

**THE OMAHA CHESS COMMUNITY  
AND RIVER CITY ROUNDUP**

**PRESENT**

**THE FIRST MID WEST REGIONAL TEAM CHESS  
CHAMPIONSHIP**



**K-3, K-6, K-9, K-12 AND OPEN SECTIONS  
SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2011  
QWEST CENTER  
OMAHA, NE**

**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

**1. Invitation**

The Omaha Chess Community (OCC) and the River City Roundup (RCR) have the honor of inviting School Teams and Club Teams to participate in the **FIRST MIDWEST REGIONAL TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP** organized in Omaha, Nebraska September 24-25, 2011.

The mission of Ak-Sar-Ben's **River City Rodeo & Stock Show** is to celebrate the region's heritage. It benefits youth and families through its educational endeavors and scholarships. For more information, please see <http://www.rivercityrodeo.com>.

**2. Participation**

- 2.1. Any school or chess club may enter an unlimited number of Teams.
- 2.2. Team composition for the Team Tournament is four players from the same school or chess club and in the same category; any combination of boys and girls is possible.

Teams may bring an alternate player. The tournament will be organized in 5 categories according to § 2.4. The Organizing Committee will determine which categories may be combined or subdivided depending on the number of entries. Each category will receive awards, regardless of combination or subdivision.

- 2.3. Each team shall have one Head of Delegation (teacher or coach or captain).
- 2.4. Entitled to participate are players who are in:
  - K-3 (Kindergarten thru Third grade in 2011-12 academic year)
  - K-6 (Kindergarten thru Sixth grade in 2011-12 academic year)
  - K-9 (Kindergarten thru Ninth grade in 2011-12 academic year)
  - K-12 (Kindergarten thru High School in 2011-12 academic year)
  - Open (Adult players from chess clubs or corporate offices)
- 2.5. Home Schooled players are eligible to join a team or create a team.
- 2.6. If you have difficulty recruiting team members, please notify the Organizing Committee. We may be able to help. We hope to leave no chess player out of this event.
- 2.7. Alternates and substitutions on a team are permitted. Alternates may participate in any round if notice of the substitution is given to the pairing tournament director before pairings are posted for that round. Alternates may be invited to form ad hoc teams on site.
- 2.8. Teams must be prepared to provide documentation, confirmed by current school or other records of their eligibility to participate on their team.
- 2.9. USCF membership is required for all US participants. Memberships available on-site. Non-members may purchase (\$7 kids or \$12 adults) a single tournament-only membership or they may join the USCF. Players in the K-3 section do not need USCF membership unless they have already been a USCF member.

### **3. Entry - Registration fees**

- 3.1. Entry fee per team paid before June 1, 2011 is \$80
- 3.2. Entry fee per team paid before September 1, 2011 is \$100
- 3.3. Entry fee per team paid before September 15, 2011 is \$120
- 3.4. Trophies for late entries may be delayed. Please register early. **No on-site registrations.**
- 3.5. The team registration form must include the last name, first name and USCF ID number for each player. The team registration should also include the name and telephone/e-mail/fax number of the Delegation chief or team captain.

## 4. Accommodation - Playing Hall and Hotel Information

4.1. The playing halls are located at QWEST Center (<http://www.qwestcenter.com>)

455 N. 10th Street, Omaha, NE 68102  
Telephone: (402) 341-1500, Fax: (402) 991-1501

4.2. We have a limited number of host families who may be able to accommodate a team or some of its members during their stay in Omaha. First come, first served.

4.3. Players are otherwise responsible for their own accommodations. Some hotels provide shuttle service to the QWEST Center.

## 5. Playing schedule

### 5.1. K-3 Section – Game/30 with 5 seconds delay

Saturday (9/24/2011)

- Round 1 – 10:00 AM
- Round 2 – 11:15 AM
- Round 3 – 1:30 PM

Sunday (9/25/2011)

- Round 4 – 10:00 AM
- Round 5 – 11:15 AM
- Awards Ceremony 12:30 PM

### 5.2. K-6, K-9, K-12, Open Sections – Game/60 with 5 seconds delay

Saturday (9/24/2011)

- Round 1 – 10:00 AM
- Round 2 – 1:00 PM
- Round 3 – 3:30 PM

Sunday (9/25/2011)

- Round 4 – 10:00 AM
- Round 5 – 1:00 PM
- Awards Ceremony 3:30 PM

## 6. Rules and Regulations

6.1 The tournament will be played according to the Swiss System in 5 rounds. September USCF ratings will be taken into consideration for the pairings.

6.2 Board order will be based on the rating order. First board starts with the highest rated in the team.

6.3 The first place team in each category will be the Midwest Regional Team Champion for 2011.

6.4 Team-winners of the First, Second and Third places in each category will be awarded a team trophy and four members of the each such team will be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals respectively. Team trophies will be awarded to all teams.

6.5 The tournament results will be submitted to USCF for rating.

## **7. Side Events**

### **7.1. Adult/Youth Team Blitz Tournament (Friday 9/23/2011 Only)**

An adult (parent or coach aged 19 and above) may pair with a youth (18 or below) for this team event. This event will be a 4 round (or more than 4 rounds depending on the number of advance entries) team Swiss tournament with Game/5. No eliminations. Registration ends at 5:30 p.m. Round 1 will start at 6:00 p.m., with following rounds to start 10 minutes after completion of all games in the prior round. Trophies will be awarded for all teams in the top 20 places. Entry fee for this team event is \$25 until September 1, 2011 and \$40 thereafter. Late registrations may not be paired for Round 1 and may receive a no point bye for Round 1.

7.2 Other side events will be advertised on the event website or by email communication with the team's teacher/coach/captain.

## **8. Contact Organizing Committee**

### **Mike Gooch**

President – Omaha Chess Community

1004 South 131<sup>st</sup> Avenue

Omaha NE 68154

Phone – 402 333 0722

Email – [mdgooch@cox.net](mailto:mdgooch@cox.net)

On site announcements govern over this flyer. See the next page for the registration form. One form needs to be completed for each team. For more information refer [www.omahachess.org](http://www.omahachess.org). Return form with check made payable to Omaha Chess to Mike Gooch at the address above.

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School/Club:		Category:
Last Name	First Name	USCF ID
Head of Delegation:		
Contact Address (Please include email and phone number):		

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**K-6, K-9, K-12 and Open Sections – 5 RD Team Swiss, Game/60 with 5 seconds delay**

Rounds Saturday 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 3:30 PM. Sunday 10:00 AM, 1:00 PM

**Adult/Youth Team Section – 4 RD Team Swiss, Game/30 with 5 seconds delay**

Round 1 Friday 6:00 PM, following rounds 10 minutes after prior round

Trophies will be awarded for all teams in the top 20 places in each category.

Mail entries to **Mike Gooch**, 1004 South 131<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Omaha NE 68154

Questions: 402 333 0722 or [mdgooch@cox.net](mailto:mdgooch@cox.net). For more information, visit

[www.omahachess.org](http://www.omahachess.org).