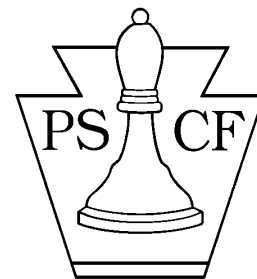


Instructions for Players, Parents and Coaches



Dear Chess Players and Parents in the Pennsylvania Online Scholastic Chess Challenge,

We know your child/children are excited to play in the upcoming tournament.

This is going to be a long document, but every topic is vital for you to read, and for you to go over with your child/children in advance of the tournament. Please do not wait until the day of the tournament to read everything as it is important to read it in advance of the tournament.

Online chess tournaments require a little more explanation and diligence before the event begins.

Warm Up Event And Tournament Username and Password

Your child will log in using a specific ChessKid Username and Password that is created just for this tournament and Warm-Up Event. It will be shared with you a few days prior to the warm up event.

If you use ChessKid regularly, that account will not be in use for this event. Do not use any other account for this warm up event and tournament other than that which will be sent to you. The same username/password will work for both the warm up event and tournament.

Tournament Details

All games will begin at 10am Eastern on Saturday, May 22, 2021. Please log into ChessKid.Com by 9:45am Eastern. Time control is 25 minutes plus a 5-second increment. The tournament is 5 rounds. There is no elimination as participants will play all rounds.

Fair Play

Fair play will be taken very seriously. Every single game of the event will be subject to review by ChessKid's industry-leading fair play measures. If a player has violated them, he/she will be removed from the tournament, all games will be declared lost, no refunds will be given, and possible further action can be taken. Parents, your role as stewards of proper behavior is vital we greatly encourage you to have a talk with your child about this before the event.

A reminder of things that are not allowed when playing online chess: No computer assistance, no human assistance, no watching the live stream, no tablebases, no databases, no books, no notes, no pastgames or scorebooks, no use of a second chess set to analyze variations. In addition, no other programs of any kind are allowed to be open on your child's computer, and only one browser tab is allowed to be open. If other tabs or programs are found to be opened, this constitutes a "technical violation" and your child will also be removed from the tournament and all games declared lost.

Being on Zoom is not necessary for this tournament.

By playing in this tournament, you are agreeing to all of these fair play rules, and you also agree to accept the final conclusions ChessKid renders about fair play.

Here's a video from FunMasterMike reminding kids that honesty and integrity are part of being a good chess player:

<https://youtu.be/G5KaxBW7rIU>

Recommended ChessKid Equipment to Avoid Connection Issues

- Strong WiFi (or even better, a wired connection)
 - Use Chrome or Firefox as your browser
 - Clear your cache before the tournament
 - Use a laptop/desktop instead of a chromebook, iPad, or phone
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Joining the Warm Up Event and the Tournament on ChessKid

Most importantly, please show up early!

- Log into ChessKid.Com using the tournament username listed that will be sent to you. If you have a different ChessKid Username that you normally use, it will NOT work for this tournament
 - Click on Play -> Play vs. Kid
 - Click on your tournament section on the right
 - Click “JOIN”. The “JOIN” button will appear 30 minutes before the tournament starts
 - Stay on this page and your game will start automatically between 10:00am-10:03am when the tournament begins
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Joining the Warm Up Event on ChessKid

There will be a warm up event at 10am on Saturday, May 15th. This event is optional but encouraged. The warm up event is 4 rounds and has a time control of 8 minutes with a 1 second increment. There are no awards for the warm up event as its main purpose is to practice playing chess on ChessKid, ensure your tournament login works, learn how to join a tournament on ChessKid, and troubleshoot any issues before the real tournament.

- Log into ChessKid.Com using the tournament username that will be emailed to you. If you have a different ChessKid Username that you normally use, it will NOT work for this tournament. You will use the same login for the warm up event that you will use for the actual tournament.
 - Click on Play -> Play vs. Kid
 - Click on your tournament section on the right
 - Click “JOIN”. The “JOIN” button will appear 30 minutes before the tournament starts
 - Stay on this page and your game will start automatically between 10:00am-10:03am Eastern when the warm up event begins
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Live Help Desk During the Tournament

ChessKid staff will be available starting at 9am Eastern on Saturday, May 22nd to assist you with any questions or issues. For any questions day of event, please ask them here as opposed to sending an email. Please note that the Slack Help Desk will not be staffed for the warm-up event

The link to the Slack Help Desk will be shared with you with your ChessKid Username/Password.

For quickest assistance, please change your Slack Display Name to your child's ChessKid username.

When Your Game is Over

If you finish your game early, you might be tempted to leave the tournament screen. Do not exit out of the tournament until the completion of all rounds!

Do not leave the tournament lobby, play puzzles, or play other Fast Chess games, or you risk not being paired for the next round, or automatic tournament removal.

When your game is over, you may go to the other Player's Game. To do this, go into observation mode (binoculars icon) and watch any remaining games so that you'll have a good idea of when the next round is about to start.

This tournament lobby also shows the number of games remaining, which should give you a good idea how long until the next round begins. Do not exit out of the tournament until the completion of all the rounds!

There will be a 5 minute break between the last game of your section completing and the beginning of your next round. Do not match other opponents. Your game will start automatically.

When your last game is completed, you may leave ChessKid. Final results will be shared once all full play can be reviewed for games played.

Troubleshooting

- If you are using a browser other than Chrome or Firefox, ChessKid highly recommends that you switch browsers. ChessKid tournaments work best on Chrome or Firefox
- If you are using a phone, iPad, or Chromebook, ChessKid highly recommends using a computer or laptop instead
- If your username/password doesn't work, please email Mark@ChessKid.com or ask in the Slack Help Desk. Please note that the Slack Help Desk opens 60 minutes before the tournament begins.
- If the Club on ChessKid says that you need to be given permission or an Admin needs to give you access, please make sure you are logged in with the Tournament ID above and not a different ChessKid Account.
- If you do not see a "Join" button for the tournament, please make sure you are using a Chrome or Firefox browser. Computers and laptops are highly recommended over chromebooks, iPads, or phones. Clear your cache and refresh the page.
- If your game freezes during the game, please refresh your page to see if that solves the problem
- It is highly recommended that you clear your cache before the tournament begins

Chess.com/ChessKid – Fair Play Agreement for Tournament Participants

By signing up for this tournament, you agree to the fair play terms set up by ChessKid and Tournament organizers. Fair play is taken VERY SERIOUSLY. Every single game of the event will be subject to review by Chess.com/ChessKid's industry-leading fair play measures. If a player has violated them, he/she will be removed from the tournament, all games may be declared lost, no refunds will given, and possible further action taken for future tournaments. Parents, your role as stewards of proper behavior is vital. The following things are not allowed while playing online chess tournaments:

- Only one browser tab is allowed to be open while games are being played. If other tabs or programs are found to be opened, this constitutes a technical violation.
- No computer assistance
- No human assistance
- No watching the live stream
- No tablebases
- No databases
- No books or notes
- No past games or scorebooks
- No use of a physical chess set to analyze variations
- Players are encouraged to have good sportsmanship! Bad sportsmanship can include constantly offering a draw after every move, refusing to move when there is mate in one, or spamming your opponent with too many chat messages. Offering them Good Luck before the game is accepted.

Please keep in mind also that all mouse slips, accidental resignations or draw offers, and internet stability issues all count as they happen. Players are not allowed any recourse for these events. If you disconnect because of an internet issue, you do have time to reconnect for as long as the game has time left on the clock. Your game will not be lost by the server.

By playing in this tournament, you are agreeing to all of these fair play rules. You are allowed to appeal any ruling. However, once ChessKid conducts an appeal and gives an appellate ruling, you agree to accept that conclusion. There will not be any further appeal or discussion beyond that.