

CALNORTH YOUTH CHESS AGE LEVEL COMPETITION INFORMATION

I HAVE REGISTERED MY CHILD, NOW WHAT?

Check <http://CalNorthYouthChess.org/AgeLevel2015/ENTRIES.html>

to be sure your child is on the entry list. If you just sent in your entry wait a day or two to be sure we have posted the new names. After you find your child's name on the entry list be sure all the information listed (spelling of name, age and school) is correct. Ratings may not be accurate. They will all be updated a few days before the tournament. If there is an error please send an e-mail ASAP to CalNorthYouthChess@gmail.com with the correct information.

DO I NEED TO BRING ANYTHING WITH ME BESIDES MY CHILD?

Maybe! Chess sets and many chess clocks will be provided. If you have a chess clock we recommend you bring it. You might want to bring some food and especially water for your child to drink during the games. However, Ohlone College will have breakfast and lunch available at the Fresh and Natural counter on Sunday. This is located on the first floor just to the left of the main entrance.

HOW DO I GET TO THE NEWARK OHLONE COLLEGE LOCATION?

Directions and a link to Google maps is at the information page for the tournament.

<http://www.CalNorthYouthChess.org/AgeLevel2015>

You can also take BART and get on a AC Transit Line 251. AC Transit buses 216 or 200 will also get you close to the Newark Ohlone College.

WHEN SHOULD WE ARRIVE AT THE SITE?

We suggest 9 a.m. so you can locate the building and where your child is playing.

WHEN I FIND THE SHEETS WITH THE INFORMATION YOU MENTIONED HOW DO I READ THEM?

The chart will look something like the one below. You will note that the first column lists the player alphabetically by the last name. This is where you should look. The color indicates whether you play white or black. Then comes the opponent's name and his or her rating. The Board is the Board number that you play on in your section. The 1001 would indicate the first board in the 10 year old section. So if you see 610 you would know that your 6 year old is on board 10 in his section. You will note that one player has a full point bye. This occurs when there is an uneven number of players in the section. The lowest rated player with the lowest score gets the full point bye (equivalent to a win) for that round. Unrated players are generally not given byes in a tournament. There are two other possible wordings for the full point bye. "Please see TD" means that a Tournament Director will try and find an extra game—usually unrated—for the extra player. "Please wait" means the same thing and you should go to see a TD. TD's are in powder blue sweat shirts that have the tournament logo on them and say "Director." There will be other helpers in light blue long sleeve T-shirts, but only the official TD's can make decisions. Even then they may be limited and may need to call one of the head TD's.

<i>Player</i>	<i>Color</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Board</i>
Agarwal, Rohan	Black vs.	Ho, Vincent (1184)	on board 1001
Bharath, Ranu	White vs.	Tian, Vincent (1982)	on board 1002

Ho, Vincent	White vs.	Agarwal, Rohan (1778)	on board 1001
Kaushik, Ramya	White vs.	Narayan, Akshay (958)	on board 1004
Kumar, Aditya	White vs.	Tu, Jonathan (1053)	on board 1003
Narayan, Akshay	Black vs.	Kaushik, Ramya (1121)	on board 1004
Tian, Vincent	Black vs.	Bharath, Ranu (798)	on board 1002
Tu, Jonathan	Black vs.	Kumar, Aditya (897)	on board 1003
Lakshminarayan, Anand	Full point bye or please see TD or please wait		

Once you know what board you are playing on, please sit at that board at the proper color pieces (white or black--be sure it is the correct color that you are assigned). PLEASE BE SURE YOU ARE IN THE CORRECT SECTION/DIVISION. CHECK THE BOARD NUMBER CAREFULLY. If you are a 7 year old and the board card says 904 you are in a nine year old section. Please move to the correct section and sit at board 704.

I HAVE MY CHILD SEATED—NOW WHAT?

Adults will be asked to leave the playing room once the round is ready to begin. PLEASE DO SO RAPIDLY SO WE CAN GET STARTED ON TIME! Inform the child where you will meet him or her when s/he is done with the game. Please exit the classroom or conference room immediately after wishing your child good luck. Please do not crowd around the doors - you do you will be creating a fire hazard.

Young children (4 to 6 year olds) will be playing in rooms on the 1st floor. The remaining players will be playing in classrooms/conference rooms on the 2nd floor.

WHERE DO I GO WHILE MY CHILD PLAYS?

There are plenty of places to sit in the hallways and in the first floor lobby area. We will also have extra chairs available near the back of the lobby. Outside, there is a rotunda where you can sit as well (assuming that it doesn't rain).

WHERE DOES MY CHILD PLAY WHEN HE FINISHES THE GAME?

You will go to the same posting area where you found your child's first playing assignment and you will find his/her next opponent and where to play. This may take us 15 minutes to post after all the games are done. For new comers to chess events, you should be aware that your child will play all the games. This is **not** a knock out competition. The computer will select opponents based upon the number of wins or loses each player has. Translation: If your child won two games and lost one s/he will play another child who won two games and lost one. Sometimes an exception occurs because there isn't someone with the same score.

WHAT IF A PROBLEM ARISES?

If it is a problem that deals with an aspect of the tournament play/rules please see National Tournament Director John McCumiskey who is the Chief Director for the event. In addition, for ages 7-9 you can also speak with Assistant Chief Director Robert Blatt, and for ages 10-13, look for Assistant Chief Director Alan Kirshner.

If it is a physical problem with the facilities look for the organizer, Carl Moy. There are also onsite Ohlone College personnel to handle facilities issues.

Do not speak to the computer operators if any games are in process or about to begin. Any disturbance of the operation of the event can cause a parent, a coach or a spectator to be removed from the facilities. Children/players of a coach or parent will not be removed during a game in progress. This would be unfair to the players who should not be penalized for the actions of an adult. A team can be removed from the standings of the Team competition if a coach continues disturbing the tournament.

POSSIBLE EXTRA GOODIES:

When players complete their games they can have them analyzed by our staff of Masters, International Masters and perhaps a Grand Master or two at no cost. Some our top young players may also hold simuls. They will play ten or more people at one time. Adults can participate. Again, there will be no cost. A large chess set will be set-up for fun games. We are hoping to send video feeds and games live over the internet. This will depend on the ability of our staff to get an internet connection up and working.

Chess Palace will be present to sell chess equipment.

If you have further questions or concerns, please send an e-mail to CalNorthYouthChess@gmail.com or call Carl at (408) 921-5005

Enjoy & Good Luck!—Carl Moy, Organizer for CalNorth Youth Chess 2014 Age Level Championships.