

18th Annual LexisNexis MLK Holiday Tournament – USCF Rated

January 21 @ Whitefield Academy

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registration cap = 500

We strongly encourage everyone, especially first-timers, to read the [MLK FAQ](#) (Frequently Asked Questions)

Who: Open to all Scholastic Players in grades K-12th with a USCF membership.

Format: 5 rounds, Individual/Team Swiss System.
25 minutes per player with a 5 sec delay for all sections (G/25;d5)

Sections by grade/rating: K-1, K-3, K-3 U400/Unrated, K-5, K-5 U600/Unrated, 6-8, 9-12, 6-12 U1000/Unrated. (Sections may be combined if needed).

Entry Fee: \$30

Registration: On-line until midnight Tuesday, January 15th, 2019 or when we reach the cap (whichever comes first). If space is available, late registration will be offered for \$40 through midnight on Wednesday, January 16th. **There is no onsite registration for this event.**

Rounds: 10am, 11:30am, 1pm, 2:30pm, 4pm for all sections but K-1. Players should be seated at their boards by 9:40 with announcements beginning promptly at 9:45.

Rounds for K-1 (in small tournament room off bottom floor of skittles area): 10:30, 11:45, 1:15, rounds 4 and 5 will be paired asap. Players should be seated at their boards by 10:15 with announcements beginning promptly at 10:20.

Byes: You may take up to 2 byes. Byes taken during rounds 1-4 are ½ point byes. A bye taken in the 5th round is a zero point bye. You may not take 2 byes in rounds 1-4 and one bye in round 5 – that is 3 byes even though the last round is zero pts. **No bye or section changes after 6:00 PM Sunday 1/20.**

Prizes: Individual – Trophies to Top 5 in each section, trophies to all plus score (3 or more points). Ribbons to all participants except K-1 who will receive participation prizes. Team –

Trophies to top scoring teams in each section (number of team trophies awarded will depend on section size). A team is 2 or more players in the same section from the same school – Top 4 scores are counted. Stipends (Individual only): \$100 stipend to 1st place winner on tie-breaks in each section to attend Nationals in 2019 (must attend and email treasurer@georgiachess.org by June 1 with name, tournament attended, and payment address to receive it). If sections are combined then the stipend is for the winner of the combined section only.

Special Activities: There will be charitable activities between rounds to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Note: It is the parent's responsibility to check advanced entries online to verify that the information is correct or to have errors fixed before Round 1 begins. We will post registration updates on the website and the FINAL registration list will be posted at the tournament. Accelerated pairings may be used at the chief TD's discretion. USCF membership required. Sets and boards supplied. Bring your chess clock (if you have one, not required). If one player brings a clock and requests its use both players must use the clock.

Photos: We may be taking photos of the chess players for possible publication on our website. Please email us if you do not want your child's photo used.

Note: Cancellations must be received by 7:00am Monday morning January 21 in order to receive a refund.

Questions: mlk@georgiachess.org

Tournament Coordinator: Susan Justice

Registrar: Tara Kelly