



Individual

Elmwood Chess Club

USCF Rated Beginner Open

Youth AND Adults

Saturday, February 28th, 2009



Team

Location: 5900 S. Sunny Slope Rd. New Berlin, WI

USCF Open to Students OR Adults USCF Rated under 1200 or Unrated

RBO 5 Round Swiss: All players play all rounds.

Format: **USCF Rated:** USCF Membership Required

One Section: Students and adults compete together in one section.

Time Control: G/45 (45 minutes for each player)

Schedule: **Check In:** 7:45 – 8:15 AM; Late Check-in will start in Rd 2.

Round 1: 8:30AM (Rounds 2-5; 10 min. after last game of prev. Rd.)

Awards: 4:30 PM (Approximate)



Special Option: Youth Friend Partnerships: Pair up with a Youth Friend (Adult-Youth or Youth-Youth) to be eligible for extra **Youth Friendship Awards**.

Award Category is on the grade of the youngest friend in the partnership.

Encourage parents, grandparents, teachers to help you win!

Awards: **\$60 Grand Prize, \$25 for second** (Individual Adult or Youth)

Category	Individual	Youth Friend Partners
Adult	1 st – 3 rd	Friendship Trophies for Each Partner 1 st – 2 nd in each Youth Category
Gr. 9-12	1 st – 3 rd	
Gr. 7-8	1 st – 3 rd	
Gr. 5-6	1 st – 3 rd	
Gr. 3-4	1 st – 3 rd	
Gr. 2 & Under	1 st – 3 rd	

Entry: **\$12 advance registration by Thursday, February 26th.**

\$17 Onsite registration. Pay advance and onsite fee when you check-in.

Make checks payable to: Elmwood Home and School

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Advance Online Registration & Details:

<http://www.wscachess.org> by 11:30 PM Thu, Feb. 26, 2009.

Facilities: **Food:** Snacks, beverages, and lunches are available for purchase.

Equipment: Chess sets and clocks are provided for the tournament hall.

Please help us keep the school tidy and the heat in. ☺

Schedule Conflicts?? Do you have a schedule conflict for part of the day? Get a ½ point BYE for one round (Rds. 1-4). Email your scheduling needs to Randy Bubolz.

Bring: Yourself; A Friend; Chess sets for the practice area; Pencils for notation.

Questions: Contact Randy Bubolz at rbubolz@wi.rr.com

38 TROPHIES & \$85 CASH PRIZES !!!

PLAY WITH A PARTNER FOR ADDITIONAL TROPHIES !!!

Spectators Are Welcome To Quietly Watch Players Inside Chess Halls.
Remember: Cell Phones Must Be Turned Off.

Elmwood Chess Club

2009 Scholastic and USCF Rated Beginner Open

Questions & Answers to help you decide which Section to enter:

Q: Can I still participate for only \$10?

A: ▪ Yes. The advance enter fee for the 3 Scholastic sections is \$10. No membership required.

Q: What are the advantages to entering the USCF Rated Beginner Open?

A: ▪ The RBO gives you the benefits of being a rated USCF member.
▪ The prizes are outstanding for a tournament with only a \$12 advance entry fee!
▪ The Partners in the RBO section do not have to be from the same school.
▪ If you have a friend or relative who plays chess, the special Youth Friendship category of awards will give you a rare opportunity to compete as a team of two in one section.

Q: Can I join the USCF at the tournament when I check-in?

A: ▪ Yes, but you will save time at check-in if you join directly on the USCF website in advance. Bring your temporary membership card with you to the tournament.
▪ See the USCF website www.uschess.org under Join / Renew for membership details.

Q: My school has players of assorted grade levels. What are the best options?

A: ▪ In the Scholastic sections, team scores are made up of the 2-4 top scores. Players must be from the same school. The challenge is how to form the best team strategy.
▪ In the RBO section, team scores are made up of only 2 scores.
▪ Suppose you have (Grade 7: 1 player); (Grade 4-6: 4 players), and (Grade 2: 1 player). One option would be to enter the 4 players in the scholastic K-6. Enter the Grade 7 and Grade 2 players as a Youth-Youth Friendship pair in the RBO.
▪ The RBO pair would compete in one section. They could each win an individual trophy and also qualify for a chance at the Gr. 2 & Under Friendship Trophies.
▪ Or better yet! Bring two adult players and pair up with the Grade 7 & 2 players. Compete in two Youth Friendship categories!

Q: Does my RBO Youth Friendship partner have to be a relative or school mate?

A: ▪ No. The partner can be a teacher, neighbor, or any student from any school.
▪ All players must be USCF members with ratings Under 1200 or new Unrated players.

Q: Do I have to have a Youth Friendship partner to play in the RBO?

A: ▪ No. Youth Friendship partnerships are optional. Everyone also competes individually.
▪ We will try to match up all individuals with a partner to improve your winning chances.

Q: Does my Youth Friendship partner affect my USCF rating?

A: ▪ No. You will not be play against your partner.
▪ Your USCF rating result is based on what you do in your individual games.

Q: How do I know if my USCF membership is still current?

A: ▪ See the USCF website www.uschess.org under Ratings.
▪ Search for your name. (Last, First).