

# WISCONSIN SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 19-20, 2011

## New Venue! Grandmaster Simul!

**SCHEDULE:** The Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Championship is a six-section event open to any Wisconsin high school, middle school, junior high school or elementary school team or individual. Players of all abilities are encouraged to participate. Please note that USCF membership is not required for this event nor is it USCF rated. USCF ratings will be used for pairing purposes if the player has one.

The **Varsity Division I, Division II** and **Division III** sections are five-player boarded team, team Swiss tournaments based on match points. Schools may enter multiple teams in multiple Varsity divisions. The divisions are based on team strength and not school size. The varsity teams will be split into three approximately equal sized sections based on the team's USCF rating (average of your five player's USCF ratings). Teams desiring to play in Division I for the state championship will be allowed to move up and the section sizes will be rebalanced. Then teams desiring to play in Division II will be allowed to move up and the section sizes will once again be rebalanced. **If your teams wishes to be placed no lower than a certain division, please circle the division on the entry form.**

The **Junior Varsity** section is an individual Swiss tournament open to students in grades K-12. If a high school team has three or more players, they must be represented in a Varsity division before being eligible for the Junior Varsity. School team (top four scores) and individual prizes are available.

The **K-8** and **K-5** sections are individual Swiss tournaments with participation limited to any student in grade K-8 or K-5 respectively. School team (top four scores) and individual prizes are available.

The Varsity sections will play 5 rounds. The Junior Varsity, K-8 and K-5 sections will play 6 rounds.

	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>Junior Varsity, K-8 and K-5</u>	<u>Award's Ceremony</u>
Saturday:	Round 1 - 9:30 Round 2 - 1:15 Round 3 - 5:00	Round 1 - 9:30 Round 2 - Noon Round 3 - 2:30 Round 4 - 5:00	
Sunday:	Round 4 - 9:00 Round 5 - 12:30	Round 5 - 9:00 Round 6 - 12:30	In varsity playing room approximately 4:00 P.M.

Time control is Game in 90 minutes except for rounds 1-4 in the Junior Varsity, K-8 and K-5 sections which are Game in 60 minutes. A 5 second delay should be set on digital clocks, do not subtract any time if using the delay. Clocks will be available for checkout. Please have your players bring a student ID, USCF membership card, driver's license or other form of ID to check out these clocks.

**USCF TEAM RULES:** All varsity divisions will be seeded based on USCF ratings. Please refer to section 31 of the *USCF's Official Rules of Chess* for a full explanation of team rules. In particular, players must play in rating order (Rule 31B). Unrateds may play on any board (Rule 31B2). Players within 50 rating points of each other may permanently switch positions prior to the tournament. Teams will be seeded based on a team rating derived from the rating average of the five players. Rule 31C1 will be used to calculate team ratings when unrateds are involved. The March rating supplement will be used. March ratings should be available at [www.uschess.org/msa](http://www.uschess.org/msa) in early to mid-February.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All Varsity teams must be composed of entirely 9th through 12th graders or 8th graders and below. All players must be from the same school unless that school does not have students covering all the grades in any section. If a high school does not have a 9th grade, then they may tap 9th graders from eligible feeder schools. Students in grades K-8 may play as a team in a Varsity section if from the same school or in either the individual Junior Varsity, K-8 or K-5 sections. Only Wisconsin students are eligible.

**PLAYING SITE:** The playing site is the Reeve Memorial Student Union, UW-Oshkosh, 800 Algoma Blvd., Oshkosh, WI. The Varsity divisions will play in rooms 227B and C. The Junior Varsity will play in Room 227A. The K-8 and K-5 sections will play in room 202. The skittles room will be room 221. Please bring your own sets and boards for the skittles room. Room 220 will be the Tournament Director's room. **Day parking** can be found in lot 15 across the street from Reeve Union. The Reeve Union Marketplace will be open for breakfast and lunch both days. Breakfast includes bakery items, coffee, juices and fruit and lunch features hot & cold subs, wraps, chips, fruit, desserts and other side/snack options. Breakfast is 8-9:30 Saturday and 8-9 Sunday while lunch will be served 11-1 Saturday and 11-12:30 Sunday.

**PRIZES:** Trophies will be awarded to the top eight Division I teams, top six Division II teams and the top four Division III teams; first place team members and their coach and each board champion (including all ties!). In each of the Junior Varsity, K-8 and K-5 sections, the top ten individuals and the top six teams will be awarded trophies. The state championship traveling trophies will be presented to the Varsity Division I team champion, the K-8 team champion and the K-5 team champion. Any non-trophy winning Varsity individual who scores at least 3 points or any non-trophy winning Junior Varsity, K-8 or K-5 individual who scores at least 3.5 points will be awarded a medal. All entrants in the K-5 section will receive a participation certificate.

**ENTRY FEE:** The early bird entry fee is \$14 per player if received by the director before March 12. Entries received March 12 - March 17 are \$18. If you're not sure of your exact order of players, please send me a tentative list and then finalize it with an evening phone call or e-mail before the tournament or during an at-site registration session. The at-site registration fee is \$23 per player. At site registration session I will be held 9 P.M. Friday, March 18 in the Terrace Room in Gruenhagen after a brief coach's meeting for those coaches arriving Friday night. At site registration session II is from 7:30-8:30 A.M. Saturday, March 19 in room 220 of Reeve Union. If possible, PLEASE register in advance by using the enclosed form and then check in with the Tournament Director upon arrival. Phone inquiries can be made any evening before Friday, March 18 to Mike Nietman at (608) 467-8510 or via e-mail at [mike.nietman@charter.net](mailto:mike.nietman@charter.net). Players who pre-register but then cannot play will have their entry fee refunded only if the director is notified before the end of at-site registration. Up-to-date entries will be viewable on the WCA website at [www.wischess.org](http://www.wischess.org). Sorry, I am not able to accept credit cards or PO's, cash or check only.

**EQUIPMENT:** Please bring boards and sets for your Varsity players. The Wisconsin Chess Association will provide boards and sets for the JV, K-8 and K-5 sections. Please bring clocks for all main and side events. Please bring sets and boards for your players to use in the skittles room and bughouse events. No skittles sets will be available for use.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Dorm rooms are available at Gruenhagen Conference Center, about a four minute walk from Reeve Union. Full service rooms are available for \$35 single or double. Full Service includes beds made, towel set, soap, and drinking cup. Student service rooms are available for \$25.50 single or double. Student service includes bed linens only. To reserve your rooms, please call Gruenhagen directly at (920) 424-1106. Mention chess and specify the type of service you desire. NOTE: There is a 5 P.M. Friday, March 11 cutoff for lodging room reservations. Making this deadline will better assure you of having your team stay together or even to get a room! Special lodging floor: If your team is comprised of only K-8 students, identify that with your reservation and your team will be housed on a floor containing only K-8 teams on a space available basis. Gruenhagen asks that one person per team pay for the rooms and pick up the keys. Please note that Gruenhagen charges \$25 for lost keys. Reserve rooms early. Due to UW-O students housing in Gruenhagen, space may be limited. A 24-hour cancellation policy exists. You will be charged one night's lodging for rooms booked but not taken upon check in.

**PARKING:** For parking around Gruenhagen cars should use the High Avenue ramp on the corner of High and Osceola Streets. Please use levels 1 and 2 only. Level 3 is reserved for resident students. Other possible parking locations include Lot 6, 10 (no vans) and 30.

**TEAM ROOMS:** A limited number of team rooms are available in Reeve Union. To book a room, contact Carol Kozlowski at Gruenhagen Conference Center at 920-424-1106 (weekdays).

**CHAPERONES:** All teams staying in the dorms are required to have a chaperone staying in the dorms. Gruenhagen policy states: "Conference groups utilizing Gruenhagen Conference Center and composed of minors must be supervised by adults who are responsible for the behavior and activities of the participants. Chaperones will be responsible for upholding the standards of behavior and policies as determined by the University. Within Gruenhagen Conference Center this includes compliance of the policies regarding window screen removal, excessive littering, disturbing noise, abuse to elevators, use of alcohol and drugs and damage of University property."

"In order to maintain supervision, it is mandatory that groups and camps have a chaperone available whenever participants are in the Conference Center together during free time."

"Gruenhagen Conference Center staff personnel will be available at any time to discuss troublesome situations, or to assist in dealing with specific problems. Chaperones are urged to consult with the GCC staff if questions or concerns arise." "Consideration of others is expected at all times, with courtesy hours observed 24 hours a day."

Please note that that among other violations, Gruenhagen charges for furniture that has been moved between rooms, screen removal and for tampering with the smoke detector. Serious offenses will disallow a student from staying at the conference center in the future.

**CHECK IN/OUT POLICY:** All coaches or their adult designee are responsible for checking out each and every lodging room assigned to their team upon check in and check out. A check in form will be provided to each team for each room and should be returned to the desk as soon as possible. Any damages discovered by Gruenhagen in your rooms will be billed to your school.

## WISCONSIN SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

The Varsity Division I, Division II and Division III team winners will be determined by match points. One match point for a win, 1/2 point for a draw, and zero points for a loss. A match is won by the team scoring the most game points.

Game points will be given to the board positions as follows:

1st Board	10 points	All draws will be worth
2nd Board	9 points	1/2 the board points.
3rd Board	8 points	
4th Board	7 points	20 1/2 points are needed
5th Board	<u>6</u> points	to win a match.
Total:	40 points	

Teams tied in match points will have their ties broken using the following order of tiebreak systems:

1. Team Solkoff
2. Team Opponent's Cumulative
3. Team Cumulative
4. Team Modified Median

### RULES

1. USCF rules will be followed as closely as possible.
2. Varsity teams are to be in USCF rated order. In lieu of ratings, players are to be ranked from the best player on 1<sup>st</sup> board to the lowest ranked player on 5<sup>th</sup> board. Any violation of this rule will result in the forfeit of that board and all succeeding boards.
3. At the beginning of each round a team with less than five players must play the boards starting at board number 1.
4. Touch move and all standard chess rules apply.
5. Clocks must be used when available with a time control of Game/90 or Game/60 as outlined on the flyer.
6. If no clock is used a time limit of 3 hours (2 hours, if applicable for Junior Varsity/K-8/K-5) will be enforced.
7. As clocks become available during a match, they will be put on games that are moving too slowly.
8. Teams must register as teams. No individual registrations.
9. The coach will present all disputes to the Director for arbitration.
10. The top rated board will act as coach for the team in absence of the regular coach.
11. Any player or school may withdraw at any time upon notification to the Director. If a player forfeits a board; that player is dropped for the tournament and subsequent boards will also be declared forfeited. If a TEAM forfeits their game, the entire team will be dropped from the tournament. If the forfeited high school wishes to be invited to future State Tournaments the

school must send a letter of apology to the school they were scheduled to play. This will be a coach's decision.

12. No skittles play in the tournament rooms.

13. No kibitzing! Basically, this means you can not talk about a game in progress within earshot of the players playing that game. It is legal for the coach/captain to ask their own player to offer or accept a draw for "the benefit of the team" and not because the position on the board is drawish.

14. JUNIOR VARSITY/K-8/K-5 Any number of players may enter the tournament. The team trophies will be determined by the top four players representing that school. If a team with less than four players achieves the highest score, that team will be declared the winner. Trophies will be given to each of the top six teams and top ten players.

15. Junior Varsity/K-8/K-5 players may enter individually or as a group.

16. If a Junior Varsity member substitutes as a Varsity Player after the 1<sup>st</sup> round, any wins on Varsity are added to the wins on Junior Varsity; unless that player would be eligible for a Varsity board trophy.

**17. New USCF rule 15A requiring a player to make a move on the board before writing it down is waived unless the player is using an electronic scorekeeping device. Players in grades K-3 are encouraged to keep notation but are not required to keep notation.**

We will discuss and ratify all rules and changes at the coach's meeting scheduled for the skittle's room (room 221) after the 2<sup>nd</sup> varsity round starts.

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**ADDED EXTRAS:** 2010 US Championship qualifier, **Grandmaster Josh Freidel will give a 40 board simultaneous exhibition** at 8 P.M. Saturday in the K-5/K-8 playing room. Prizes will be awarded for beating or drawing him. This free exhibition is a chance to meet and play a top national grandmaster!

At the age of 24, Josh Friedel is one of the youngest and most promising American Grandmasters. Josh has participated in several US Closed Championships, World Youth Championships and at the World Cup. GM Friedel is known for his uncompromising tactical style on the chess board, and for his friendliness and a wonderful sense of humor off the chess board. Currently Josh is working on his game so he can become a permanent member of the US Olympiad team.

Participation in the simul is reserved to players in the State Scholastic and then to coaches and parents only if additional seats are available.

Waupaca High School will sponsor the **State Scholastic Bughouse Tournament** Saturday night in the varsity playing room. For more information visit: [http://wsd.waupaca.k12.wi.us/whs/organizations/chessclub/state\\_bughouse.html](http://wsd.waupaca.k12.wi.us/whs/organizations/chessclub/state_bughouse.html).

**Chess book and equipment vendor** Luke Ludwig will have tables set up in the skittle's room (room 221) to sell chess books, chess CD's and chess equipment.

For information on other state tournaments please check out the Wisconsin Chess Association (WCA) web site at [www.wischess.org](http://www.wischess.org).



# Guide for Spectator Conduct \*

1. Do NOT stand in front of or make eye contact with the player whose game you are observing.
2. Do NOT “camp out” at one game.
3. Do NOT make faces or gestures or convey in any graphic way an opinion of a game being observed.
4. Do NOT discuss or even whisper opinions of a game being observed.
5. Do NOT speak privately with any player at or away from the board while his/her game is in progress.
6. Do NOT assume the role of TD and intervene for any reason such as pointing out illegal moves, etc.
7. Do NOT make any noise, such as opening a bag of potato chips, within earshot of a game in progress.
8. Do NOT discuss a game at its conclusion if other games are being played in the vicinity, and do NOT analyze a game at a board in the tournament room.
9. Do NOT take pictures after the first ten minutes when using flash or a camera with an audible shutter.
10. Do NOT take pictures at any time from a location which makes you an obvious distraction to the players.
11. Do NOT attempt to enforce rules yourself.
12. DO report instances of cheating or rule violations by players or other spectators to the TD staff.
13. Do NOT discuss instances of cheating or rules violations with the perpetrators.
14. DO comply with any requests or instructions issued by tournament staff.

\* Taken from Appendix E of USCF National Scholastic Chess Tournament Regulations