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Dear Chess Club Coach,

The West Virginia Scholastic Chess Association is pleased to announce the beginning of the chess league for 2025. The WVSCA will manage the chess league and the United States Chess Federation (USCF) will rate the games. The matches will be held at Saint Francis Elementary School Parish Center, St. Albans, WV.

Team match dates: **Saturday, Jan 25, 2025, Saturday, Feb 1, 2025**

Individual Championship: **Saturday, Feb 22, 2025**

**Cost/Player: League Fee $20 + Current/unexpired US Chess Membership. If expired: $20**

Each team match date will play three (3) rounds with team-modified Swiss pairings (team members will not be paired with each other). The number of rounds for the league individual championship will be announced later.

IMPORTANT: To play in the league or compete in the Individual League Championship, all players must have a USCF membership valid through February 28, 2025 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 this [link](https://forms.office.com/r/9BgWBPHHau). Please complete the form and payment by check, payable to WVSCA before January 22, 2025, to:

Craig Timmons

 811 Hughes Drive

 St. Albans, WV 25177

Please note the school and team name on the memo line. The league entry fee for each team of < 3 players is $60. A 4th and 5th player can be added to the team for an additional $20 per player. If you have 6 players, please form two 3-player teams. Each team can pay via [PayPal](https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/WTLPEHGPH65SU).

Club teams will be created based upon players without a school team. A player cannot join a club team if there is space for him on his school team. Craig Timmons or will determine whether club teams are valid.

Each player is required to have a valid US Chess membership through Feb 2025. Each team must have an advisor/contact who can maintain communication with 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-5 and 6-12. Each team will play in only one section. Each member needs to check-in before 9:45 AM (Coaches may check-in teams). Players arriving late will not be paired for the first round. The next round 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). The team score will be computed by taking the three highest scores of a team.

Trophies will be given to the top five (5) teams in K-5 section, top three (3) HS and top three (3) MS teams for league play.

This league has been successful in the past several years. We hope the league will continue to grow in popularity and continue to be an annual competition.

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