53nd Annual TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS



For More Information: www.scichess.org

TYPE OF TOURNAMENT:

Format is 4-player fixed-roster teams (minimum of 3 players to form a team). The tournament will be conducted using the Swiss System (no elimination – score determines final place). All teams will play all day. Scores do not carry over to the finals. The top scoring teams will advance to the State Finals.

REGIONAL SITES:

February 24, 2024:

- Goshen Goshen High School, 401 Lincolnway E, Goshen, IN 46526
- · Hammond Hammond Central High School, 5926 Calumet Ave., Hammond, IN 46320
- · Jeffersonville Jeffersonville High School, 2315 Allison Ln, Jeffersonville, IN 47130
- Terre Haute Honey Creek Middle School, 6601 Carlisle St., Terre Haute, IN 47802

FINALS SITE:

March 23, 2024:

·Hammond - Hammond Central High School, 5926 Calumet Ave., Hammond, IN 46320

ELIGIBILITY:

Any accredited school in Indiana may send any number of teams to compete in the Regional tournaments. Teams consist of 3-6 full-time students attending the same school. Schools that share facilities but have different Indiana Department of Education numbers on this website are considered to be different schools: <u>https://inview.doe.in.gov/state/1088000000/school-list</u>. Home schools and virtual schools are not eligible. A parent or school sponsor must accompany the group to the competition.

USCF MEMBERSHIP:

The Regional tournaments are NOT rated by the U.S. Chess Federation. However, the State Finals are USCF rated. If your team(s) qualify for the State Finals, all players on the State Finals team(s) must join USCF. Instructions will be included in your State Finals qualifier letter.

IMPORTANT RULES:

- 1. All rounds in the SCI Team Championships consist of **4-board matches**. Teams of 4 players compete against each other in each round. A team can compete in a round with a minimum of 3 players. Teams are allowed to have 2 alternate players.
- 2. A student may play only for the school that he/she attends full-time and may play in only one division. Please see "ELIGIBILITY" above. You may choose your Regional; however, all teams from a school must attend the same regional.
- The tournament will be divided into four divisions: 12th Grade & Under, 8th Grade & Under, 6th Grade & Under, and 3rd Grade & Under. (12th Grade & Under do not play in the Regional tournaments.) A separate registration form for 12th Grade & Under will be available at a later date.
- 4. 8th Grade & Under Rule: Approximately 32 teams from the Regional rounds of competition will qualify to play in the SCI Team State Championships.
- 5. 6th Grade & Under Rule: Approximately 40 teams from the Regional rounds of competition will qualify to play in the SCI Team State Championships.
- 6. 3rd Grade & Under Rule: All teams that compete in the Regionals will be invited to the SCI Team State Championships.

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WHEN AND WHERE:

Regional sites are located throughout Indiana. Please be in the building a ready to play by 8:30am (local time). Each Regional will begin with a players' meeting and first round play will begin immediately afterward, usually at 9:00am. Play should be completed between 3:00-5:00 p.m., depending on the size of the regional. (Note: Hammond is in the Central time zone. All others are Eastern time.)

AWARDS:

At the Regional level, trophies will be awarded to the top 3 schools in 8th & Under, 6th & Under, and 3rd & Under

EQUIPMENT:

The Regional hosts will provide sets, but not chess clocks. Players may wish to bring a clock to use during the competition. However, players are not required to bring chess sets.

FOOD:

Food is available for purchase at most of the Regional sites. In most cases, food will be served by local groups, or you may wish to eat in nearby restaurants.

CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY:

Entries will be posted at <u>http://joepye.net/sci/24SCITeamEntries.htm</u> as they are received.

SPECIAL INFORMATION FOR COACHES & SPONSORS:

A regional fact sheet with specific information about your regional will be available for download. The team roster form will also be available for download.

ENTRY DEADLINE:

All entries for Regional competitions must be made by February 19, 2023.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Joe Riegsecker by e-mail at joepye@pobox.com or scichessin@gmail.com or by text at 574-536-2310 or by phone at 574-533-9218 in that order of preference.

UNANTICIPATED REGIONAL CLOSING:

If a Regional has to be closed or delayed due to bad weather or any other reason, updates will be posted at www.scichess.org.

Reminder Enter Online: <u>www.joepye.net/sci/24SCITeamRegionalEntry.htm</u> For More Information: <u>www.scichess.org</u>