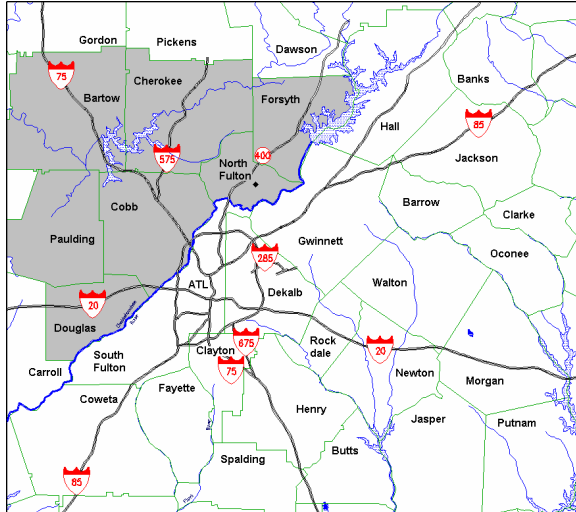


WESTERN METRO ATLANTA REGIONAL



Annual GCA sponsored event. This K-8 tournament is one of several regional qualifiers for the Georgia School Team State Chess Championships to be held on March 8th at (site TBA).

Who: All Elementary and Middle Schools from the WESTERN Metro Atlanta Region (WMAR) are invited to compete. The WMAR includes all Georgia schools WITHIN Cherokee, Cobb, Douglas, Paulding, Bartow and Forsyth Counties and all counties to the west, plus that portion of Fulton County north or west of the Chattahoochee River (see map).

When: Saturday, February 9th, 2008

Where: Webb Bridge Middle School –
4455 Webb Bridge Road, Alpharetta, GA 30005

Rounds/Time: Pairings for Round 1 will be posted at 9:00 AM. It is the Parent's responsibility to arrive early enough to verify that all participant information is correct (or have errors fixed) before Round 1 begins. Rounds are 10:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:30, and 4:00. The award ceremony is ASAP after the last round.

Entry Fee: \$15.00 per student. There is no limit on number of students per school; however, teams with five or more players have a much better chance of qualifying for State. This is not an individual tournament and no individual awards will be given.

Registration: Must pre-pay and pre-register. All Registrations with Payments **MUST BE RECEIVED** by Wednesday, February 6, 2008. Register by mail and NOT email please. No on-site registration. Up to two 0-point byes are allowed if requested with registration. Direct questions on registration (not actual registrations) to WesternMetro@GeorgiaChess.org. Make checks payable to the GCA and mail check with registration form to Georgia Chess Association - WMAR, P.O. Box 1611, Decatur, GA 30031-1611. We have a strong preference for entries mailed collectively from a given school by coaches, sponsors or lead parents, as opposed to separate individual entries. A registration list will be posted to the GCA website.

Format: This is a 5-round unrated, individually paired Team tournament, and the time-control is G/30 with no digital time delay. There are three sections: K-3 (Primary), K-6 (Elementary), and 6th-8th (Middle School). Students will be paired individually, and the top 5 scores from each team will be combined for a team score. That score determines ranking against other competing schools and qualification for the state championship. Sixth Graders must play K-6 if they attend Elementary School or 6th-8th if they attend Middle School. Students from the same school will not be paired.

Awards/Qualification for State: The TOP ONE THIRD (rounded off) highest scoring teams in each of Primary and Elementary, and the TOP HALF (truncated) highest scoring teams in Middle School will be guaranteed a spot at the state school team championship. In case of a tie for the final qualification spot in any section all teams involved in the tie will qualify. Teams with fewer than 3 players may not qualify, and do not count toward the total number of teams in their section. Additional 'wild card' teams may be included in the championship if space permits. School teams with positive scores at the regional (13 points or more out of 25 possible) will receive trophies. Winning a trophy does NOT guarantee an invitation to the State Team Tournament. At the state Team tournament, all sections will compete in the ranked 5-man Format and not the individually paired format of the regionals.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

This regional does NOT apply to high schools. High schools do not participate in regionals and proceed directly to the College/High School TEAM Championships at Emory University on February 23rd. These events are open to public and private school teams, and to home schooled teams meeting the GCA criteria for home schooled teams.

Additional registration form and flyer links will be added below. Check website Forums/bulletin boards for updates. Basic information required for any participant: Full name, school, grade, section of tournament, contact info (email, phone), bye request.

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WESTERN METRO ATLANTA REGIONAL - REGISTRATION FORM

TEAM REGISTRATION (PREFERRED)

This form is designed to be used by those K-8 school teams entering students in one of three sections: Primary (K-3), Elementary (K-6), and Middle School (6-8). If a school is entering both a K-6 and a K-3 team, separate registration forms should be used for each team.

SCHOOL TEAM: _____ SECTION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

COACH/ADVISOR: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

TEAM ROSTER: The number of participants from a particular school at Regionals is not limited.

NAME,	GRADE,	TWO 0-POINT BYE REQUESTS, (please circle) (optional)					USCF ID NUMBER (if a USCF member)	
1. _____	_____	Miss Round	1	2	3	4	5	_____
2. _____	_____	Miss Round	1	2	3	4	5	_____
3. _____	_____	Miss Round	1	2	3	4	5	_____
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10. _____	_____	Miss Round	1	2	3	4	5	_____
11. _____	_____	Miss Round	1	2	3	4	5	_____
12. _____	_____	Miss Round	1	2	3	4	5	_____

