



# ***CHESS TOURNAMENTS***

## ***2016-2017***



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For the past decade, Chess'N Math has offered monthly chess tournaments for kids and youth all across Ottawa. Our monthly tournaments are the best way for young players to improve their skills in semi-competitive environment, and also to meet chess fellow chess players from across the city. Our tournaments are open to all children up to the age of 16. While there are no formal rules on skill level, players should know about checkmate and stalemate before they begin playing in tournaments.

While the locations vary, tournaments are always held from 11am until 3:30pm. Registration happens from 11am to 12pm, and the tournament itself occurs from noon onwards. Make sure to show up well in advance of 12 noon, otherwise you risk being too late to get a spot!

Here is our schedule for the 2016-2017 year. To read more about the different kinds of tournaments we run throughout the year, see page 2.

### **2016-2017 CMA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

\*Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> – CMA Autumn Classic – Rideau High School (815 St Laurent Blvd)

\*Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – Grand Prix #1 – Rideau High School (815 St Laurent Blvd)

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – CMA Christmas Classic – Glebe Community Center (175 Third Ave)

Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – Grand Prix #2 – Glebe Community Center (175 Third Ave)

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – Regional Qualifier #1 for the Canadian Chess Challenge – Glebe Community Center (175 Third Ave)

Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – Regional Qualifier #2 for the Canadian Chess Challenge – Glebe Community Center (175 Third Ave)

Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – CMA Spring Classic – Glebe Community Center (175 Third Ave)

Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – CMA Grand Prix #3 – Glebe Community Center (175 Third Ave)

Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – CMA End of the Year Classic – Glebe Community Center (175 Third Ave)

*\*Tournaments are sponsored by the Priority Schools Initiative, see page 2 for more info.*

There are three types of tournaments that occur throughout the year:

**Classic Tournaments** were the first type of tournaments we introduced. They feature players paired by rating, medals awarded to the top finishers in each section, and everyone who registers is automatically entered in a draw for door prizes! The cost of these tournaments is \$20.

**The CMA Grand Prix** is a series of 3 individual tournaments. Like classic CMA tournaments, Grand Prix tournaments feature 5 rounds of rated chess competition (no knockouts!). Unlike normal tournaments however, the winners of the Grand Prix events are those who perform best across all 3 tournaments. Oh yeah, and Grand Prix tournaments feature 1000 dollar prize pool!!! (To be awarded in gift certificates for Strategy Games). Also unlike in classic tournaments, where players play against those of similar ratings, in Grand Prix events, players compete against other players in the same age group. Here are the age groupings:

Born 2009 or later – Under 8  
Born 2007 or 2008 – Under 10  
Born 2005 or 2006 – Under 12  
Born 2001 to 2002 – Under 16

In each section prizes are - 1st Prize: \$120 2nd Prize: \$50 3rd Prize: \$30. Bonus Prize: \$200 will be split among all players not finishing in the top 3 who score at least 7.5 points. Note: You may play in one, two or three of the tournaments, but your best chance to win a Gift Certificate will be to play in all three. You must score at least 7.5 points in total to qualify for a prize. The cost of these tournaments is \$25.

**The Canadian Chess Challenge** is a national event that occurs annually. This super-tournament is composed of three steps:

Regional Qualifiers → Provincial Championships → National Championships

In the regional qualifiers, the winners of each grade qualify to play in the next step: Provincials. The amount of qualifiers in any given grade is determined by the number of competitors in that grade. At least 1 winner will qualify from each grade level. Each tournament offers a chance to qualify for Provincials, so don't miss out! The cost of these tournaments is \$20.

*The Priority Schools Initiative is a component of the OCDSB's Community Use of Schools program. In accordance with the Initiative, players from the following schools will pay half-price for select tournaments: Bayshore, Cambridge Street, Carleton Heights, Charles H. Hulse, Connaught, Hawthorne, Pinecrest, Queen Mary, Regina Street, Rideau HS, Ridgemont HS, Robert E. Wilson, Viscount Alexander, W.E. Gowling, York Street. To read more about the Priority Schools Initiative please visit:*

<http://www.ocdsb.ca/com/involvement/cuos/Pages/PrioritySchools.aspx>