

2026 Susan E. Kantor Tennessee State Scholastic Individual Chess Tournament

(Open to Tennessee Students or Residents Only)



**Tennessee
Chess
Association**

October 31st

November 7th

October 24th

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Region 1

L&N STEM Academy
800 World's Fair Park Dr
Knoxville, TN 37902

Region 2

Cleveland Middle School
3635 Georgetown Rd NW
Cleveland, TN 37312

Region 3

Lighthouse Christian School
5100 Blue Hold Rd
Nashville, TN 37013

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) Ashley

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 on-site.

Pre-register online at tnchess.us

ENTRIES BY MAIL SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO YOUR REGIONAL COORDINATOR (See Counties)

If you plan to mail your entry please discuss deadlines for entry with your coordinator.

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

2026 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 21, 2026

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 18th.

National Invitationals: The top players in the sections below will be invited to represent Tennessee in the
Tournament of Champions at the 2027 U.S. Open Invitationals August 2-8th, 2027 in Dallas, TX

- 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
- Primary Champion: The GM Maurice Ashley Tournament of Primary 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