

*The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual*

# Greater New York Team and Individual Chess Championships!

*US Chess's Longest-Running Scholastic Chess Tournament's Golden Anniversary!*

**PRESENTED BY THE KASPAROV CHESS FOUNDATION!**

**Saturday and/or Sunday Jan. 9-10, 2016**

**The beautiful New York Marriott Hotel At Brooklyn Bridge, 333 Adams**

**Street** (about 5 minutes drive south of the Brooklyn Bridge, near Borough Hall), near subways: Jay Street Metrotech (A, C, F & R trains), Hoyt Street (2 & 3 trains), Borough Hall (4 & 5 trains) and Court Street (R train), Brooklyn, NY 11201. For those who wish to stay overnight at the hotel, call 718-246-7000 by 12/18 and ask for the \$149 chess tournament hotel room rate (subject to availability).

**DIRECTIONS, TOURNAMENT INFORMATION AND ONLINE ENTRY: [www.gnyscc.com](http://www.gnyscc.com)**

*Players receive a national chess rating from the United States Chess Federation (USCF)! Many will be playing in their first tournament; others, including some of the top youngsters in the country, will be defending their Greater NY titles!*

**In 14 separate sections!** Each section has its own age, grade and rating requirements (Championship sections are open to all who are under grade and age limits); each section below also has a separate mail-in entry fee (EF). The **5 Championship Sections** are each **2 days**, 6-rounds, 60 minutes + 10-second delay per player. **Championship Sections Game Times:** 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm both days. Awards ceremonies about 6:30 pm Sun (possibly earlier).

The **9 Non-Championship Sections** are each one-day, 30 minutes per player + 10-second delay. The Junior High Under 1000, Primary Under 1000, Primary Under 500, and K-1 Under 400 are all **Saturday**. The High School Under 1900, High School Under 1200, Elementary Under 1400, Elementary Under 1000 and Elementary Under 600 are all **Sunday**.

**Non-Championship Section Games:** 10 am, 12 pm, 1:30, 3:00, 4:30 pm Sat or Sun (per above). Awards about 6 pm.

**All 3 Primary sections** are open to grades 3/below born after 1/9/06. **1. Primary Championship (Sat-Sun)**, EF: \$58.30 postmarked by 12/18/15. **2. Primary Under 1000 (Sat)**, EF: \$58.20 postmarked by 12/18/15. **3. Primary Under 500 (Sat)**, EF: \$58.10 postmarked by 12/18/15. **Both K-1 sections** open to grade 1/below born after 1/9/08. **4. K-1 Championship (Sat-Sun)**, EF: \$59.30 postmarked by 12/18/15. **5. K-1 Under 400 (Sat)**, EF: \$59.20 postmarked by 12/18/15. **Both Junior High (JHS) sections** open to grades 9/below born after 1/9/00. **6. JHS Championship (Sat-Sun)**, EF: \$56.30 postmarked by 12/18/15. **7. JHS Under 1000 (Sat)**, EF: \$56.20 postmarked by 12/18/15. **All 4 Elementary sections** open to grades 6/below born after 1/9/03. **8. Elementary Championship (Sat-Sun)**, EF: \$57.40 postmarked by 12/18/15. **9. Elementary Under 1400 (Sun)**, EF: \$57.30 postmarked by 12/18/15. **10. Elementary Under 1000 (Sun)** EF: \$57.20 postmarked by 12/18/15. **11. Elementary Under 600 (Sun)**, EF: \$57.10 postmarked by 12/18/15. **All 3 High School sections** open to grades 12/below born after 1/9/96. **12. High School Championship (Sat-Sun)**, EF: \$55.30 postmarked by 12/18/15. **13. High School Under 1900 (Sun)**, EF: \$55.20 postmarked by 12/18/15. **14. High School Under 1200 (Sun)**, EF: \$55.10 postmarked by 12/18/15.

The **January 2016 USCF Rating List** is used (but unofficial ratings at [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org) are usually used if players would otherwise be unrated on the January 2016 official rating list).

Those unable to play all games may request ½-point byes (unrated draws) in advance for up to two rounds which they cannot play (limit of 3 byes in Championship Sections). Request byes for Rounds 3 and later on site before Round 3. All byes need to be locked in before Round 3.

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**Each section of each tournament** awards prizes for the top-scoring players and schools; players are eligible for **both** individual and team prizes! Any number of players may participate from a school to help compete for team prizes (2 or more from the same school make a team), but the school's four top-scoring players produce its team score (all on the team must attend the same school). Players without school teams compete for individual prizes. **Trophies** are awarded in each section to the Top 12, the top 3 Unrateds and the Top 6 teams. In High School Under 1200, plaques are also awarded to the top 2 each grade: 7-9. In Junior High Under 1000, plaques are also awarded to the top 2 each grade: 4-6. In K-1 Championship, plaques are also awarded to the top 6 K/below (you can win both a plaque and trophy). **Anyone scoring 4 or more (5 or more in Varsity) who doesn't win a trophy receives a medal instead!**

**The four top-scoring players in each section also win months of free entries** into specified Continental Chess tournaments-- **a HUGE savings on entry fees!** The two top-scoring school teams also win months of free entries (free entry prizes do **not** include the NY State Scholastics in Saratoga). Continental Chess tournaments honoring Greater NY Scholastic free entry prizes are listed [www.gnyscc.com](http://www.gnyscc.com). **High School Mixed Doubles Bonus Prizes!** Best male/female 2-player combined score among all 3 High School sections after 5 rounds (Mixed Doubles "teammates" may play in different sections and may even be from different schools, average Mixed Double "team" rating must be Under 2200; Mixed Doubles must declare onsite by round 2): ***The Top 2 Mixed Doubles "Teams" also win months of free entries!***

**USCF Membership is also required to participate. Annual dues: under age 25, \$30 extra per player for 12 issues *Chess Life* if paid in advance (\$35 at site), \$26 extra for online membership with no magazine. **Age 15/below**, \$25 extra for 6 issues if paid in advance (\$30 at site), \$22 online membership, no magazine. **Age 12/below**, \$21 extra for 6 issues *Chess Life For Kids* if paid in advance (\$25 at site), \$17 for online, no magazine. **2-month membership:** \$20 extra for 1 issue *Chess Life*. ***Some of the above dues rates go up on January 1st— renew your membership early!*****

**Mail entries:** the early mail deadline is **December 18, 2015**. **To register by mail**, list each player's name, USCF ID, expiration (new players write "NEW"), rating, address, D.O.B., school and grade. **BE SURE TO INDICATE THE CORRECT SECTION-- \$15 extra charge to change sections!** Make checks for entry fees + all USCF dues (1 check for total) payable and **mail** to:

**CHESS CENTER OF NEW YORK, PO Box 4615, New Windsor, NY 12553**

***ENTRIES \$10 EXTRA per player*** postmarked Dec. 19-26. **\*\* No mail postmarked after 12/26/15! \*\* Entry fees \$5 LESS per player if 4 or more from the same school are mailed together in the same envelope!**

**Online Registration** at [www.gnyscc.com](http://www.gnyscc.com): \$55 per player thru 12/26/15, \$65 12/27-1/4, \$75 1/5-7. **\*\* Entry fees \$5 LESS per player if 4 or more from the same school register together online at the same time!**

**Phone entries \$74 per player** by credit card thru Jan. 4: **406-896-2191** (24 hours: entries only, no questions). No phone entries after Jan. 4. No team discounts for phone entries or on-site entries.

**On-Site Entry Fee:** \$85 per player until 8:30 am, \$100 8:30-9 am; after 9 am you risk not playing Round 1.

**Refunds:** \$15 service charge per player (no service charge to use entry fees for future Greater NY Scholastics).

**Questions, please email: [chesscentr@gmail.com](mailto:chesscentr@gmail.com) or call 347-201-CCNY (2269), leave message if necessary (email is better). Advance entries to be posted at [www.gnyscc.com](http://www.gnyscc.com) as well.**

**NEW THIS YEAR! *Friday Night Blitz Booster!*** A separate, ***non-scholastic Blitz tournament!*** 4-double rounds (8 games), Game/5 minutes, delay 0. **EF:** \$30, parents, alumni & those with the Greater NY Scholastics \$20. **Trophies:** top 3, top U1800, U1500, Unr. Register on-site for Blitz 6-6:45 pm Friday. Games: 7-7:30-8-8:30 pm. Bye OK rd. 1. Blitz-rated, but higher of regular or Blitz ratings used for pairings, prizes.

**Sat and/or Sun: Parents and Friends Tournaments!** 2 separate, ***non-scholastic tournaments***, each 4-rounds, Game/30 + 10-second delay. **EF** each day: \$30, parents, alumni & those with the Greater NY Scholastics \$20. **Parents & Friends register on-site** until 11:40 am. **Games:** 12:00, 1:30, 3:00 & 4:30 pm. 2 byes OK, commit by 1:30.

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