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Chess Club

Middle School – High School
Team Blitz Chess Challenge Event

Location Sponsored by
Murray High School Principal Ashby Kindler

Who

Open to ALL Public, Private or Home School entities that attend School within Charlottesville City or Albemarle County

What

3 Round, Game 3 min (**G₃**) Blitz, Team-Based Chess Match Event

Where

Murray High School, 1200 Forest St, Charlottesville, VA 22903

When

Friday, 07 October 2016 (5:00 pm – 8:00 pm)

How To Register

www.playingaceschess.org

\$35 / 4-person Primary Team + 2 Alternates (covers Food, Drink and Trophies)

Click on Blitz Chess Event on Home page to both register your school's chess team **by 10 pm, 05 October, 2016** and download official event rules

Email: playingaceschess@gmail.com (Subject Line Must Say: Team Chess Challenge Inquiry/Question)

Middle School – High School Team Chess Challenge OFFICIAL RULES

Purpose

To outline the simple rules for this fun event

Process (aka The Event Rules)

Background: This Venue is booked right up until 5 pm. Therefore, players will be asked to help set-up so that the 1st round can begin sharply at 5:30 pm.

Event Progression: This is a TEAM-based event where each Middle or High School team is composed of four players ordered but relative player strength from Boards 1 through 4 for purposes of this event. The table below is an example of how points will be scored both as a team and individually.

		Round #1		Round #2		Round #3		Round-Robin Match Summary				
Board	Team	Gm #1	Gm#2	Gm #1	Gm#2	Gm #1	Gm#2	#W	#D	#L	Board Points	Team Points
	Tm#1 HS-TBD	T#4		T#3		T#2		1.0	0.5	0.0		
#1	TBD							0	0	0	0.0	0.0
#2	TBD							0	0	0	0.0	
#3	TBD							0	0	0	0.0	
#4	TBD							0	0	0	0.0	
	Tm#2 HS-TBD	T#3		T#4		T#1		1.0	0.5	0.0		
#1	TBD							0	0	0	0.0	0.0
#2	TBD							0	0	0	0.0	
#3	TBD							0	0	0	0.0	
#4	TBD							0	0	0	0.0	
	Tm#3 HS-	T#2		T#1		T#4		1.0	0.5	0.0		
#1	TBD							0	0	0	0.0	0.0
#2	TBD							0	0	0	0.0	
#3	TBD							0	0	0	0.0	
#4	TBD							0	0	0	0.0	
	Tm#4 HS-	T#1		T#2		T#3		1.0	0.5	0.0		
#1	TBD							0	0	0	0.0	0.0
#2	TBD							0	0	0	0.0	
#3	TBD							0	0	0	0.0	
#4	TBD							0	0	0	0.0	

Figure 1: Example of Record Table for each Major Round

This configuration constitutes a singular GROUP. For purposes of this 1st event there will be FOUR GROUPS of FOUR Teams each. While this event is scheduled for a total of 16 teams to compete in THREE Major Round in a per ROUND format using a GROUP-based Round-Robin the minimum number of teams to for event will be ANYFOURMS/HS teams that Register on or before **2200 (10 pm) on 05 October, 2016.**

To be properly registered the TEAM REGISTRATION FORM must be completed, scanned and emailed to playingaceschess@gmail.com by the above date. The Registration form is located in this package.

Event Configuration: The below is the expected event configuration and basic rules.

TEAM BLITZ CHESS RULES

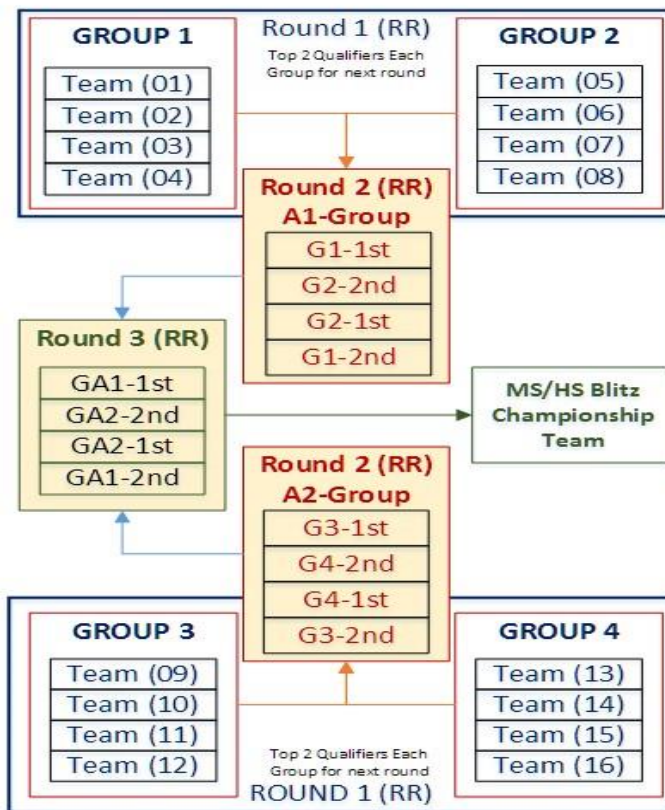
- Teams must arrive together
- Team will be pre-placed in Groups of 4-Teams to play 1st three rounds a Round-Robin. From this the two top qualifiers with progress to the next three Round Robin rounds.
- Once all players are facing their boards the signal will be given to start with white making 1st move and starting the clock.

- > Touch Move
- > King in check unprotected allow capture to win game
- > Stand to play allowed
- > Chess Etiquette required (shake hands/no smack talk)

-Rounds 1 and 2 are G₃ with Round 3 being G₃ if time but will be G₃ if time is short or for Round 3 the four qualifying teams will play in a location open to the public the following morning from 10:00 – 11:00 am.



The Event Process



If there are at least two groups with four Middle School teams and four High School Teams the groups will be all MS and all HS for the 1st round, otherwise MS/HS may be mixed if ONLY, say four teams are signed up to compete. To the greatest extent possible GROUP in 1st two ROUNDS will be MS vs MS and HS vs HS until the 3rd Championship Round.

Rated & Unrated Players: A TEAM is a TEAM regardless if it is made up of USCF Rated or Unrated players. When completing your team's registration form the TEAM sponsor will be asked to place your school's students in Board order including. You will also be required to have at least two alternates names in case a primary team member is unable to make the event. Unless approved by MATCH OFFICIALS schools will suffer losses for player assigned a board at registration that are not present. A 1-point BYE will automatically be awarded to the opposing player for that board that WILL count toward the team score. However, if say two teams show up and 1-team has 3-players and the other team has 1-player Event Officials may allow these two teams to combine to form a singular team! If that reformed team wins both schools will be required to share the TEAM TROPHY as the ADULT SPONSORS agree on after the event is over. Individuals will still receive individual medals for the place (1st, 2nd, 3rd) their team places.

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PLEASE PRINT BELOW

Sponsoring School: _____ Indicate: () Public () Private () Home

Team Sponsor (School's PTO President/Principal): _____

Sponsor's Email: _____

Sponsor's Primary Phone: _____ Indicate: () Cell or () Business

Terms & Conditions: As the above sponsor I am registering the below students to complete in the Team Chess Challenge event as listed above. The members of the below team know to arrive **NLT 5 pm on 07 October, 2016 at Murray HS** for this TEAM-based event. I also certify that I have registered the below named team on line at www.playingaceschess.org playing the Team Registration Fee. Finally, I certify that all players on this school-based team **do attend** the above named school and understand that evidence discovered to the contrary constitutes cheating and will require forfeiture of all trophies and individual awards by the below named team members!

Sponsor's Certification Signature: _____ Date Signed: _____

REGISTERED TEAM

Team Name ^{1/}: _____

1/ Schools are encouraged to wear team t-shirts with your school's colors and be in the spirit of friendly yet serious competition.

Board	Student's Name (First LAST)	Grade	If Known Enter USCF Rating ^{2/}	Parent / Guardian 1 st Name	Parent / Guardian's Email
1st					
2nd					
3rd					
4th					
1 st Alt					
2 nd Alt					

2/ Teams may consist of both USCF (United States Chess Federation) Rated players and Unrated Players. It is up to the sponsor to place students by playing strength to play on proper board. This can be done a number of ways, but students who play chess regularly can help and should be trusted to know who is best to play what board. Once assigned a board that player will play that board for the entire event. Enter the USCF rating if known otherwise enter UR for unrated. **Note:** Alternates are listed and may attend but may not play. Alternates may be asked to help monitor the event and help Event Officials. If another team is short they may be asked to play for another team and are expect to play as hard for that team as they would for their own team. If there are say 7 teams and enough alternates are present they may also form an ad hoc team in order to have an even number of teams to play.