



2014 Georgia Open Collegiate Team Chess Championship

The Georgia Chess Association (GCA) is sponsoring the annual Georgia open college team championship at Emory University on Saturday, February 22, 2014. Our location in Winship Ballroom in the Dobbs University Center (DUC) comes thanks to the support of the Emory University Chess Club. Recent participants have included Emory, Georgia Tech, University of Georgia, Berry, Albany State, Mercer, Agnes Scott, Elon (NC) and Clemson University (SC). This event is appropriate for all skill levels.

College Tournament Basics: 4-board team format, not USCF rated, G/45 time control (each player has 45 minutes), 4-round Swiss System pairings (all teams play four rounds), first round pairings posted at 9am, round times 10-12-2-4, awards ASAP.

Entry Fee: \$60 per college team. **Registration and payment deadline is Wednesday, February 19, 2014. No on-site registration or payment.** Early communication by participants will assist in planning and is appreciated.

PLEASE READ INFORMATION BELOW THOROUGHLY

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Emory University, Winship Ballroom, DUC – Saturday, February 22, 2014
College Team Registration Form: 4-Board Team Format

Purpose. This form is designed for college student teams entering the Georgia Collegiate Team Chess Championships. This event is organized in 4-board team format. Colleges and universities outside Georgia are welcome, however the highest placing Georgia school will be designated Georgia State Champion. Please read this form carefully, as well as other rules and guidelines posted on the GCA website calendar at www.GeorgiaChess.org

College Team: _____

Address: _____

Coach / Captain: _____ Email: _____

Team Roster. A school team can consist of 4 to 6 registered players (4 minimum), although only 4 can play in any one round. Second or "B" teams can also be entered. All of these players should be ranked below in order of playing strength. This ranking will remain constant during the tournament and will strictly govern which board position the player is assigned in a given round.

Full Name; College Year; USCF Rating (if available)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Deadline for registration and payment is Wednesday, February 19, 2014. NO ONSITE REGISTRATION. Entry Fee is \$60 per college team. Food options are available both in the Dobbs University Center and at nearby Cox Hall. USCF membership not required.

Online registration and fee payment is preferred at www.GeorgiaChess.org. Otherwise, mail-in registration and payment by check (payable to GCA) can be coordinated with GCA Contact: Ted Wieber, 770-476-5659, trw52@aol.com.

Winship Ballroom is centrally located on the Emory campus in the Dobbs University Center (DUC). Directions and parking information will be provided to those teams registering.

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4-Board Format

Guidelines for Coaches / Team Captains

The 4-board team format is designed to match a rank ordered group of players from one school against a ranked group from an opposing school. The players are ranked 1 through 4 according to actual playing strength. There is an allowance for alternate or substitute players (a maximum of two extra players can be registered for a total of six), in which case they must be ranked relative to the others, e.g., 1 through 6. In the event that two players are considered “equal” they should still be assigned consecutive rank numbers. These player rankings are set by the team coach or captain with registration and reviewed by the GCA before the tournament.

In a given match, two teams of four players will face off on 4 “boards.” The boards are designated numbers 1 through 4. The team that is assigned “white” for the match will play the white pieces on boards 1 and 3. The team that is assigned “black” will play the white pieces on boards 2 and 4. The strongest player from each team will play one another on the top board: “Board 1”. The second ranked player on each team will play on Board 2. The two next strongest players face off on Board 3, and so on. In the event of substitutions, the relative ranking of players must remain intact. For example:

If the top player on a team must leave for a round, the appropriate substitution is NOT to put substitute 5 or 6 on Board 1. Instead the players on Boards 2 through 4 should move up one board, and the substitute should be added on Board 4. In no case, should a lower ranked player be on a higher board than a player ranked above him.

If a college does enter multiple teams, all of its players on both teams should be ranked in order of relative playing strength. For example, if a school is bringing a total of 9 players comprising two teams, those players should clearly be ranked one through nine. The top four players will always compete on the A-team unless an illness or absence issue demands an alternate. Coaches or team captains should read the ranking guidelines carefully and freely consult with GCA officials.

Team wins will be determined at the end of each round by adding up points from wins, losses and draws on the four boards. For example, if a team wins on 2 of 4 boards, draws on a third board and loses on the fourth, then that college wins that match 2.5 to 1.5. The tiebreak system for team standings will be confirmed at the beginning of the competition but typically involve head-to-head results followed by the U.S. Amateur Team System.