2025 Susan E. Kantor Tennessee State Scholastic Individual Chess Tournament

(Open to Tennessee Students or Residents Only)

Tennessee Chess Association

Regional Qualifiers - Saturday, October 25th, 2025

Region 1
Lenoir City High School
1485 Old Hwy 95
Lenoir City, TN 37771

Region 2
Cleveland Middle School
3635 Georgetown Rd NW
Cleveland, TN 37312

Region 3
St. Paul Christian Academy
5033 Hillsboro Pike
Nashville, TN 37215

November 1st

Region 4
Lausanne Collegiate School
1381 W Massey Rd
Memphis, TN 38120

Sections:
High School (grades 9-12) Denker
Middle School (grades 6-8) Barber
Elementary (grades K-5) Rockefeller
Primary (grades K-3)

Format: Swiss System - Rounds based on attendance
<16 players in section = 4 rounds
17-48 players in section = 5 rounds
48+ players in section = 6 rounds (rds 1-3 G/30;d5)

Time Control:
Rounds 1&2 - G/30;d5
Remaining rounds G/45;d5
All participants are encouraged to bring their own clock

Awards: Top 8 (Additional prizes based on pre-registration.)

Awards ceremony immediately following last round in section.

On-site Registration: 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

All players must check in by 8:30 a.m. or they will not be paired for Round 1.

Round 1 starts at 9:00 a.m. Rounds 2-5 as announced.

Dues: No membership dues are required for Regional Qualifiers.

Byes: One one-half point bye is available for any round if requested at registration.

Tiebreaks: Only one champion! G/10 playoff for First Place each section. Otherwise:
(1)Modified Median, (2)Solkoff, (3)Cumulative, (4)Opp. Cumulative, (5)Median, (6)Kashdan, (7)Sonnenborn-Berger

Entry Fee: $20 -- Late Entry $30 after October 17th or on-site.

Pre-register online at tnchess.us – Pre-registration ends October 23rd

ENTRIES BY MAIL SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO YOUR REGIONAL COORDINATOR (See Counties)
Must be postmarked by October 18, 2025

Region 1
Christina Mullinax
193 Caramel Lane
Loudon, TN 37774

Region 2
Michael Ake
1004 17th St. NW
Cleveland, TN 37311

Region 3
Chris Prosser
733 Long Hunter Court
Nashville, TN 37217

Region 4
Arlene Kleiman
1614 Vance Ave
Memphis, TN 38104

2025 Susan E. Kantor TN State Scholastic Individual Entry Form

Name:			US Chess ID (if available):	
Address:		Region:	DOB:	
School:		Grade:	Phone:	
Section (circle one): K-3 K-5 6-8 9-12		Email:		
Bye Rd?	Entry Fee:	TCA Memb N/A	US Chess Memb N/A	Total

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State Individual Finals - Saturday, November 15, 2025

Location: Tennessee Tech University
Roaden University Center, 1000 N Dixie Ave, Cookeville, TN 38505

Qualifications: Top 8 Individuals from each section in each region may play.

Awards/Sections: Same as Regionals

Format: 5 Round Swiss

Time Control:
Rounds 1&2 - G/45:d5; Rounds 3-5 G/60;d5
All participants are encouraged to bring their own clock.

Tiebreaks: Same as Regionals, plus G/10 playoff for 2nd place in HS section for scholarship prize (see below).

Check-In: 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. CT

All players must check in by 8:30 a.m. or they will not be paired for Round 1. Round start times are approximate. Rounds will start no earlier than stated.

Round 1 starts at 9:00 a.m.
Round 2-5 as announced

Dues: US Chess ($24 USChess.org) and Tennessee Chess Association ($10 tnchess.us) memberships are required for all players. Please have memberships up-to-date by November 12th.

National Invitationals: The top players in the sections below will be invited to represent Tennessee in the Tournament of Champions at the 2026 U.S. Open Invitationals August 3-9th, 2026 in Grand Rapids, MI

- High School Champion: The Arnold Denker Tournament of High School State Champions
- Middle School Champion: The Dewain Barber Tournament of Middle School State Champions
- Elementary Champion: The John D. Rockefeller III Tournament of Elementary State Champions

Special Prizes:

Tennessee Tech University will award four-year Tennessee State Scholastic Chess Championship Scholarships to the first place and second place winners of the High School Section as follows: $2,000 per year (first place), and $1,000 per year (second place). For more information, about scholarship opportunities at Tennessee Tech, visit www.tntech.edu/scholarships.

COUNTIES IN EACH REGION

Region 1: Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hancock, Hawkins, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Scott, Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, Union, Washington.

Region 2: Bledsoe, Bradley, Clay, Coffee, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Franklin, Grundy, Hamilton, Jackson, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Morgan, Overton, Pickett, Polk, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Sequatchie, Van Buren, Warren, White

Region 3: Bedford, Cannon, Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Giles, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Macon, Marshall, Maury, Montgomery, Moore, Perry, Robertson, Rutherford, Smith, Stewart, Summer, Trousdale, Wayne, Williamson, Wilson

Region 4: Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lake Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy, Obion, Shelby, Tipton, Weakley