



## **Evanston Scholastic Chess Tournament Chute Middle School - April 18th, 2026**

On behalf of the Chute Chess Team, the Chute PTA, and Evanston Scholastic Chess, we would like to invite you and your school's chess team to participate in the 2026 Evanston Scholastic Chess Championship on **Saturday, April 18, 2026**.

This Tournament is open to all Evanston K-8 players who know how to correctly move all of the pieces, who are able to play an entire game, who are able to checkmate an opponent and who will display good sportsmanship. It is intended to be a place where all students, regardless of their age or skill level, can have fun and play their best. Please remind your team that bullying, harassment, and intimidation are not acceptable behaviors.

Individual and team awards will be distributed at the end of the tournament.

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

To register your child, complete the ESChess Registration Form [HERE](#)

- Registration closes at 10:00pm on Wednesday, April 15.
- Information required to register includes: player's grade level, player's school and whether the player will be taking a bye in rounds 1 or 2 (if they are arriving late).
- The tournament entry fee is \$5 per registered player. Payment is due on the day of the tournament after the start of the third round. All payments should be collected by the team coordinator and submitted to the Info Desk. Cash is fine; if paying by check, please make checks payable to Evanston Scholastic Chess.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

We welcome and need volunteers from all teams to staff this final tournament. Some volunteer positions require chess knowledge, but many do not. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

### **IMPORTANT TIMES & LOCATION**

- Doors open at 8:15am. Enter at Oakton street entrance, Door #2 near the main office.
- Check-in with your team coordinator prior to 8:40am.
- Team Coordinators should report roster changes to the Info Desk by 8:45am.
- The first round starts at 9:00am
- The awards ceremony is around 3:30pm

Late registrants will receive a bye for round 1 and begin play in round 2 (if you arrive in time). Parking at Chute is available on surrounding streets as well as in the Chute parking lot located on Oakton. Please be considerate of the surrounding neighborhood when parking on the street, and be mindful of parking restrictions.

## **MATERIALS**

Please bring one board and one complete set of chess pieces for every two registered players (e.g., if you had 10 registered players, you would bring 5 boards/sets.) If you are not able to provide these materials, please let us know ahead of the tournament. You may bring a chess clock if you have one.

Boards, labeled with the school name, should be set up in the gym before 8:30am.

## **SKITTLES ROOMS**

- The Skittles Room is your team's home for the tournament. These will be assigned to the Team Coordinators on the morning of the tournament. Players should check-in with their Team Coordinators in their assigned skittles room.
- Skittles room assignments are based on the roster provided for registration. Depending on your team's size, you may share a skittles room with another team.
- All of the skittles rooms are classrooms, which include instructional materials used by teachers and students. Please be considerate and leave the rooms as you found them.
- Food and beverages should be consumed in the cafeteria, not in the skittles rooms. This is particularly important, as several of our classrooms are nut free.

## **PLAYER BEHAVIOR**

We look forward to a safe and enjoyable tournament for everyone who participates.

Chute Middle School is part of Evanston/Skokie School District 65. Players are expected to follow the District 65 Behavior Policy located in the Student Handbook, particularly as it relates to bullying, intimidation and harassment.

Parents are responsible for supervising their children during the tournament. Parents who are unable to remain for the duration of the tournament must arrange for adult supervision of their children.

## **ROUNDS & AWARDS**

After the first round, each round will proceed after all players have finished and the results for that round have been recorded. Start times will be announced over the PA system.

## **CONCESSIONS**

Food and beverages will be available for purchase in the cafeteria. Proceeds support the Chute PTA.

## **CHESS CLINIC**

Coach Chris will be onsite to facilitate a chess clinic. Coach Chris is a beloved pillar of the Evanston chess community and teaches chess in many schools around Evanston and Chicago. All students are welcome to bring their games to the clinic to analyze and improve their play.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

If you have any players who need wheelchair accommodations, please include this information with your roster by 10:00pm on Wednesday, April 15. This information will be used to help determine room assignments.

### **QUESTIONS?**

Please contact the Volunteer Chess Tournament Coordinators with questions:

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