

# **3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Hope Elementary Chess Tournament**

## **February 22, 2020: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM**

### **at Bob Hope Elementary School**

**3022 Reforma Drive, San Antonio, TX 78211**

This five-round scholastic chess tournament (G/30;d5) has 6 rated sections for USCF members (or JTP). USCF membership or free Junior Tournament Player (JTP) can be added at registration. All players play all five games.

### **Sections: Grades and Ratings**

- Grades 4-12 Champ (hardest)
- Grades 4-12 U900/New HS
- Grades 6-8 U600/New MS
- Grades 4-5 U600/New ES
- Grades PK-3 Any – JTP allowed
- Grades PK-3 U400/New PS – JTP allowed (easiest)

Sections are divided both by school grade and by USCF rating to enable more competitive pairings: U### in the section name means ratings under the given number. Ratings for section placement will use the USCF's official ratings for tournaments in February, which USCF creates the third Wednesday in January. Previously unrated players (less than 4 rated games) are considered "new." Unrated (new) players may play in any section their school grade allows, but the lowest ratings are recommended (see sections labeled "new"). Chess notation is required in all sections except the two sections for grades PK-3 only. A time penalty may be imposed in other sections for failure to take notation. All sections use G/30;d5 time control: 30 minutes with 5 second delay per side. Players should bring chess clocks if they have them: no clocks are provided except at the end of the rounds. Clocks required if opponent brings one. Small sections may be merged or invite adults. Large sections may be split.

### **Prizes**

Each section offers individual trophies and medals while team trophies are offered across sections. Individual awards go to section winners. Team awards are based on the top four scores (minimum 2) in each of four grade groups, which are High School (HS, 9-12), Middle School (MS, 6-8), Elementary (ES, 4-5), and Primary (PS, PK-3). Players' scores from the same team (same school and grade group) are added across sections. Adult players (if any) are ineligible for prizes. District competitions based on top eight players (min 2) are for bragging rights only.

### **Schedule**

8:00 AM Doors open

8:30 AM On-site registration opens if space available (no check-in required if prepaid)

9:00 AM Close of registration and problem desk

9:30 AM Round 1 starts (earlier if possible); each round is one game for each player

Subsequent rounds will follow as soon as possible, approximately 75 to 90 minutes total for each round. All players play all five games (no elimination). No break for lunch. Awards will be presented at the end (before 5:00PM).

### **Registration (limited to first 200)**

Registration and payment are available at <http://homemail.org/chesstournaments> : maximum of 200 players total. Register through the website and prepay by February 20 via PayPal (using the web-page button) for the \$15 price; \$20 thereafter. Additional costs for annual USCF memberships may apply. Registrations without payments may be deleted to make room for other players. If space is available, on-site registration and/or payment is \$20 via cash only. Last day to request a refund is Thursday, February 20. Payments after February 20 may receive a half-point bye in the first round. Self-serve section changes (on website) are allowed anytime before first round is paired. Profits will support the Bob Hope Chess team.

### **Facilities**

Please bring chairs and things to do between games. We have tables, chairs, and chess sets for tournament games, but not for the waiting areas. No public WiFi will be available, so plan to bring a hot spot and/or use cellular data for Internet activities. There will be food for sale (concessions) all day long. Due to parking limitations, only the first 200 players will be allowed to register and play.