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2026 TN Winter Open Results

Kings Section

#	Player	Pts	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
1 	Chris L. CHAMBERS 12168500 / ● R 2011 → 2066	5.0	W 15 	W 3 	W 6 	W 2 	W 8 
2 	Vadym DOVCHENKO 31624847 / ● R 1944 → 1957	3.5	B 	D 9 	W 8 	L 1 	W 6 
3 	Saeed HOJA 17050607 / ● R 1802 → 1829	3.5	W 19 	L 1 	W 4 	D 10 	W 9 
4 	Lyric Connor AUTHIER 16538662 / ● R 1811 → 1830	3.5	W 18 	D 13 	L 3 	W 14 	W 10 
5 	Jerry SPINRAD 12409131 / ● R 1800 → 1810	3.5	L 6 	W 16 	W 11 	D 8 	W 12 
6 	Athiyan SENTHIL KUMAR 17066385 / ● R 2059 → 2048	3.0	W 5 	W 14 	L 1 	W 9 	L 2 
7 	Julian Middle PRATT 32749715 / ● R ---- → 1519 /5	3.0	L 10 	L 11 	W 12 	W 18 	W 17 
8 	Sabrina HOJA 16995856 / ● R 1874 → 1869	2.5	W 11 	W 10 	L 2 	D 5 	L 1 
9 	Vivaan LODHA 30549303 / ● R 1814 → 1818	2.5	W 17 	D 2 	W 13 	L 6 	L 3 
10 	Magnolia ZHU 30393269 / ● R 1772 → 1767	2.5	W 7 	L 8 	W 15 	D 3 	L 4 
11 	Lilin HE 32490221 / ● R 1644 → 1638 /13	2.0	L 8 	W 7 	L 5 	W 16 	U 
12 	Elsa HE 30101779 / ● R 1469 → 1456	2.0	L 13 	W 18 	L 7 	W 17 	L 5 
13 	Taron POLBORN 16205757 / ● R 1925 → 1905	1.5	W 12 	D 4 	L 9 	U 	U 
14 	Adam Brent JOHNSON 14603901 / ● R 1865 → 1842	1.5	W 16 	L 6 	H 	L 4 	U 
15 	Paul DEBBAS 17105332 / ● R 1690 → 1675	1.0	L 1 	W 17 	L 10 	U 	U 
16 	Scott ROARK 12729265 / ● R 1297 → 1256	1.0	L 14 	L 5 	B 	L 11 	L 18 
17 	Kaz KREFT 32813735 / ● R ---- → 1230 /5	1.0	L 9 	L 15 	W 18 	L 12 	L 7 
18 	Kenneth Wayne PRESLEY 32809139 / ● R ---- → 1152 /5	1.0	L 4 	L 12 	L 17 	L 7 	W 16 
19 	Korbyn PARKMAN 32267012 / ● R 806 → 806 /8	0.0	L 3 	U 	U 	U 	U 

Rooks Section

#	Player	Pts	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
1 	Farzin MASHALI 17083304 / ● R 1707 → 1697	4.0	L 7 	W 16 	W 11 	W 10 	W 3 
2 	Dominic James BREEZE 15197740 / ● R 1659 → 1646	4.0	L 12 	W 17 	W 9 	W 13 	W 7 
3 	McAnthony TARWAY 31495409 / ● R 1389 → 1439	3.5	W 14 	W 9 	W 13 	D 5 	L 1 
4 	Jiashen Jason JIANG 31484035 / ● R 1337 → 1442	3.5	B 	D 5 	W 15 	D 7 	D 6 
5 	Haskell GLOVER 12344470 / ● R 1729 → 1713	3.0	W 8 	D 4 	W 12 	D 3 	U 
6 	Luke WILEY 30591580 / ● R 1442 → 1446	3.0	W 18 	D 12 	L 7 	W 15 	D 4 
7 	Max Kai BOTTOMS 32076821 / ● R 1359 → 1470	3.0	W 1 	D 15 	W 6 	D 4 	L 2 
8 	Jerika Lenore EPPEL 30883450 / ● R 1260 → 1253	3.0	L 5 	L 14 	W 18 	W 17 	W 13 
9 	Kurt Johan SCHELZIG 31182210 / ● R 973 → 1113	3.0	B 	L 3 	L 2 	W 14 	W 15 
10 	Dannie R KENNEDY 12580163 / ● R 1448 → 1418	2.5	W 16 	L 13 	W 14 	L 1 	D 12 
11 	Sparsh Manoj WAGHMARE 30574140 / ● R 1387 → 1375	2.5	L 15 	W 18 	L 1 	D 12 	W 16 
12 	Ryan CHEN 30803512 / ● R 1325 → 1396	2.5	W 2 	D 6 	L 5 	D 11 	D 10 
13 	Connor JENKINS 32188703 / ● R 1310 → 1293	2.0	B 	W 10 	L 3 	L 2 	L 8 
14 	Jaden Layne JOHNSON 32806528 / ● R ---- → 1124 /5	2.0	L 3 	W 8 	L 10 	L 9 	W 17 
15 	William SIVLEY 32497304 / ● R 1714 → 1521 /13	1.5	W 11 	D 7 	L 4 	L 6 	L 9 
16 	Jason XU 30689784 / ● R 1054 → 1045	1.5	L 10 	L 1 	H 	W 18 	L 11 
17 	Korbyn PARKMAN 32267012 / ● R 806 → 794 /11	1.0	U 	L 2 	B 	L 8 	L 14 
18 	Symon RICHTER 32821095 / ● R --- → 652 /4	1.0	L 6 	L 11 	L 8 	L 16 	B 

Knights Section

#	Player	Pts	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
1 	Hengning ZHANG 31589336 / ● R 1048 → 1137	4.5	W 11 	W 12 	W 4 	W 3 	D 2 
2 	Joseph HUNGERMAN 32610595 / ● R 944 → 1020 /24	4.0	W 8 	D 7 	W 10 	W 13 	D 1 
3 	William Connor JORDAN 32077481 / ● R 930 → 1009	3.5	W 9 	W 13 	W 16 	L 1 	D 4 
4 	Emerson KING 32787324 / ● R ---- → 1035 /5	3.5	W 17 	W 10 	L 1 	W 11 	D 3 
5 	Justin Caleb CORMIER 31078750 / ● R 1102 → 1042	3.0	L 12 	L 9 	W 17 	W 16 	W 14 
6 	Ryan RICHTER 20109953 / ● R 1049 → 981	3.0	L 13 	L 8 	B 	W 15 	W 7 
7 	Thomas R RINK 12474655 / ● R 863 → 877	3.0	W 18 	D 2 	H 	W 8 	L 6 
8 	Jeremiah GALICINSKI 31202617 / ● R 490 → 745 /9	3.0	L 2 	W 6 	W 12 	L 7 	W 13 
9 	James R SPICER 31204812 / ● R 472 → 723	3.0	L 3 	W 5 	L 13 	W 17 	W 16 
10 	Jayce JONES 32779695 / ● R --- → 874 /7	2.5	W 15 	L 4 	L 2 	W 12 	H 
11 	Darren Lamont JONES 32779396 / ● R --- → 782 /7	2.5	L 1 	W 15 	W 14 	L 4 	H 
12 	Asher GANNOD 32612162 / ● R 835 → 806 /13	2.0	W 5 	L 1 	L 8 	L 10 	W 18 
13 	Ponvadhani SIVAM DHIVYA 32653502 / ● R 758 → 787 /10	2.0	W 6 	L 3 	W 9 	L 2 	L 8 
14 	Samuel GALICINSKI 31202583 / ● R 450 → 488 /8	2.0	B 	L 16 	L 11 	W 18 	L 5 
15 	Aria Rain WATKINS 32807444 / ● R --- → 631 /5	2.0	L 10 	L 11 	W 18 	L 6 	W 17 
16 	Jeffery Kevin WOODSIDE 30693219 / ● R 1118 → 1014	1.5	H 	W 14 	L 3 	L 5 	L 9 
17 	Brenden Charles RIGSBY 32663471 / ● R 837 → 623 /9	0.5	L 4 	D 18 	L 5 	L 9 	L 15 
18 	Cole K ALFORD 32786058 / ● R --- → 316 /5	0.5	L 7 	D 17 	L 15 	L 14 	L 12 

Extra Games

#	Player	Pts	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5
1 	Lilin HE 32490221 / ● R 1638 → 1638 /14	1.0	W 6 	U	U	U	U
2 	Scott ROARK 12729265 / ● R 1256 → 1233	0.5	D 4 	U	U	U	U
3 	Kurt Johan SCHELZIG 31182210 / ● R 1113 → 1085	0.5	D 5 	U	U	U	U
4 	Korbyn PARKMAN 32267012 / ● R 794 → 824 /12	0.5	D 2 	U	U	U	U
5 	Samuel GALICINSKI 31202583 / ● R 488 → 538 /9	0.5	D 3 	U	U	U	U
6 	Symon RICHTER 32821095 / ● R 652 → 652 /5	0.0	L 1 	U	U	U	U

What a Game!

Submitted by: Max Bottoms

Max Bottoms vs Farzin Mashali

1.) e4 c5

2.) Nf3 Nc6

3.) a3 g6

4.) Bc4 Bg7

5.) 0-0 e6

6.) Nc3 Nge7

7.) d3 0-0

8.) Bf4 d5



Diagram: Move 8 White's move

9.) Ba2 b6

10.) Qc1 Re8

11.) e5 Nf5

12.) Bg5 Qd7

13.) Bf6 Bb7

14.) Re1 Ncd4

15.) Nxd4 cxd4

16.) Ne2 Bxf6

17.) exf6 e5

18.) Ng3 Rac8

19.) Bb3 e4



Diagram: Move 19 White's move

20.) Qf4 Qd6

21.) Qg5 Qe5

22.) dxe4 h6

23.) Qg4 Nxc3

24.) fxg3 h5

25.) Qh4 dxe4

26.) Rad1 Rcd8

27.) g4 Qf4

28.) h3 e3

29.) Rf1 e2

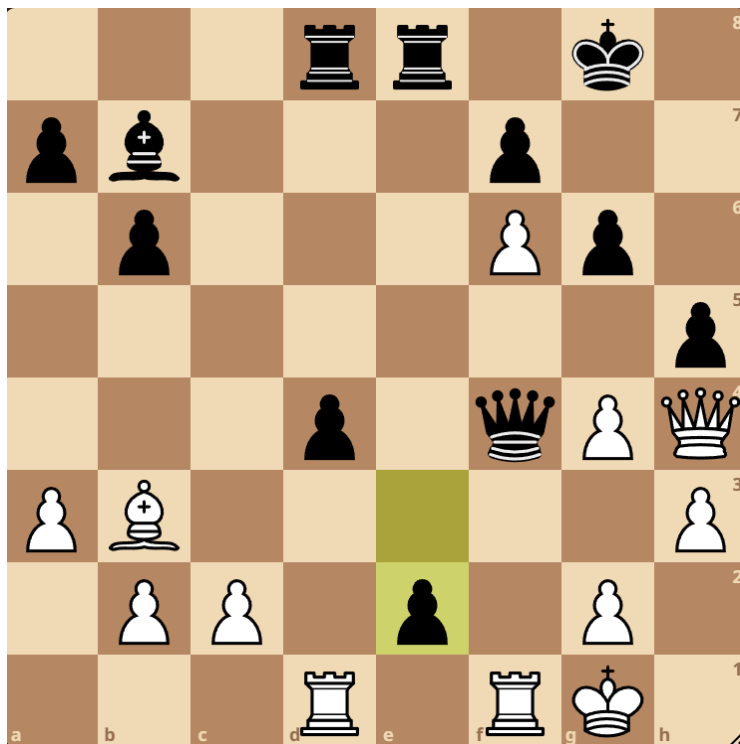


Diagram: Move 29 Black's move

30.) Rxf4 exd1=Q+

31.) Rf1 Qd2

32.) Rf2 Qe1+

33.) Kh2 Re2

34.) Qg5 Qxf2

35.) Qxg6+ {*}



Diagram: Move 34 Black's move

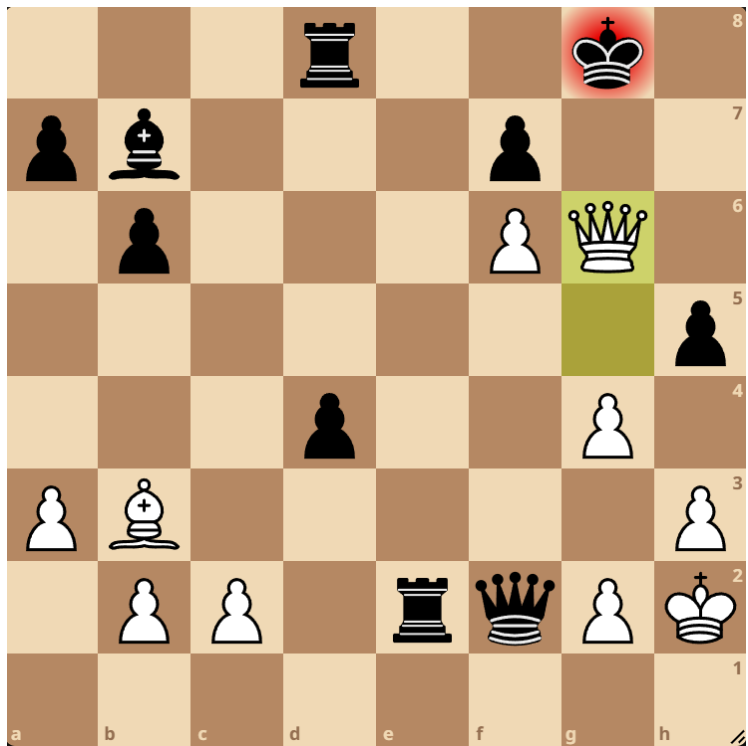


Diagram: Move 35 White's move; Black resigns

White wins!

2026 Harry D Sabine State Team Results

2026 HARRY D SABINE STATE TEAM H.S. RESULTS

No.	Name	Local	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4
1	FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL	1884	4	W7,3.0	W3,3.0	W2,4.0	W4,3.5
2	MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY	1301	3	W10,3.0	W11,4.0	L1,0.0	W9,4.0
3	RAVENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL	1264	3	W9,4.0	L1,1.0	W5,3.5	W7,2.5
4	CENTRAL MAGNET	1275	2.5	W14,4.0	D5,2.0	W6,3.0	L1,0.5
5	STEM CHATTANOOGA	743	2.5	W8,3.0	D4,2.0	L3,0.5	W10,3.0
6	FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL	1091	2.5	D12,2.0	W15,3.0	L4,1.0	W13,4.0
7	COLLIERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	1011	2	L1,1.0	W12,4.0	W11,3.0	L3,1.5
8	WALKER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL	885	2	L5,1.0	L10,1.0	W12,3.5	W15,4.0
9	LAUSANNE COLLEGIATE	916	2	L3,0.0	W14,3.0	W15,2.5	L2,0.0
10	LENOIR CITY HIGH SCHOOL	938	1.5	L2,1.0	W8,3.0	D13,2.0	L5,1.0
11	THURSDAY CONNECTION	906	1.5	W13,2.5	L2,0.0	L7,1.0	D14,2.0
12	PAIDEIA ACADEMY	856	1.5	D6,2.0	L7,0.0	L8,0.5	-B-,4.0
13	WEST COLLIERVILLE MIDDLE	845	1.5	L11,1.5	-B-,4.0	D10,2.0	L6,0.0
14	CHRISTIAN ACADEMY	780	1.5	L4,0.0	L9,1.0	-B-,4.0	D11,2.0
15	McCALLIE SCHOOL	498	1	-B-,4.0	L6,1.0	L9,1.5	L8,0.0

2026 HARRY D SABINE STATE TEAM M.S. RESULTS

No.	Name	Rate	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4
1	FARRAGUT	1634	3.5	W14,4.0	W8,4.0	W5,4.0	D2,2.0
2	WEST COLLIERVILLE	1081	3.5	W13,4.0	W7,3.0	W6,3.0	D1,2.0
3	LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTIAN	817	3	W10,3.5	L5,1.0	W12,4.0	W6,3.0
4	PAGE MIDDLE	892	3	W11,4.0	L6,0.5	W13,3.5	W9,4.0
5	WOODLAND MIDDLE	1264	3	W16,4.0	W3,3.0	L1,0.0	W8,4.0
6	WHITE STATION MIDDLE	1423	2	W9,3.5	W4,3.5	L2,1.0	L3,1.0
7	CLEVELAND MIDDLE	626	2	W15,3.5	L2,1.0	L8,1.0	W13,4.0
8	MARTIN LUTHER KING	1065	2	W12,4.0	L1,0.0	W7,3.0	L5,0.0
9	GRACE ST LUKE'S	495	2	L6,0.5	W11,3.0	W10,3.0	L4,0.0
10	HARDIN VALLEY	270	2	L3,0.5	W16,3.5	L9,1.0	W15,3.5
11	THURSDAY CONNECTION	274	1.5	L4,0.0	L9,1.0	W14,3.0	D12,2.0
12	KIMBALL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY		1.5	L8,0.0	W14,3.0	L3,0.0	D11,2.0
13	RICHARD HARDY SCHOOL		1	L2,0.0	W15,4.0	L4,0.5	L7,0.0
14	JEFFERSON MIDDLE	517	1	L1,0.0	L12,1.0	L11,1.0	W16,4.0
15	MARTIN ELEMENTARY	125	1	L7,0.5	L13,0.0	W16,3.0	L10,0.5
16	PAIDEIA ACADEMY		0	L5,0.0	L10,0.5	L15,1.0	L14,0.0

2026 HARRY D SABINE STATE TEAM ELEM RESULTS

No.	Name	Local	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4
1	CREEKSIDE	539	3.5	W7,4.0	W5,2.5	W10,3.0	D2,2.0
2	FARRAGUT ELEMENTARY	1072	3.5	W12,4.0	W3,3.0	W6,2.5	D1,2.0
3	CLOVERCROFT	571	3	W13,4.0	L2,1.0	W9,4.0	W6,3.0
4	ENSWORTH	768	2.5	W8,3.0	L6,0.5	D5,2.0	W10,3.0
5	CAMPUS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL	563	2.5	W14,4.0	L1,1.5	D4,2.0	W8,2.5
6	IDLEWILD ELEMENTARY	882	2	W9,3.5	W4,3.5	L2,1.5	L3,1.0
7	MARTIN ELEMENTARY	226	2	L1,0.0	D13,2.0	W11,2.5	D12,2.0
8	EPISCOPAL SCHOOL	289	2	L4,1.0	W14,4.0	W13,3.0	L5,1.5
9	LIPSCOMB ACADEMY	328	2	L6,0.5	W11,3.0	L3,0.0	W13,3.5
10	SYLVAN PARK	513	1.5	D11,2.0	W12,3.0	L1,1.0	L4,1.0
11	THURSDAY CONNECTION	318	1.5	D10,2.0	L9,1.0	L7,1.5	W14,3.5
12	PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL	448	1.5	L2,0.0	L10,1.0	W14,4.0	D7,2.0
13	CHRISTIAN ACADEMY KNOXVILLE	300	0.5	L3,0.0	D7,2.0	L8,1.0	L9,0.5
14	PINE VIEW ELEMENTARY	300	0	L5,0.0	L8,0.0	L12,0.0	L11,0.5

2026 HARRY D SABINE STATE TEAM PRIMARY RESULTS

No.	Name	Local	Pts	Rnd1	Rnd2	Rnd3	Rnd4
1	SYLVAN PARK	464	3.5	W13,4.0	W5,3.0	W6,3.0	D2,2.0
2	NORTH SHORE	456	3	W4,3.0	W3,3.0	D5,2.0	D1,2.0
3	PAIDEIA ACADEMY	437	3	W8,4.0	L2,1.0	W10,4.0	W6,3.0
4	PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL	444	3	L2,1.0	W11,4.0	W8,3.0	W7,4.0
5	ENSWORTH	344	2.5	W10,3.0	L1,1.0	D2,2.0	W9,4.0
6	IDLEWILD ELEMENTARY	519	2	W12,4.0	W7,4.0	L1,1.0	L3,1.0
7	KINGS ACADEMY	300	2	W9,2.5	L6,0.0	W11,3.0	L4,0.0
8	ST BERNARD ACADEMY	318	2	L3,0.0	W13,4.0	L4,1.0	W12,3.0
9	TRINITY ACADEMY	262	2	L7,1.5	-B-,4.0	W13,3.0	L5,0.0
10	UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NASHVILLE	349	1.5	L5,1.0	W12,3.0	L3,0.0	D11,2.0
11	EPISCOPAL SCHOOL	300	1.5	-B-,4.0	L4,0.0	L7,1.0	D10,2.0
12	ST PAUL	300	1	L6,0.0	L10,1.0	-B-,4.0	L8,1.0
13	OAK HILL	300	1	L1,0.0	L8,0.0	L9,1.0	-B-,4.0

2026 Collegiate Teams Results

Name/State/Fed ID	Group/Team	Rate	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4
1. Volunteers - UTK	UTK1	1382.00	B5,4.0 1.0	W2,2.0 1.5	W3,2.5 2.5	B4,4.0 3.5
2. MTSU A-Team	MTSU1	1226.00	W6,3.0 1.0	B1,2.0 1.5	W5,4.0 2.5	B3,2.0 3.0
3. Golden Gambits - TTU	TTU1	1175.00	B4,4.0 1.0	W6,3.0 2.0	B1,1.5 2.0	W2,2.0 2.5
4. Unrated Raiders - TTU	TTU3	300.00	W3,0.0 0.0	W5,2.0 0.5	B6,2.5 1.5	W1,0.0 1.5
5. MTSU B-Team	MTSU2	818.00	W1,0.0 0.0	B4,2.0 0.5	B2,0.0 0.5	W6,2.0 1.0
6. Smith Morons - TTU	TTU2	584.00	B2,1.0 0.0	B3,1.0 0.0	W4,1.5 0.0	B5,2.0 0.5





Murfreesboro Chess Club Updates: 2026 Schedule

All taking place at the Murfreesboro Chess Club, we have considerably increased our offerings this year. Coach Adam Johnson is presenting Free Classes every month, as well as directing

our new Live OTB Puzzle Competition once a month. Official members can participate in the new Club Ladder, both, at and away from the Club. And recently revamped is our monthly tournament schedule, which alternates from 3+2 Blitz (odd number months) to 15+3 Quick (even number months).

Please check our [website](#) for more information, or send email inquiries to: murfreesborochess@gmail.com.

Week/Date	Activity	Time
1st Thursday	Ladder Games, Regular Club Meeting	6pm - 10pm
2nd Thursday	Free Chess Class	7pm
3rd Thursday	Live OTB Puzzle Competition	Reg. 6pm - 7:25pm, 7:30pm
Last Thursday	Club Tournament (Blitz or Quick)	Reg. 6pm - 7:15pm, 7:30pm
May 16, 2026	Murfreesboro Open	All-Day Saturday
Summer	Summer Speed Series (Details TBA)	All-Day Saturday
August 1, 2026	Battleground Murfreesboro (Details TBA)	All-Day Saturday
Fall	Fall TBA	All-Day Saturday
December	Club Championship (Details TBA)	All-Day Saturday

Note: Casual chess always occurs on Thursdays in conjunction with any other activities. The MCC meets every Thursday from 6pm - 10pm Central Time.



2026 Murfreesboro Open

Saturday, May 16, 2026

**** 1st 3 Titled Players Play for Free ****

Site: First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 907 E. Main St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130. (Parking via Bilbro Ave.)

SSS: Rd. 1, G/25;d5 Rds. 2-3, G/45;d5, Rds. 4-5, G/60;d5.

Open Section: \$650 in prizes based on 30 entries, \$170 1st, \$95 2nd, Class Prizes X, A, B, C, D, E/below each \$60, Unr. Medallion & \$25. *Keeping with tradition, above 30 players, additional prizes may be added and/or increased.

Rounds: 9, 10:15, 12:15, 2:00, 4:15 Schedule subject to change.

Registration: 7:30am - 8:45am (accepting cash or checks at the door).

EF: \$30 with check or money order if received by 05/13, else \$40 cash or check at site. Or, \$33 PayPal by 05/13 via <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/mborochessclub> Includes a \$3.00 service fee. Murfreesboro Chess Club Members \$5 off.

****Titled Players:** The first 3 pre-registered and confirmed Titled Players (NM +) will play for free, with \$30 being deducted from any awarded prize(s) over \$75.

Bye: Only one half point bye is available per player, for any round if requested before Rd. 1.

Note: Sets, clocks and score sheets are provided.

Early Entries: Mail check or money order to: Chris Prosser (TD), 733 Long Hunter Ct., Nashville, TN 37217

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MCC Rated Club Night Tournaments

Last Thursday - Every Month

Alternates: Blitz RR & Quick Swiss

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murfreesborochess.weebly.com/blitz.html

- Last Thursday of each month, rescheduled for holidays.
- **Blitz** on odd numbered months (January, March, etc.), **Quick** on even numbered months (February, April, etc.).
- Current **US Chess Membership** required.
- **Registration:** 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM
- **Rounds:** Round 1 @ 7:30 PM, subsequent rounds a.s.a.p.
- **Entry Fee:** \$10.00 Cash or \$12.00 **PayPal** <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/mborochessclub>
- **Prize Fund:** 70% returned (remaining for expenses and church donation).
- **Sections & Pairings:** TD has complete control over both.
- **Noise Disclaimer:** Beware, some casual chess and talking are to be expected on club nights.

Blitz

- **Time Control:** 3+2
- **Format:** Round Robin Section(s)

Quick

- **Time Control:** 15+3
- **Format:** 3 Round Swiss Section(s)

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
907 E. Main St.
Murfreesboro, TN 37130

* Parking and entrance via N. Bilbro Ave.

Mid South Chess Brochure

APPLICATION FOR 2026 MID-SOUTH CHESS SUMMER CAMP



MEMPHIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL
THE CHURCH OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST
6191 PARK AVE. • MEMPHIS, TN 38119

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Camp Features

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CONSULTATION GAMES
INSTRUCTOR ROTATION
BEFORE AND AFTER CARE (7:30AM - 9:00AM & 4:00PM - 5:30PM)
OPTIONAL EVENING ACTIVITIES**

Camp Schedule

JUNE 7 - OPENING RECEPTION AT MUS - 3:00 - 4:30 PM

JUNE 8-11 - CAMP 9:00 AM - 4:00PM
EVENING SPORTING & CHESS ACTIVITIES - 7-9PM
WITH THE COACHES

JUNE 12 - CAMP 9:00 AM - 4:00PM
AWARDS AND CLOSING CEREMONY 4:30PM



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... JUNE 7-12, 2026 ...

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Meet the FOUNDERS

Alex Stripunsky International Grandmaster and Original Co-Founder of Mid-South Chess Camp
GM Stripunsky has gained great respect and recognition as one of America's Elite Grandmasters and is known as one of the Premier Chess Coaches in the US. He has coached many of the top young chess players in the country including NM Joshua Coles, the 2007 7th grade National Champion, IM chess Parker Zhao, IM Teddy Coleman, and IM Jake Kleiman of Memphis. Some highlights in GM Stripunsky's career include: US Co-Champion 2005, Invitation to play in the World Championship, Coach of US Women's Olympian team, Continental Open Champion 2008, National Congress Champion 1st Place, Philadelphia Open 2010 1st Place tie, Continental Open 2014 1st Place tie, Atlantic Open 2014 1st place tie, and Manhattan Open 2014 Champion.



Jake Kleiman International Master and Original Co-Founder of Mid-South Chess Camp
Jake Kleiman is a Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude graduate of Rhodes College. IM Kleiman was invited to play in the US Cadets, the World Junior Olympics, the US Masters, and on the US World Youth Team. In 2005 and in 2008, he was invited to play in the US Championships. In 2008, he was runner-up in the US Junior Championship. In addition, he was recognized by the United States Chess Federation with its annual Scholar/Chess Player Award. IM Kleiman took 1st place in the Millionaire Satellite Chess Tournament held August 2014 and is the highest rated player in Tennessee, and he has coached some of the top-rated Tennessee Scholastic Chess Players. IM Kleiman recently graduated from dental school at UTHSC.



Meet the COACHES

Joel Benjamin International Grandmaster
Grandmaster Joel Benjamin was the prodigy who broke Bobby Fischer's record for youngest U.S. Master. After winning many national scholastic and junior titles, Joel captured a record 23 consecutive U.S. Championships from 1989-2008 and took the title three times. He has also played on many national teams, competing in Olympiads for the U.S. six times including team silver 1990, team bronze 1996, and two World Team Championships, team gold 1993, team silver 1997, and individual gold 1993. He shared first in six World Opens. Joel was the chess consultant to the IBM's chess computer Deep Blue for his victorious match with Garry Kasparov in 1997, the subject of the 2003 off-Broadway production The Machine (Joel is a character in the show). He also had a career in the film. Searching for Bobby Fischer (1993). Check out his new books, "Liquitation on the Chessboard" and "Winning the World Open."



Nolan Hendrickson National Master
He earned his National Master title at the age of 17 and the Life Master title at 22. Nolan was awarded a scholarship for competitive chess at Lindenwood University where he had the unique opportunity to study under coach GM Yusef Sawar - an American chess legend. He has been teaching for over 10 years and has helped people of all ages improve their rating and zest for the game. Nolan utilizes his knowledge of psychology and learning to help his students maximize their success in chess. Nolan has taught for Mid-South Chess' Summer Camps for many years and is held in high esteem by the campers, staff, and families. Outside of chess, Nolan holds a Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and is a licensed therapist in Wisconsin.



Dr. André Duval Early Childhood Educator
André Duval is Organist/Pianist at Germantown United Methodist, operates an independent piano studio for all ages, and performs as a freelance collaborative pianist. He has worked with Mid-South Chess Camp since 2008, and coached numerous school chess clubs through Mid-South Chess. He plans engaging programs for our young campers: rising chess students, by incorporating music, art, and history. André holds advanced degrees in music from UNC-Greensboro and the University of Memphis, and has held leadership roles in several musical organizations.



Lazaro Bruzon International Grandmaster
International Grandmaster Lazaro Bruzon is a Cuban-American and a former World Junior Champion. In addition, GM Bruzon is a 2-time American Continental Champion, a 2-time HECAD/IBCF Champion and a 5-time Cuban Champion. In 2010 he tied for 1st Place at the World Open Chess Tournament. He has been ranked as high as 26th in the World. GM Bruzon is back for his 3rd year with our camp and we could not be more excited about having him coach for us again.



Alex Velikanov International Master
International Master Alex Velikanov is a dedicated chess player and instructor. He has been hooked on the game ever since the age of 4. By the time he was 12, he was a 2000 rated player with global experience. Nine years later, he added notable results as the North American U-18 Champion and winner of the Denker High School Championship. Alex stresses tactics and opening knowledge as critical cornerstones of chess development.



Jennie Liu Expert
Jennie founded her elementary school's chess club while in high school and taught chess to the K-3rd graders. In 2007 and 2008, she represented the USA in the World Youth Chess Championships. Jennie was President of the Chess Club at Columbia University (class of 2005). Since graduation, she has been working as a quantitative trader at a proprietary trading firm in New York City. Even with her professional commitments, Jennie continues to play skilled and competitive chess.



Michael Robertson Class A Player
Michael Robertson started chess late in life playing his first tournament at 24 and since then has exhibited his chess talent as an admirable class A player, using his enthusiasm for the game to continue his climb to National Master status. Michael is married with six children and works as an IT support manager. He is the Internet Coordinator for The Tennessee Chess Association and always demonstrates great care, planning, and devotion in coaching chess.



Memphis Chess Club Event

Flyers

JCC Spring Open

Sat. April 11th 4ss G/30+5 @ Panera bread

1145 Vann Dr, Jackson, TN

9-9:45am- registration

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3rd- \$70

U1601-\$30

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1st-\$100

2nd-\$70

3rd- \$50

U1201-\$30

Unrated: No USCF required EF- \$15

1st-\$65

2nd-\$45

3rd- \$20



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Event Information



Memphis Chess Club and Memphis Public Libraries
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Orange Mound Library.
All are welcome! And all ages, youth and adult!

- **April 18th**
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- **Late registrants automatically given 1st rd ½ pt bye**
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- **4 games of 25 minutes with a 5 second delay**

Trophies and Ribbons given to winners!

Round 1: 1pm SHARP
Round 2: 2pm or ASAP
Round 3: 3pm or ASAP
Round 4: 4pm or ASAP

2 Sections:
Unrated
Open, USCF-rated



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 May 30th, 2026
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Ribs for lunch!



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Community Page:
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Group Page:
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Food & drink all-day FREE & lunch FREE with paid Entry Fee!

Open Section
 1st Place: \$150
 2nd Place: \$100
 3rd Place: \$60

U1601 Section
 1st Place: \$100
 2nd Place: \$70
 3rd Place: \$60

Rounds:
 4SS, G/45+10: 10a, 1p, 3p,
 5p (Lunch at 12pm)

Entry Fees:
 \$40 cash on-site.
 Registration: 9-9:45am

Other tournament info:

- ★ USCF-rated
- ★ 1-hr lunch break @12pm
- ★ A ½ point bye ok; req before rd3.
- ★ Please bring your sets & clocks.
- ★ Directors that are playing pay EF; they pause their clocks to rule.
- ★ Wheelchair Accessible!
- ★ Great location! Well lit, quiet, heated outdoor facility
- ★ Located in between Memphis, Jackson, Nashville, Murfreesboro, Huntsville, and Tupelo
- ★ Food-only?: \$10 (FREE with EF)

COFFEE all day!

MAY 30th, 2026



2026 Bluff City Classic (and Bananananza!), March 7th and 8th

Submitted by: Mike Shuey

In first place with 4.5/5, International Master Ron Burnett!
 Then, in a 2-way tie for second, Mike Shuey and Clayton

Thrasher with 3/5!

In the U1701 section, Townes Buford played a perfect score of 5/5 to get 1st place, and Irone Winsley scored 2nd with 3.5/5! Jasmine Lin won the top U1501 prize with 2.5/5!

For the U1301 Amateur section, Jerika Eppel and Joshua Hammon tied for 1st with 4/5, and Julian Teitler was the top U1001 player with 3/5, well done!

Courtney Cown scored the upset prize, a banana(and some cash), by defeating a player 635 points higher than him! This should be approximately a 2.5% chance strictly mathematically, or 1 in 40! But Courtney has been improving and this is a result of that effort!

Mike's Meme!



Letter from the President

Dear Tennessee Chess Community,

What an incredible start to 2026! It has been a whirlwind of competition, strategy, and triumph across our state, and I couldn't be prouder of the dedication shown by our players, coaches, and families.

Celebrating Our Champions

First and foremost, a massive congratulations to our **TN Chess K-12 Team Champions!** Seeing the talent and sportsmanship displayed by these young players is a testament to the thriving scholastic programs we have built together.

In addition to our youth success, I am thrilled to celebrate the results of the **Collegiate Championships**. Watching our university players compete at such a high level proves that the passion for chess in Tennessee only grows stronger as our students move into higher education. To every team that participated: your hard work is evident, and you represent the very best of our chess community.

On the Horizon: Nashville and Memphis

The momentum doesn't stop here. We have two major landmarks on our calendar that I am particularly excited about:

■ The All- Girls Tournament (Nashville):

We
are
heading
to
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for
a
dedicated
celebration
of
our
female
players.

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■ **The
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high-
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Join Our Leadership Team

As we look toward the next chapter of the Tennessee Chess Association, we are seeking fresh perspectives. We have several officer positions becoming available as some of our dedicated team members have decided not to seek re-election.

If you have a passion for the game and a desire to help shape the future of chess in our state, we would love to talk to you. Whether you have experience in organization, finance, or simply a heart for service, please reach out to discuss how you can join our leadership team. We are looking for individuals ready to help us move the pieces forward into a bright 2026 and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support and for making Tennessee one of the most vibrant chess communities in the country.

See you at the board,

Christina Mullinax

President,
Tennessee Chess Association

Bids and Announcements

Are you interested in hosting and organizing one of these upcoming tournaments?

The Tennessee Chess Association is responsible for several State level events each year. The Tennessee Open, Winter Open, Senior Open, All-Girls Championship, and Home School Championship. These events are open for outside bids if a person or organization wishes to host one of these events on our behalf, either by just providing a venue or taking full responsibility of the event. Please use the link below, which will also be posted on our Tournament Calendar, to submit your application to support these events.

Submissions will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee who will then make a recommendation to the Board of Directors to be voted on. The Board reserves the right to make final decisions for these events.

[Bid Form here](#)

Questions or comments can be sent to the Tournament Coordinator, Danny Mullinax dcmullinax@gmail.com

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Target
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Day/September;
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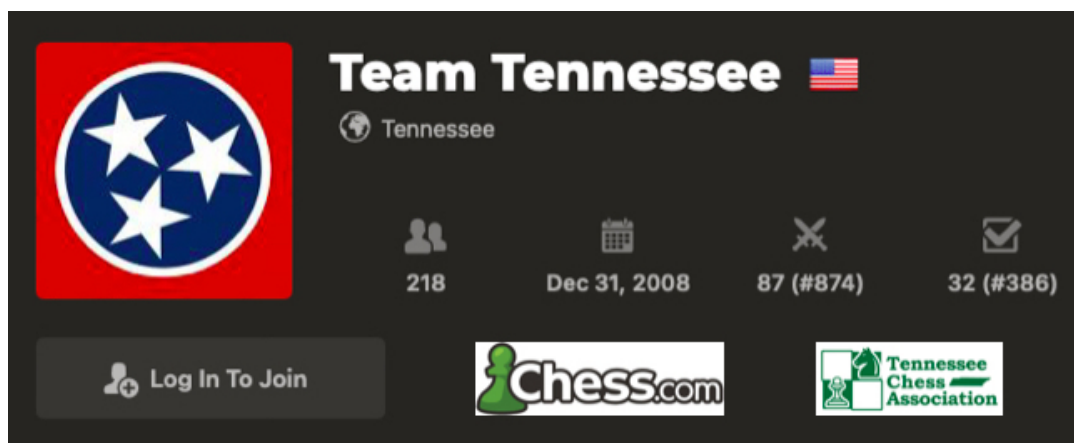
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Team Tennessee

Looking for more games? Join Team Tennessee on chess.com
<https://www.chess.com/club/team-tennessee> and help your
state in the US Chess League and other team events!



Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame Call for Nominations

If you know someone deserving of recognition for their chess greatness, please nominate them for the Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame and Recognition Awards.

Use these links for more information about the [Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame](#) and [Recognition Awards](#).

Please send nominations with supporting materials to the [Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame Committee](#) no later than

March 30, 2027.

Top 10 Tennessee Chess Players

1. GM
Alexander
Fishbein
2503
2. IM
Jake
Kleiman
2480
3. FM
Alexander
King
2379
4. Graham
Horobetz
2340
5. Mitch
Fishbein
2304
6. IM
Ron
Burnett
2300
7. Dean
Lee
2285
8. Jose
Fabian
Benito
Colmenares
2272
9. Peter
Suich
2249

10. FM
Peter
Bereolos
2245

Recently Rated Current US Chess Members are shown. For more US Chess Top 100 Rating Lists, visit www.uschess.org

Tennessee Chess Patrons

The TCA wishes to send special thanks to the current Patron and Life Members. Without their contributions, much of what the TCA accomplishes would not be possible. Thank you Patrons!

TCA Patron Members:

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TCA Membership

The Tennessee Chess Association appreciates those who help sponsor the game and offers tax-deductible memberships to Patrons beginning at \$100 per year. Membership for all levels will be for 12 calendar months (including the month membership is paid). To check your membership expiration, please visit our [Current Members Page](#). Renew or join for as little as \$10 per year. Membership is required for participation in all TCA-sponsored chess events except certain scholastic-only competitions but even if you're not an active player, your membership helps support our mission: To broaden and develop chess as art and recreation as a significant element of culture in the state of Tennessee. To initiate programs, conduct tournaments and matches and to employ methods that will tend to promote the literary and educational benefits to be derived from the game of chess. To receive donations from the general public to enable the Association to conduct chess matches and tournaments and to award trophies and prizes to successful contestants. TCA is a 100% volunteer-run organization so your donation and membership is 100% going to support Tennessee chess. Thank you for your support!

[Click Here to Renew or Become a TCA Member Today!](#)

Tennessee Chess Calendar

2026 Upcoming Events

April 11 – [Nashville Classical Collegiate School Scholastic](#) – Nashville

April 11 – [Highland Park Scholastic](#) – Lenoir City [REGISTER](#)

April 11 – [Middle Tennessee Christian School Scholastic – Murfreesboro REGISTER](#)

April 11 – JCC Spring Open – Jackson Flyer below

April 18 – [2026 Cumberland County Hall of Fame Open – Crossville REGISTER](#)

April 18 – Orange Mount Chess Tournament – Memphis [REGISTER](#) Flyer below

April 25 – [TN ALL Girls Championship](#) – Nashville Chess Center [REGISTER](#)

May 16 – Murfreesboro Open – See flyer below and visit [Murfreesboro Chess Club webpage](#) for more events!

May 29-31 – [TN Senior Open](#) – Crossville – [REGISTER](#)

Weekly Online Events

Mondays Murfreesboro Monday Team Battles @ at 7:00 PM CST [Lichess](#)

Last Sunday of Each Month Murfreesboro Classical Swiss Tournament @ Online at 3:00 PM CST Join the club on [chess.com](#)

Have an Event to Share to this List?

To add your event to this list, please email flyer or pertaining details to TCA Tournament Coordinator:

dcmullinax@gmail.com To include your event on our front homepage sidebar, TCA membership must be required for in-state players or it must be a scholastics only event.

Upcoming Event Flyers

NASHVILLE CLASSICAL SCHOOL 2026 SPRING CHESS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, April 11

2000 Greenwood Ave, Nashville TN

Schedule	Pre-registration at Nashvillechess.org. Late Registration at door from 8 - 8:30 A.M. Round 1 starts at 9:00 A.M. Rounds 2 thru 5 will follow as each round ends. Every player plays 5 rounds, with award presentations as each section ends.
Format	5 Rounds. Time Control: Game in 30 minutes each with a 5-second delay.
Sections	Primary – Grades K-3 Elementary – Grades 4-6 Open - k-12 Player can play in a higher section
Entry	Early Registration Fee: \$20 - Must register online at Nashvillechess.org or be received by Wed, April 8 Late Registration Fee: \$30 – Received after April 4th
Awards	Top 5 Trophies and 6-10 Medals Each Section Top 2 Teams in Each section (top 3 players from your school)
Questions	Aaron Caveny Director@Nashvillechess.org

ENTER ONLINE AT Nashvillechess.org



Middle Tennessee Christian School Scholastic Chess Tournament

April 11th, 2026

100 E MTCS Rd, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Format:

- 5-Round Swiss Tournament
- Time Control: G/30d5
- 3 Sections: K-3rd, 4th-6th, & 7th-12th
- USCF Rules and Ratings will be used

Schedule:

- On-site Registration & Check-In - 7:45-8:30AM
- First Round - 9:00AM
- Rounds 2-5 will begin when all games from the previous round are complete

Registration:

- USCF Membership is required for all sections. Go to <https://new.uschess.org/join-us-chess> to get a USCF Membership. Contact adamjohnsonchess@gmail.com for help
- Entry Fee \$20 before April 7th, \$30 after
- Online Registration is open until Noon on April 10th at <https://payit.nelnet.net/form/sxL4e2Bx>
- Mail-in Registration by mailing attached slip and entry fee to Middle Tennessee Christian School (Attn: Drew Shea), 100 E MTCS Rd, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. Make checks payable to Middle Tennessee Christian School
- Players not registered and checked-in by 8:30AM morning of the tournament or those registered without a valid USCF ID will be given a zero-point bye for round 1

Prizes:

- Awards for top 10 players in each section
- Medal for top unrated player in each section
- Trophies for top 2 teams in each section

Other Notes:

- **Byes:** Up to 2 half-point byes may be requested until 30 minutes before round 1. All byes requested during the event will be for zero points
- **Electronic Devices:** Players should have no electronic devices on their person while playing their games.

For more info, contact Adam Johnson at (615) 714-6625 or adamjohnsonchess@gmail.com

Name: _____ School: _____ Grade _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____ USCF _____

Section: K-3rd 4th-6th 7th-12th

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3rd- \$20

2026
cumberland county chess club
HALL OF FAME OPEN

A Tournament Memorializing our Most Integral Members Since 1973.

Saturday, April 18

\$2,000 **PRIZE FUND**
guaranteed by 64 entries,
proportionately scaled down otherwise

Open Section		Reserve Section (U1600)		Novice Section (U1000)	
1st	\$400	1st	\$200	1st	\$100
2nd	\$300	2nd	\$150	2nd	\$50
3rd	\$200	3rd	\$100	3rd	\$50
Top Expert	\$100	Top Class D	\$50	Top Unrated	\$50
Top Class A	\$100	Top Class E	\$50	(limited register for limited prize pool)	
Top Class B	\$100			Medals to all Scholastic Players in Top 10	

Entry Fee: \$30 online or early; \$40 on site.
GMs/IMs free entry, \$30 deducted
from any prize.
US Chess membership required for
all sections.
TCA membership required for TN
residents for all sections.

Format: 4 rounds - Swiss System

Time Control: G/45 + 10

Rounds: 9:00am, 11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:15pm

*All Times in Central Time

Event Location: Cumberland County
Community Complex, 1398 Livingston Rd,
Crossville, TN, 38555

Organizer Website:

www.facebook.com/cumberlandcountychessclub

Contact:

William Flynn
(931)-200-0875
cumberlandcountychessclub@gmail.com

Registration Info

Register online at reg4chess.com
or email cumberlandcountychessclub@gmail.com
on-site registration ends at 8:30am

**Players may not play up unless they
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2 Sections:
Unrated
Open, USCF-rated



2026 Tennessee All-Girls Scholastic Chess Championship

To Determine the State Champion for Girls 12th grade and under

Saturday, April 25, 2026 9:00 AM CST



**Tennessee
Chess
Association**

*Hosted by: The Nashville Chess Center
2911 Belmont Blvd.
Nashville, TN 37212*



Championship Section K-12th Grade

Open to All TN Girls 12th Grade and Under

Winner - Title of TN All-Girls State Champion and Invitation to be Tennessee's

Representative at the Haring National Girls Tournament at the

2026 US Open in Grand Rapid, Michigan

1st – 5th Place: Trophies

6th - 10th Place: Medals



Competition Section K-6th Grade

Open to All TN Girls 6th grade and Under

1st – 5th Place: Trophies

6th - 10th Place: Medals

Primary Section K-3rd Grade

Open to All TN Girls 3rd grade and Under

1st – 5th Place: Trophies

6th - 10th Place: Medals

Format - 4 Round Swiss. Time Control G/60 d5

Schedule - Registration and Check-in is from 8:00-8:45am. Round 1 begins at 9:00am. Any registered players not checked in by 8:45 will not be paired for the first round and may receive a half-point bye. Subsequent rounds will follow as each round finishes. Bring your lunch and snacks. Lunch break contingent on actual length of rounds.

Tie-Breaks - Modified Median, Solkoff, Cumulative in that order. In the case of a tie for first place, there will be a playoff game w/ time control: G/10 d5.

Current US Chess & TCA Membership required for all players. Join at www.tnchess.us (\$10) and www.uschess.org. May purchase memberships at site (No venmo)

Register - Only open to Tennessee Girls K-12. Entry Fee \$25.00 if postmarked by April 17

Or online at tnchess.us thru April 23. \$35 entry fee at site. (No venmo).

Mail entry form below. Make checks payable to Tennessee Chess Association.

Questions – Chris Prosser - Email regioniii@aol.com or call 615-426-7105

2024 TENNESSEE ALL-GIRLS STATE SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Grade: _____

US Chess ID #: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ School: _____ Birthdate: _____

Circle Section: Champ. K-12 Comp. K-6 Primary K-3 Entry Fee: \$ _____ TCA Dues: \$ _____

Mail to: Chris Prosser 733 Long Hunter Ct. Nashville, TN 37217

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2026 Murfreesboro Open

Saturday, May 16, 2026

**** 1st 3 Titled Players Play for Free ****

Site: First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 907 E. Main St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130. (Parking via Bilbro Ave.)

5SS: Rd. 1, G/25;d5 Rds. 2-3, G/45;d5, Rds. 4-5, G/60;d5.

Open Section: \$650 in prizes based on 30 entries, \$170 1st, \$95 2nd, Class Prizes X, A, B, C, D, E/below each \$60, Unr. Medallion & \$25. *Keeping with tradition, above 30 players, additional prizes may be added and/or increased.

Rounds: 9, 10:15, 12:15, 2:00, 4:15 Schedule subject to change.

Registration: 7:30am - 8:45am (accepting cash or checks at the door).

EF: \$30 with check or money order if received by 05/13, else \$40 cash or check at site. Or, \$33 PayPal by 05/13 via <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/mborochessclub> Includes a \$3.00 service fee. Murfreesboro Chess Club Members \$5 off.

****Titled Players:** The first 3 pre-registered and confirmed Titled Players (NM +) will play for free, with \$30 being deducted from any awarded prize(s) over \$75.

Bye: Only one half point bye is available per player, for any round if requested before Rd. 1.

Note: Sets, clocks and score sheets are provided.

Early Entries: Mail check or money order to: Chris Prosser (TD), 733 Long Hunter Ct., Nashville, TN 37217

More Info:

murfreesborochess@gmail.com,
murfreesborochess.weebly.com/

TD: Regioniii@aol.com

TD: (615) 426-7105

TN Senior Open

2026 Tennessee Senior Open Chess Tournament

May 29-31

\$500 *Guaranteed* \$500

The top finishing Tennessee resident will be invited to
the National Senior Tournament of Champions

*A Champion's Stipend of \$500 will be provided for the winner to help cover expenses if they attend the NSToC.

Prizes & Plaques:

1st Place \$150
+\$500*
2nd Place \$100
3rd Place \$100

Prizes:

Top Class A/B \$50
Top Class C/D \$50
Top Class E/Below \$50

Plaques:

Top Age 60-69,
Top 70-79,
*All Plaques TN residents only

Entry Fee: \$30 if online or early,
\$40 on site.
GMs/IMs free entry, \$30 deducted from prize.

US Chess membership required.
TCA membership required for TN
residents.
Must be 50 years or older to enter.

Format: 5 rounds - Swiss System
One section; two schedule options.
1/2pt Bys available for one and only
one round if requested at or before
registration

Time Control: Game/120; d5

On Site Registration: Friday; 2-3:30pm,
Saturday; 8-9:30am Central Time

Rounds 3-Day: Friday 4:00pm, Saturday 10:00am, 4:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, 2:00pm

Rounds 2-Day: Saturday 10:00am & 1:00pm (merges with 3 day for rounds 3-5)

*first 2 rounds of 2-Day will be played at a time control of g/60; d5

Send entries to:

William Flynn (931)-200-0875
85 Burnett St
Crossville TN 38555

cumberlandcountychessclub@gmail.com

or online at reg4chess.com
**preferred*

Event Location: Fair Park Senior Center,
1433 Livingston Rd, Crossville TN, 38555

Tie Breaker of G10; d5 if necessary to determine NSToC representative.



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