

Hope Christian Chess Team

Mission Statement

The chess team seeks to educate Hope students in the game of chess. To give kids the opportunity to compete in tournaments and chess meets against other schools. All meets and tournaments are optional, but highly recommended.

Costs

- Necessary Costs
 - Team fee \$20
 - Chess Notation Book - \$3
 - Chess Workbooks - \$8
- Optional Costs
 - Tournament quality Chess Set - \$20 (Required to compete in tournaments and meets)
 - Chess Clock - \$30
 - US Chess Federation Membership Fee - \$18
 - Tournament Registration Fees
 - Chess Fest - \$15 - Saturday, November 22nd (Registration due: Wednesday, November 19th)
 - NM State K-6 Chess Championship - \$17
 - NM State K-9 Chess Championship - \$17
 - NM State K-12 Chess Championship - \$17

Chess Meets

Chess Meets (ASCL) are single game competitions which are held during the week. The Albuquerque Schools Chess League (ASCL) allows schools from around the city to compete against each other. Each team consists of 5 members. The 5 members are matched up by skill level for one game, with our top player (1st board) playing their top player (1st board) and so on. The team winning the most games wins the round. There is one round per night, with a total of 6 rounds (nights) throughout the season. The team pairings are based on the "Swiss" system which attempts to match teams with wins. As the league progresses, the stronger teams will end up playing each other to determine the final standings. Also, the teams which are struggling will also be matched against teams in a similar situation. Here is a link to the ASCL web site for more information - <http://www.nmsco.org/ASCL.html> .

The ASCL is divided into 3 divisions (A, B, C). The C League is for elementary school (K-5) teams. We can take as many teams to ASCL as we would like.

Chess Tournaments

Tournaments are all day events in which the kids will play 4-5 games. Matches are based on age and skill level.

Tournaments award individual trophies and some tournaments award team trophies. It is not required to compete, but it is a fun social event for the kids. I highly recommend the kids compete in tournaments, as it gives them something to strive for as they learn to play chess and gives the kids an opportunity to measure their skills against players from around the state.

Practice

Every Friday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm. I encourage students to bring a snack to eat before practice. Practice will include 15-20 minutes of instruction with remaining time spent practicing.

Contact Information

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