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## SEPTEMBER 2011

25 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
University of Winnipeg

## OCTOBER 2011

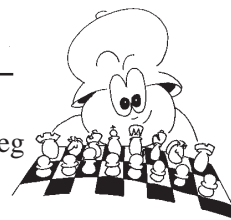
23 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
University of Winnipeg

## NOVEMBER 2011

6 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
University of Winnipeg

## DECEMBER 2011

4 Regular Scholastic  
University of Winnipeg



## JANUARY 2012

15 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
University of Winnipeg

## FEBRUARY 2012

5 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
University of Winnipeg

26 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
University of Winnipeg

**University of Winnipeg  
Lockhart Hall  
515 Portage Ave.  
Winnipeg, MB.  
Classroom 5L24 (5th floor)**

## APRIL 2012

15 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
University of Winnipeg

## MAY 2012

6 Regular Scholastic Tournament  
University of Winnipeg

# Manitoba Provincial

Everyone can enter the  
provincials directly !



**Grades 5 - 12:  
Sunday March 18**  
(University of Winnipeg)

**Grades 1 - 4:  
Sunday March 11**  
(Asper J. C. Center, 123 Doncaster)

- Early bird registration deadline  
for both tournaments: Feb. 26 : **\$20.00**
- Regular registration deadline  
for both tournaments: March 9: **\$30.00**
- Any registrations after the regular  
registration deadline for both tournaments  
(if we still have any room): **\$40.00**

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## What is the Chess'n Math Association?

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The Chess'n Math Association (CMA) is Canada's National Scholastic Chess Organization. A non-profit organization, our mission is to provide youngsters with the opportunities and resources necessary for developing their logical thought process through chess playing in a fun and structured environment. CMA, a world leader in the field offers many services for young people including tournaments, a National Scholastic rating system, lessons, a magazine, chess day camps etc. We also organize and sponsor National events such as the Canadian Chess Challenge and sponsor our top Canadian talents. CMA has coordinators in every province.

## What does Chess have to do with Math?

As a component of the math program "Challenging Mathematics", chess is used as a tool to develop problem-solving skills and concentration. This emphasis on problem-solving, not memorization, helps children develop logical thought processes. Results so far indicate that students taught with this new approach have an easier time with traditional math. Thirty countries around the world now use chess to develop thinking skills. Over 140,000 Canadian youngsters will be learning chess as part of their regular curriculum this year starting in grade 2. If you would like documentation to support the "chess in education" argument, contact the Chess'n Math Association.



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## TOURNAMENTS

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The only way to become a good player, whether we are talking about hockey or chess, is practice. At this stage of development, chess is 90% practice and 10% theory. The best practice is obtained by playing in a tournament. A complete calendar of our scholastic tournaments appears on the reverse side of this sheet. Our "Regular Scholastic Tournaments" are structured in such a way that any youngster who knows how to checkmate, will have fun. Students playing in their first tournament will play against other newcomers from their school grade. Normally a youngster is placed in a 6-player group and plays 1 game against each of the other players (a total of 5 games). At the end, there is a medal for the winner of each 6-player group as well as ribbons for second and third. Everyone receives a participation award. After a youngster plays in a tournament he will receive a rating and will play in future events according to rating. Ratings are updated every Friday at our web site.

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## RATINGS

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A rating is a numerical evaluation of a player's playing strength. The higher the number, the better the player. The highest rated player in the world Garry Kasparov is rated around 2800. A youngster in grade 1 who has just learned how to play would be rated around 200. A rating goes up and down depending on a performance at a rated competition. All Chess'n Math tournaments are rated and ratings appear in the magazine Scholar's Mate. It takes approximately 25 games for a rating to accurately reflect the playing strength of a player. Schools should contact us about rating their events.

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## REGULAR SCHOLASTIC TOURNAMENTS

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For students from Kindergarten to grade 12. Students play against players from the same grade. Those with ratings play according to rating. The tournament lasts about 3 hours for most students. **Prizes:** All participants take home a souvenir. Special prize for the winner of each section. Tournaments are rated.

**Entry Fee:** The first 3 tournaments entered of the school year are \$15 each. The last 6 tournaments entered of the school year are \$10 each. **Registration:** 12:15pm to 12:45pm

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## SCHOLAR'S MATE

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Scholar's Mate is Canada's English language chess magazine for kids. It is published 5 times a year and is full of chess games, problems, puzzles, ratings, etc. Scholar's Mate is a free online magazine available on Chess'n Math web site. To subscribe, go to: [www.chess-math.org](http://www.chess-math.org) and look for Scholar's Mate link.

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## 24th CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE

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This is our National School Grade competition for grades 1 - 12. At the provincials, Manitoba will determine 12 champions (one in each grade) who will represent the province at the Nationals (May 20-21) at **Halifax, Nova Scotia.**

ONTHEINTERNET

[www.chess-math.org](http://www.chess-math.org)