



# 2010 Northern Regional Chess Championship

Saturday April 17, 2010

Times: 9:45 ~ 4pm



Have you tried one of our tournaments? The real challenge is to do your best, be a good sport, and give your mind a workout. If you do well you may win one of our beautiful trophies or shiny ribbons. No matter the result of your games, you will be a winner if keep your mind active for a day and sharpen your thinking skills. So be part of the excitement. Sign up today!

**Location:** St. Sebastian School, 307 Siebert Rd., Pgh, 15237 - about 10 minutes from Downtown Pittsburgh.

**Directions:** From Pittsburgh: take the Parkway to the Blvd of the Allies. Get in the right lane and go over the Veteran's Bridge. Continue .9 miles on 279N to the McKnight Rd exit (exit 11). Stay on McKnight Rd for 2.7 miles to Seibert Rd. On your left is a shopping plaza and large Post Office. Turn left onto Siebert Rd. The school is just past the shopping plaza. If you turn left into the third driveway, it will take you to a large parking lot. Walk down the steps from the parking lot to the school. The tournament will be in the gym.

**7 Sections:** (Kids are automatically placed in sections using official 4/10 ratings, or play up by request)

- Grades K to 5 Beginner :** Open to those Rated Under 350 or Unrated in Grades K to 5
- Grades K to 5 Adv Beginner :** Open to those Rated from 350 to 599 in Grades K to 5
- Grades 6 to 12 Beginner :** Open to those Rated Under 600 or Unrated in Grades 6 to 12
- Rated 600 to 799:** Open to those Rated from 600 to 799 in all Grades
- Rated 800 to 999:** Open to those Rated from 800 to 999 in all Grades
- Premier Section :** Open to those Rated from 1000 to 1249 in all grades
- Championship Section :** Open to those Rated 1250 and over in all grades

Sections may be combined or split if necessary, based on enrollment.

**Questions? Call or email Jerry Meyers at (412) 422-1770 or [catnipper99@yahoo.com](mailto:catnipper99@yahoo.com)**

**----Starts 9:45am - Full schedule on back. Mark on your calendar. Cut here and save top for info.----**

Full Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City : \_\_\_\_\_ State : \_\_\_\_\_ Zip : \_\_\_\_\_ If new address or school, check here

School : \_\_\_\_\_ Grade : \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate : \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address : \_\_\_\_\_  Boy  Girl

Please check the appropriate boxes to enter:

- Students age 12 or under. Entry fee + Scholastic USCF membership. (\$32 if postmarked by 4/3, \$37 later).
- Students age 13 to 15. Entry fee + Youth USCF membership. (\$36 if postmarked by 4/3, \$41 later).
- Students age 16 to 24. Entry fee + Young Adult USCF membership. (\$40 if postmarked by 4/3, \$45 later).
- Students, with current USCF memberships. (\$16 if postmarked by 4/3, \$21 later)

My USCF ID # and expiration date are \_\_\_\_\_ (lookup at [www.uschess.org/msa](http://www.uschess.org/msa))

**USCF membership is required.** If your membership expires before 4/30/10, you must renew.

Please make checks payable to: **Jerry Meyers**, and mail to: **4101 Windsor Street, Pittsburgh PA 15217**

**Entry Form - \$5 Late fee after 4/3/10 - No on-site registration!!**

**Schedule:** Everyone should bring a chess set, board, and pencil, and be at the playing site by 9:30 am. Rounds start at 10:00 am, 11:15 am, 12:45 pm, and 2 pm. One hour is allotted for each game, with the results of unfinished games being judged by the directors. Most players are finished with their games around 2:45, but games can go until 3pm. Award ceremony will be from 3:30 to 4 pm. **Lunch and snacks will be on sale at the tournament site.**

**Playing Format: No elimination.** Everyone plays 4 games. Pairings are made using a method called the Swiss System, which matches players together who have the same number of points each round. Your opponents get tougher if you keep winning, and easier each time you lose. For this tournament, use of chess clocks and recording of your moves is only required in the Championship and Premier sections. Recording your moves will not be required in other sections but failure to do so can limit your claims to tournament directors, and since it is a good learning tool, it is highly recommended for all players.

**Team Competition: When four or more students from one school play, they will automatically be considered a team.** They do not need to all sign up at once or register in any special way to be counted as a team. If less than 4 students from one school enter, they play only for individual prizes. There is no maximum to the number of students who can play on your team. However, **each team's score will be computed by summing the results of the 4 highest scoring players on the team.** Having a large team increases your odds of winning and cannot hurt you. Teams from all grade levels will be competing against one another. Team members can play in different sections. You will not be paired against other players from your school. The top 2 teams get trophies for their school and ribbons for each member of their team. All members of the 3rd place team also get ribbons.

**Individual Prizes:** In each section, trophies to the top 5 players. Ribbons to 6th place finishers, Top Unrated, and Top girl in each section. Ties for trophies will be broken using the following tie breaking systems in the order given: Solkoff, Modified Median, and the Cumulative Points method. These methods all attempt, in different ways, to determine who played the toughest field of opponents. The idea is that in the event of a tie, the person who played tougher opposition should come out ahead of the person who played easier opponents. All players tied for ribbons will receive one.

**Registration Info:** Entry is \$16 if postmarked by 4/3; add \$5 late fee later. Entries are accepted until April 16. **No on-site registration. USCF membership is required.** Rates vary with age, as listed on entry form. All memberships include rating service and online access to a chess magazine published by the USCF. Note: Bounced Checks are subject to \$20 charge. **Cancellations after 4/3 are nonrefundable.** Please enter early.

**Classes at the Pittsburgh Chess Club:** New Sunday classes start 5/2/10. Beginners meet from 3:15-4:15pm. Adv Beginners meet from 2-3pm. Intermediate players 12:45-1:45pm. Monday night classes for players over 900 start 5/3 from 7-8:30pm. Sunday classes are \$40 for 6 weeks, Monday classes \$45. See website or call Jerry Meyers for details.

**Web Site: Check your ratings and other info on our web site: <http://www.youthchess.net>**