver
415 Montrose Drive
South Charleston, WV 25303
pdxrolling@yahoo.com
304 590-8616 C

Please note the school and team name(s) on the memo line of the check. The league entry fee is $15 per player. The fees go toward league management supplies, USCF rating fees, and trophies. Team size is between 2-5 players. If your school has 6 or more players, form two or more teams.

Players without anyone else from their school may play as an individual. Chess players from schools that don't have teams, or players from schools which have 1-2 players left over after the teams are formed, may form a "Club Team", but they cannot play for other schools. Club teams must have 2-5 players. A player cannot join a club team if there is a space for him on his school team. Bob Greer and Scott Hamilton will determine whether club teams are valid.

Each team member is required to join the USCF. USCF membership can be obtained instantly from the USCF website www.uschess.org and click "join" or by calling 800-903-8723. Each team must have an advisor/contact who can maintain communication with the league officials. Multiple teams from one school may have the same advisor acting on behalf of all the school's teams.

Sections will be K-3, K-5, K-8, and K-12. Each team will play in only one section. Each team member needs to check-in **between 8 and 8:45 AM on Feb. 15** (coaches may check-in teams). Pairings will be generated on the day of play and play is expected to begin at 9 AM. **Players arriving late (after 8:45 AM) will not be paired for the first round.** There will be 5-6 rounds. Rounds will begin approximately 15 minutes after the last game for a section is completed. All players will play in each round (unless a player receives a bye). Chess sets will be provided for tournament play. **Bring your chess clock and pen or pencil to the tournament**. K-8 and K-12 sections are required to record moves (K-3 and K-5 sections are encouraged to). Score sheets will be provided. Time control will be G/30 d/0 in the K-3 and K-5 sections and G/30 d/5 in the K-8 and K-12 sections. Analog/non-delay clocks are not permitted in the K-8 and K-12 sections. Analog clocks are permitted in the K-3 and K-5 sections. We reserve the right to merge sections if necessary.

The team score will be computed by taking **the three highest players' scores of a team**. Players will compete against players, not teams, but the results will be computed for their respective teams. Team trophies will be given to the top 3 teams in each section (K-3, K-5, K-8, and K-12). Individual trophies will be given to the top 5 players in each section.

If you can help with the tournament preparations or during the tournament on Feb. 15, please contact the manager below.

Scott Hamilton
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304 746-5457 H with VM after ~6 rings. If urgent, call or text 304 553-8296 C
WVSCA League Manager

2020 West Virginia Scholastic Chess League Team/Club Entry Form

School: _____ Team Name: _____
Clubs should enter the word **Club** for school

Advisor/Contact: _____

Contact Address: _____ Phone: _____

Email (please provide if you have one): _____

Player 1: Name: _____ Birth date: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

USCF ID#_____ Expiration Date: _____ USCF Rating (if any) _____

Player 2: Name: _____ Birth date: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

USCF ID#_____ Expiration Date: _____ USCF Rating (if any) _____

Player 3: Name: _____ Birth date: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

USCF ID#_____ Expiration Date: _____ USCF Rating (if any) _____

Player 4: Name: _____ Birth date: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

USCF ID#_____ Expiration Date: _____ USCF Rating (if any) _____

Player 5: Name: _____ Birth date: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade: _____

USCF ID#_____ Expiration Date: _____ USCF Rating (if any) _____