



SCI Team Finals!

March 23, 2024 at Morton
High School, 6915 Grand Ave,
Hammond, IN 46323

The SCI Team Championships will take place on March 23, 2023 at Morton High School, 6915 Grand Ave, Hammond, IN 46323. All players should be in the building at 8:30 am. (Note that Hammond is on Central (Chicago) Time.) Play will begin at 9:00 am. The Finals are open to all 8th/Under, 6th/Under, and 3rd/Under teams that qualified in a Regional, as well as all Indiana high school teams. **PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING CAREFULLY** as it is your responsibility to complete registration correctly by the deadline of March 16.

IMPORTANT: The Championship is rated by the United States Chess Federation (USCF). All MEMBERS of a team MUST have a USCF number to participate. Players in the 3rd/Under section can get a free number prior to registration at <http://joepye.net/sci/USCFJTPBatch.htm>. Older players must be or become members of USCF BEFORE you register your team. Memberships can be purchased at the USCF web site, <https://new.uschess.org/join-us-chess>. You may need to create an account to buy a membership.

While it is your responsibility to ensure that all your team members have valid USCF numbers for the Championship, you are not on your own. If you have any questions about memberships, please feel free to contact Joe Riegsecker at scichessin@gmail.com. It is better and easier to avoid mistakes than to fix them. Please reach out if you are unsure about any aspect of registration. The USCF web site seems especially troublesome for many coaches and parents. **Teams with unresolved USCF issues will not be allowed to play. Contact Joe Riegsecker well in advance if you are having problems.**

When registering your team, please remember: A team must rank all of its players according to ability, including alternates. For example, if an alternate who may be available for only 2 or 3 rounds is your 2nd best player, then that player is listed 2nd on the roster, not 5th. Alternates do not substitute for a particular player; if a player sits out, the others "move up" - any 4 of the players may play in any round, but those 4 players who are playing in a particular round are still in strength order. See other side for examples.

The entry fee for this tournament is \$48 per high school team and \$30 for all others. **You must register your team for State Finals NO LATER THAN MARCH 16.** To register your team, you will need the names and USCF numbers for all team members. Go to <http://joepye.net/sci/2024TeamFinals.htm> and complete the process to register and pay the entry fee for your teams. If your school requires that you pay by check, you will have that option. But entries must be online.

All entries will be posted online at <http://joepye.net/sci/2024TeamFinalsEntries.htm> within 24 of submission. If you have questions, please ask Joe Riegsecker at scichessin@gmail.com.

Register at <http://joepye.net/sci/2024TeamFinals.htm>

You will also find links to more information about team chess on the above page.

Using Alternates

Please note the order of your players on your team roster. Your players **must** play in this order (strength order as you registered them.) If you have alternates (also listed in strength order), you are free to play any players you wish in any round, but they must stay in the listed order.

Example

<u>Players</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>	<u>Round 4</u>	<u>Round 5</u>
1. Bobby	Bobby	1. Bobby	Bobby	1. Bobby	1. Bobby
2. Susan	1. Susan	Susan	Susan	2. Susan	2. Susan
3. Nick	Nick	Nick	1. Nick	Nick	3. Nick
4. Walter	2. Walter	2. Walter	2. Walter	3. Walter	Walter
5. Paul	3. Paul	3. Paul	3. Paul	4. Paul	Paul
6. Judith	4. Judith	4. Judith	4. Judith	Judith	4. Judith

Common Rules for the Team Finals Tournament

1. Teams consist of from 3 to 7 players, but a maximum of 4 play in any given round. Teams with fewer than 3 players will forfeit their matches. **All players must be full-time students in the school they represent. Schools that share facilities but have different Indiana Department of Education numbers on this website are considered to be different schools: <https://inview.doe.in.gov/state/1088000000/school-list>.** Home schools and virtual schools are not eligible.
2. Players who play out of board order will be forfeited.
3. Each team can have ONE team captain. The captain is responsible for remaining at or near the table until all games are completed for that match. The team captain is responsible for ensuring that the round sheet is filled out correctly, that the sheet accurately reflects the final score of the match and is signed by both captains, and is turned in to the scorer's table.
4. If teams are tied on match points, the tiebreaking procedures are as follows: 1) U.S. Amateur Team x 2 2) Game points 3) Modified Median 4) Solkoff.
5. Trophies will be awarded to the top 10 teams in each division. Each of these teams will also receive 4 individual trophies, one for each board.
6. Rounds and time controls will be 12th & Under and 8th & Under, 5 rounds, G/40;d5; 6th & Under, 5 rounds, G/35;d5; and 3rd & Under, 6 rounds, G/30;d5.
7. Sets and boards will be provided. Clocks will be provided only for games going long. You may use your clock if you have one.

Parting Words

Coaches, I well know how hard it is to get kids and parents to commit. Nag early and nag often. Don't put it off. Take care of the memberships and JTPs of the committed kids ASAP, so you have more time to work on the remaining kids. Don't be afraid to reach out if you have questions. Keep in mind that nobody cares as much about your team as you do, so check for the accuracy of your entry both online and at the tournament site. The earlier you discover errors, the easier they are to correct. At some point there may not be time to correct them. Do not show up at the site with an unregistered player and expect to add him to your team.