



Skinner North Chess Team Expectations Contract Deadline: September 10, 2018

Welcome to the Skinner North Chess team. We are looking forward to a fun and successful season!

As with any team sport, being a member of the chess team involves certain expectations. These expectations are outlined below. **Please review, sign and return this contract via email to skinnernorthchess@gmail.com, via text to 773-682-8136 or turn in a hard copy to the main school office by September 10, 2018. In order to participate as a member of the chess team, your child must turn in a completed contract.**

Participation

There are 20 scholastic chess tournaments scheduled in the 2018-19 season. To be a member of the chess team, each student must commit to participating in at least FIVE tournaments during the year. Please review the chess team tournament schedule at the end of this contract and mark which tournaments your child plans to attend.

Practice

Athletes practice their sports and so should chess players! We strongly recommend that all team members participate in our Wednesday team workshops, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. There, they will have a group chess lesson and play games with their teammates to prepare for tournament play. Sign up: [Wednesday workshop sign-up](#). Note: these workshops are only for team members. There are other after-school activities available for those children who are not yet ready to join the chess team. For instance, J@School offers a beginner introduction to chess class at Skinner North and Chess-Ed offers beginner instruction elsewhere.

To build their skills, students should play chess whenever they can, at home, with friends or online (www.chesskids.com, www.chess.com, www.lichess.org and www.chesstempo.com are all good sites).

We realize our families need to think about their entire family's schedule and other needs. If the Wednesday workshops don't fit for your family, we can definitely consider other ways for your child to work on chess.

Behavior

As members of the Skinner North Chess Team, students must follow the CPS Student Code of Conduct at workshops and tournaments. Students who do not behave

appropriately may be required to leave a tournament, a Wednesday workshop, or even possibly, the team altogether.

Good sportsmanship is very important. Our teammates must try their best, shake hands with opponents, play fairly and honestly, and win or lose games graciously. They must respect a tournament host's school property. Our teammates must stay with the team or their parent/guardian at all times at a tournament. It is recommended that parents bring their children to the tournament play area, make sure they are at the correct board, and then return to the hallway or the official waiting area before the game begins. If a parent is unable to attend a tournament or must leave briefly to run an errand, they **must** make arrangements for another student's parent/guardian to supervise their child—our coaches are **NOT** able to supervise children during a tournament.

Note: The Wednesday Workshop is **NOT** "enrichment" or a babysitting service. It is a special time for our team to be trained by hired chess experts, to prepare them for upcoming competitive chess tournaments. If they wish to attend, students must take the workshop seriously and be respectful to the teachers and coaches at all times. Parents must pick their children up promptly at 5:00 p.m. on our workshop days. Students not picked up on time will be brought to the J@School Program, and J@School will charge a fee for this additional care.

Tournament Schedule (Select 5 or more)

____ September 15, 2018 - Skinner North Only Tournament at Skinner North Classical School (FREE)

____ October 2018 (exact date TBA) - Bateman Invitational Chess Tournament at Bateman Elementary School (FREE, Chicago)

____ October 27, 2018 - CPS All-Stars Tournament at Chicago Vocational High School (FREE, Chicago)

____ November 2018 (exact date TBA) - 1st CCF 2018-19 tournament at a Chicago school TBA (FREE)

____ November 3, 2018 - Illinois All Grade K-12 Championship (\$30 by October 22nd, Naperville IL)

____ December 2018 (exact date TBA) - 2nd CCF 2018-19 tournament at a Chicago school TBA (FREE)

____ December 14-16, 2018 - National Scholastic K-12 Grade Championship (\$60 by November 26th, Orlando FL)

____ January 2019 (exact date TBA) - 3rd CCF 2018-19 tournament at a Chicago school TBA (FREE)

____ February 2019 (exact date TBA) - 4th CCF 2018-19 tournament at a Chicago school TBA (FREE)

_____February 2, 2019 - Greater Chicago K-12 Championship at McCormick Place (\$40 by December 31st, Chicago)

_____March 2019 (exact date TBA) - Illinois K-8 Chess Championship (cost TBA, location TBA probably in Normal IL)

_____March 15-17, 2019 National High School K-12 Championship (cost TBA, Schaumburg IL)

_____March 23, 2019 - CPS K-8 City Playoffs at Whitney Young Magnet High School (FREE, Chicago)

_____March 30, 2019 - CPS K-8 City Championship at Whitney Young Magnet High School (FREE, Chicago)

_____April 2019 (exact date TBA) - 5th CCF 2018-19 tournament at a Chicago school TBA (FREE)

_____April 12-14, 2019 - All-Girls National Championship at McCormick Place (cost TBA, Chicago)

_____April 26-28, 2019 - National Junior High K-9 Championship (cost TBA, Grapevine, TX)

_____May 2019 (exact date TBA) - 6th CCF 2018-19 tournament at a Chicago school TBA (FREE)

_____May 10-12, 2019 - National Elementary K-6 Championship (cost TBA, Nashville TN)

_____June 2019 (exact date TBA) - CCF Girls Only tournament at Skinner North Classical School (FREE)

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date