



Oregon Scholastic Chess Federation

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More Chess,
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9th Annual State Chess Championship

April 11-12, 2014, Seaside, Oregon

Age and Rating-Based Sections and Championship Titles!

Sections defined by age and skill-level — a chance to shine no matter what your rating is!

Bragging Rights as an Oregon State Championship Finalist!

Abundant awards, keepsake gifts for every player, plus T-shirts and other souvenirs!

Pre-Event Blitz and Bughouse!

Shake off those jitters with some blitz and bughouse fun on Friday!

When: Main Event: Check-in by 9:00 a.m., Saturday, April 12, 2014 **but** for Middle School Elite and High School Elite sections *only*, it's a two-day event with the first round check-in by 10:30 on FRIDAY, April 11.

Blitz and Bughouse: Friday 4 p.m. and approx. 6 p.m., respectively.

Where: Seaside Convention Center, 415 First Avenue, Seaside, Oregon

Who: Invitation-only to players who've worked hard and met qualification standards. If your name is on the list of qualified players at www.oscf.org, you are invited! If your name is not on the list but you think you have met the qualifications (Oregon K-12 student, played in two 2014 qualifier tournaments, have an established USCF or NWSRS rating), contact us at oscf@oscf.org.

Entry Fee: \$35 per player **IF you register by April 2**. \$45 to register by noon on Saturday, April 5; \$75 late registration, online only, through midnight April 9. Late registrants may not be listed on program materials or t-shirts. NO On-Site registration. Except for late Blitz/Bughouse registration, no payment at the door, please!

Registration: Note above registration deadlines. **Early registration - \$35 (by midnight April 2). Regular registration \$45 (by noon Saturday April 5); Late registration (online only) - \$75 by midnight, Wednesday April 9.** We are an all-volunteer organization on a tight budget. *If you can register by March 30, please do so (it saves you money, too!).* This will help us greatly in ordering awards and participation gifts, planning space needs etc. It is also important to make your hotel reservations as early as possible. No registrations after April 9.

Registration Options: Online (strongly preferred). Visit www.oscf.org and click on "Online Registration" in the left menu. Select the link for the OSCF Championship. Gather the information as directed. Then click "register now," enter parent/coach contact information, and then click the blue "Add" button to add student players.

Register by Mail (must be received by April 5): Send player name, grade, school, contact phone and address, and a check made out to the OSCF for the relevant registration amount (see deadlines above; use postmark date, but must be received by April 5) to: Steve Cousineau, OSCF Registrar, PO Box 230105 Tigard OR 97281.

Check-in: *Strict* check-in deadline of 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning. See schedule and multiple check-in options, below. **NOTE:** Middle School Elite and High School Elite *must check in by 10:30am on Friday!*



Prizes, Titles and Sections:

Elite Section winners named GRAND CHAMPION for their age division

High School Division Grades 9-12

Middle School Division Grades 6-8

Elementary School Division Grades 3-5

Primary School Division Grades K-2

Each division is divided into multiple sections, based on anticipated attendance, and WILL be divided equally in order to balance section sizes and maintain equal spreads in rating ranges. Championship titles will be conferred at each grade level. Trophies to the top 25% of players in each section. Medals to other players who earn an even score or better (2.5 points in a 5-round section or 2 points in a 4-round section). Winners in the Elite sections will be named "Division Grand Champion" and earn extra prizes, including cash in the High School and Middle School divisions. As in previous years, to ensure a fair and enjoyable experience for all, players are assigned to sections based on grade level and rating. No one is allowed to play up or down unless invited by the organizers to help make balanced sections. The only exception is that any high school or middle school players who qualify to play in the tournament (i.e., established rating, played in two qualifiers, etc.) may play in their Elite section.

NOTE: Section Breaks for Sections listed in White are APPROXIMATE ONLY.					
Division	Green Section	Prep Section	Intermediate Section	Advanced Section	Elite Section
Primary Grades K-2	NA	NA	Two equally-divided sections Approx. Break at 600; 5 Rds., G/30		Six Top-Rated 5 Rnd RR, G/30
Elementary Grades 3-5	Four equally-divided sections Approx. Breaks at 600, 800, 1000 Top section: 5 rds G/45 (clocks & notation req'd); Lower section 5 rds G/30				Ratings \geq 1200 4 Rounds, G/55 d/5, Notation / Clocks Req'd
Middle School Grades 6-8	NA	Two equally-divided sections Approx. Break at 800 Top section: 5 rds G/45 (clocks & notation req'd); Lower section 5 rds G/30		Ratings 1050-1299 4 Rounds, G/55 d/5, Notation & Clocks Required	Open / 1300+ 5 Rounds, G/85 d/5, Round 1: G55 d/5 on Fri. 11:00 Notation / Clocks Req'd
High School Grades 9-12	NA	NA	Ratings U1100 5 Rounds, G/45 Notation and Clocks Required	Ratings 1100-1399 4 Rounds, G/55 d/5, Notation and Clocks Required	Open / 1400+ 5 Rounds, G/85 d/5, Round 1: G55 d/5 on Fri. 11:00 Notation / Clocks Req'd

All games will be NWSRS rated. The Elite section for each age group (Primary School, Elementary School, Middle School, and High School) as well as the High School Advanced and Middle School Advanced sections will be NWSRS/USCF dual-rated. Players in those six sections (green- and salmon- shaded sections, above) must have a current USCF membership, verified at the time of registration. Primary Elite players will be informed the week before the event in order to ensure that they have an active USCF membership.

Middle School and High School Elite sections (**salmon-shaded**) play two rounds on Friday and three on Saturday. First round is G/55 d/5, beginning at 11:00 on Friday. All other rounds are G/85 d/5. Check-in for those two sections is from 10am-10:30am Friday morning.



HS and MS Elite: Denker and Barber Qualifier Sections Polgar & National Girls' Invitational Invitees

Winners of the High School Elite and Middle School Elite sections are eligible to be appointed to represent Oregon in the Denker Tournament of High School Champions and the Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions. Each state may nominate only one player for each of these prestigious National Championship tournaments held in conjunction with the U.S. Open. This year, the events will be held in Orlando, FL, with the Denker and Barber from July 26 – July 29, and the U.S. Open from July 26 – August 3. (Barber and Denker players may play in the U.S. Open with 50% off the entry fee.) Nominees must indicate a willingness to attend; if they do so, the nominees will also receive a \$100 stipend for expenses associated with attending that tournament, which will be matched by the Oregon Chess Federation. The Polgar and National Girls' Invitational Tournament nominees will be the top-rated female players based on post-state ratings; Polgar expenses are paid by the Polgar Foundation; a stipend and a U.S. Open discount is also available for the NGIT.

Check-In Policies

- **Check-in by 9 a.m. Saturday** (MS and HS Elite sections by 10:30 am. Friday)

In order to run on time and avoid forfeit scores because of no-shows, the following check-in times will be strictly enforced. Anyone failing to meet the check-in time will not be paired in the first round and will receive a zero score for that round. *No exceptions.* To accommodate this rule, we provide several ways to check in.

- **In Person on Friday:** Beginning 10:30 a.m. on Friday, we'll have check-in set up in the lobby of the Convention Center, continuing until the Bughouse tournament ends at around 8 p.m.

- **In Person on Saturday:** Beginning 7:30 a.m. and continuing until 9:00 a.m. Plan ahead and expect a line. (HS and MS Elite Sections must check in Friday morning.)

- **Emergency Only:** Call 503-218-3714 beginning 8 a.m. on Saturday, and ending at 9:00 a.m. (For Friday check in, call the same number). You may also email oscf@oscf.org. We will do our best to accommodate players who call but this should be considered a last-resort method, reserved for car trouble, traffic accidents and so forth. This phone is located at Chess Central and can be used as a contact number in case of family emergencies, as well.

2014 OSCF Championship Tournament Schedule

FRIDAY

10:00-10:30 – Check-in for Middle School and High School Elite Sections

11:00-1:00 – Round 1 (G/55 d5) for Middle School and High School Elite Sections

1:15-4:15 – Round 2 (G/85 d5) for Middle School and High School Elite Sections

11:00 – 8:00 p.m. Check-in open for all other players

4:00 p.m. – Blitz Tournament. Registration/check-in closes at 4:00. Games begin ASAP (**expect 4:40**).

6:00 p.m. – Bughouse Tournament. Registration/check-in closes at 6:00. Games begin ASAP (**expect 6:40**).

8:00 p.m. – Or ASAP after Bughouse: TD meeting for ALL TD volunteers in Pacific Room.

SATURDAY

7:30 a.m. -- Staff Meeting, Check-in Opens

8:45 a.m. – Third Round for HS and MS Elite Sections Begins.

9:00 a.m. -- CHECK-IN CLOSES. No-shows and late-comers receive a zero-point bye for first round.

9:15 a.m. -- Announcements

9:30 a.m. -- First round for all sections (other than MS and HS Elite); Friends & Family starts later

1:30 p.m. -- President's State of the Federation Message & Members' Meeting; vote for new board members.

4:15 p.m. -- AWARDS for all G/30 sections (special activities for players staying for the later awards)

6:45 p.m. -- AWARDS for all G/45, G/55 d/5, and G/85 d/5 Sections

Remaining round times for each section will be posted on-site.



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Overnight Accommodations

• **Official Tournament Hotels:** Some local hotels offer special Chess Rates – many are within walking distance of the Convention Center. There are many other options in Seaside, but we do encourage you to patronize those businesses that have gone out of their way to welcome our group. Visit the OSCF website for more information on these special rates (<http://oscf.org/seaside-hotels/>). Visit the Seaside visitors' bureau for other options: seasideor.com.

Popular choices near the Convention Center:

The Best Western Oceanview Resort, in Seaside 1-800-234-8439.

Inn at Seaside 1-800-699-5070.

The Rivertide Suites Hotel (877) 871-8433.

The Hillcrest Inn 800-270-7659.

Holiday Inn 503-717-8000.

Side-Events, Concessions, and More

- **Blitz Tournament:** \$10 per pre-registered player; \$15 at the door. Warm up and practice your openings with a fun blitz tournament on Friday afternoon at the Convention Center. Check in by 4 p.m. Rules are posted at <http://www.oscf.org/blitz>
- **Bughouse Tournament:** \$10 per pre-registered player; \$15 at the door. Shake off those pre-champs jitters with a Bughouse on Friday evening at the Convention Center! Check in by 6 p.m.. Don't have a partner? We'll pair you with someone and you'll make a new friend! Full rules will be explained at the tournament site and are in accordance with USCF Scholastic Bughouse. See also <http://oscf.org/bughouse/>
- **Championship T-Shirts:** The on-site, on-demand t-shirts, sweatshirts and more continue to be a hit, so we are continuing with the same vendor. Prices vary by garment and options. No pre-orders necessary. Just visit the t-shirt booth on tournament day.
- **Reserved Tables:** There will be open seating for coaches, families and players. However, if you'd like to beat the rush and reserve a table with 8 chairs for your team or family, you may do so for \$15 per table. Reserve when you register – but register early, because tables are limited. For teams bringing five or more kids, there are also mezzanine "private" rooms available for \$50.
- **Concessions/Lunch:** The Convention Center has an on-site contracted concessionaire that provides an espresso stand along with a full lunch during normal serving hours at the "lunchtime" period on Saturday, as well as a snack menu. Although some "lunch" time is built into each schedule, it is often necessary to use this time to catch up if rounds are running behind. So ... players should eat between rounds. We encourage you to take advantage of what the convention center has to offer, although anyone looking for something different can (as the schedule permits) visit the many outside food service choices near the facility.

How to Get There

The convention center is at 415 First Avenue, Seaside, Oregon. Take US Highway 26 west to Highway 101 North and follow the signs to Seaside. For more detailed directions, visit the Seaside Convention Center web site at www.seasideconvention.com



Miscellaneous Tournament Policies and Procedures

The OSCF strives to provide a fair and challenging event, with consistently applied rules and clearly published procedures. We encourage every player, parent and coach to review the details of this document *prior to the tournament* and contact us at oscf@oscf.org if you have any questions.

- The official tournament rules we will apply on tournament day are a subset and amplification of the full USCF rules. Visit www.oscf.org and click on "OSCF Championship," and then "Rules" to download a PDF of the official rules. Among other items, this document includes the OSCF policy on prearranged and premature draws, player behavior, notation, and clock use. Copies will also be available at the tournament site.
- The latest established, published ratings as of April 5, 2014 will be used in determining section assignments. For NWSRS this will include games played through April 2. For USCF, this will be the April Supplement, published in mid-March and including games played through that date. Section placement and initial pairings will be based on the higher of USCF and NWSRS ratings. Only established ratings will be considered. (In the USCF, 26 games is considered established. In the NWSRS, 15 games is considered established.) Current USCF membership is required in all Elite sections and in the Middle School and High School Advanced sections.
- Players are not allowed to "play up" -- that is, play in a section higher than their rating indicates or in a division higher than their grade level indicates. Likewise, no player will be permitted to "play down." EXCEPTIONS: i. Any high school or middle school player who qualifies for the tournament may elect to play in the Elite section for their age group, ii. organizers may invite players to shift sections in order to improve section in order to make even numbers in sections to avoid byes.
- Organizers reserve the right to combine or split sections or to shift section divisions based on registration. However, the combining of playing sections will not change the announced champion titles and trophies. Trophies in combined sections, for 2nd place and below, will depend upon section size and will be from the top down, regardless of original section definitions.
- Notation and clocks will be required in all G/85 d/5, G/55 d/5 and G/45 sections. **Bring a clock if you own one!** Clocks will be used in G/30 sections if (i) one of the players has his or her own and both players agree to use it, (ii) one player is late arriving at the game, or (iii) a TD places a clock on a game. TDs may place a clock on any game at any time. Commonly, a TD will place a clock on a game to prevent it from extending longer than the theoretical maximum for the given time control. For example, a G/30 game cannot exceed 60 minutes total, and a TD will typically place a clock on the game after 40 minutes and give each player 10 minutes to complete all his or her moves. In no case will players be given clocks with less than five minutes to complete their games.
- All sections at all levels will conform to the rules and standards of play as outlined in the "U.S. Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess." Any exceptions, changes or clarifications will be posted prior to the event.
- Ties for 1st place will not be broken. In the case of ties, co-Champions will be named – however, trophies will be determined based on computer tie-breaks. Co-champions receiving the non-champion trophies will be mailed new plates with the Champion title. Cash prizes, if any, will be split equally among co-Champions. Prizes other than first will be awarded in actual finish order (also using computer tie-breaks). For example, if two players tie for first, the next player down will receive the 3rd place trophy. More details on tie-breaks are in the Official Rules document.
- No pre-arranged byes are offered. All players are expected to play every round of their section. If you must leave the tournament due to illness or other emergency please check out at "Chess Central."