



South Carolina Scholastic Chess Championships 2020

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Date: Saturday, February 29, 2020 SC Residents only

Location: Greenville County Square, 301 University Ridge, Greenville, SC 29607

Format: 5-Round Swiss System; T/C G/30, d5; HS & MS Rds 4 & 5 G/45, d5

Entry Fee: \$25 by February 27, 2020; \$35 after. Sets provided; bring a clock if you have one.

USCF membership required. Please bring your membership card.

Sections: High Sch (9th-12th gr); Middle Sch (6th-8th gr); Elementary Sch (K-5th gr); Primary (K-3rd gr)

Prizes:

1st-10th place trophies in each section.

1st-3rd place trophies to top teams in each section.

1st placers receive invitations & stipend for Denker (HS), Barber (MS), Rockefeller (K-5), and Haring (Girls) tournaments at US Open, August 2020, St. Louis, MO.

Top female eligible to receive G.R.I.T. award & stipend (see next page for details).

Please provide proof of SC residence.

Note: Primary K-3 is for new players; ambitious youngsters may play in K-5 for the Elementary Sch title.

Final Registration and Check-in 8:30 am – 9:45 am. Players must compete within their grade levels.

(Anyone not registered by 9:45 am will not be paired for the first round, but may play the remainder.)

Tournament Schedule

Round 1 10:00 - 11:00

Round 2 11:15 - 12:15

Lunch 12:15 - 1:15

Time Control: G30, d5 (HS & MS Rds 4,5: G/45, d5)

Round 3 1:15 - 2:15

Round 4 2:30 - 3:30 (HS & MS: 2:30 - 4:00)

Round 5 3:45 - 4:45 (HS & MS: 4:15 - 5:45)

ASAP: Awards and Closing Remarks

Tournament Director may adjust the schedule as needed. Restaurants are nearby.

 SC Scholastic Championships 2020 Registration Form

NAME _____ Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

USCF ID # _____ Expiration Date _____ Date of Birth _____

School _____ Grade _____ Section: 9th-12th gr, 6th-8th gr, K-5th gr, K-3rd gr (circle one)

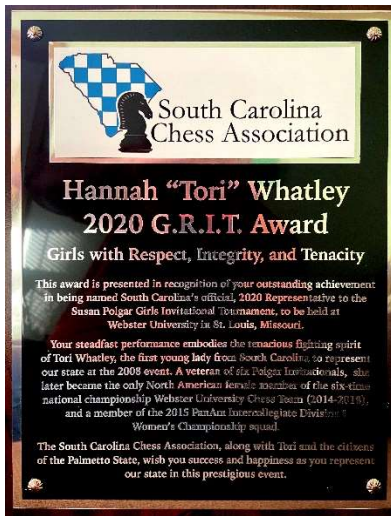
Please include \$25 entry fee. Make checks payable to Greenville Chess Club (\$35 after Feb 27).

I need a USCF membership: add \$25, all ages.

Mail to: Greenville Chess Club, 119 Northcliff Way, Greenville, SC 29617

Facebook: Greenville Chess Club – SC Contact: Gene Nix, 864-905-2406; eenixjr@yahoo.com

The 'Hannah "Tori" Whatley G.R.I.T. Award'



The 'Hannah "Tori" Whatley G.R.I.T. Award' is an award that is presented, each year, to the young lady who earns the honor of representing South Carolina at the Susan Polgar Girls Invitational tournament in St. Louis, Missouri. The tournament is a showcase of talented girls from around the country, competing for scholarships and prizes on the picturesque campus of Webster University.

The acronym G.R.I.T. stands for 'Girls with Respect, Integrity, and Tenacity', and the award is given in the spirit of recognizing the determination and perseverance exhibited by the award's namesake, and by chess-playing girls from all over our state.

The beautiful, 10" x 13" inscribed plaque the winner receives, is accompanied with a \$350 stipend to help with travel expenses.

Tori, an Edgefield county native, is an enduring young lady in South Carolina Chess history. From 2005 to 2014, she was often the lone, or one of only a handful of girls in any given state tournament. A veteran of six Polgar tournaments, she later became the only North American female member of the six-time national championship Webster University Chess Team (2014-2018), and a member of the 2015 Pan Am Intercollegiate Division I Women's Championship squad. Tori and her father, David (a former SC Chess Scholastic coordinator) are the driving force behind the Tori Whatley Chess Initiative (TWCI), which, provides the GRIT Award & stipend. They also provide free instruction to beginner chess players near their hometown of North Augusta, and make occasional donations of chess sets and books to libraries and schools in their area.