

Littleton Public Schools District Chess Tournament

Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

Dear Parents of Chess Players:

Welcome to our tournament! In order to make it a mentally challenging, fun and safe day, please take a few minutes to read through the following final plans and rules. Location is at Newton Middle School, corner of Arapahoe Road and Colorado Boulevard. Enter on the East Side. All other doors will be locked. No one except competitors and officials will be allowed in the competition area (cafeteria). The schedule for the day is as follows:

TIMES	
Check-in	8:00 – 8:30 a.m.
Players and Parents Meeting	8:30 – 9:00 a.m.
Round 1	9:00 a.m.
Awards Presentations	Approximately 2:30 p.m.

- Round One begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. The other four rounds will begin when games are completed. Rounds may take up to an hour (and we hope children will learn to think about moves carefully.) Players play all rounds. Time limit for each round is 1 hours.
- **Please DO NOT plan to leave the school between rounds or plan other family activities before 3:30. Leaving early affects other players.**
- There will **not** be a separate lunchtime. **Please try to limit food and especially drinks in the gym.** You may eat in the hallway or outside (weather permitting).
- After reporting the results of a match, children will leave the tournament area in the cafeteria and go to the gym. Parents should plan to stay and assist with the safety of children in the gym.
- Jim Hammersmith is once again this year's Tournament Director. Only qualified Tournament Directors will monitor play in the cafeteria. **If your child has any problem or feels there has been an illegal move, she/he should raise her/his hand and a Tournament Director will help immediately.**
- Pairings will be posted in the gym at the beginning of each round.
- **Touch-Move rules** will be in effect. (If you touch the piece, you have to move it.)
- Clocks will be used after 40 minutes of play. Tournament Directors will help children if they don't know how to use them.
- If there is an uneven number of children in a division, one child per round will receive a "bye". A "bye" is an automatic point for that round. Pairings sheets will indicate it with "please wait".
- Winners are determined by accumulated points: 1 pt for a win; 1/2 pt for a draw; 0 pt for a loss.
- Trophies will be awarded. Ties will be determined by the following USCF Tie Break Methods: 1) modified medium 2) solkoff 3) cumulative. Participation ribbons will be awarded.

Wishing you a great day!

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