

Record Attendance at Florida State Scholastic Championship!

A record 1,111 students participated in the 2006 Florida State Scholastic Championship held March 25-26 in Miami, Florida. This was the largest State Championship in Florida history. The event was held in the roomy facilities of the Sheraton Miami Mart Hotel and Convention Center. The students competed in 11 divisions and when the smoke cleared University School of Nova 12th grader Brian Goldstein earned the title of Florida Scholastic Champion. The 7th seeded Brian, rated 2007, finished with a perfect 6-0 record and will be Florida's representative at the Denker Tournament of High School Champions. Eunice Rodriguez, 1703 rating, also from Nova, was the top girl in the K-12 Championship division with 4.5 points and earned the Polgar spot for the Sunshine State.

Here is the list of individual winners for all the divisions:

K-1 Miguel Angel Hernandez 6.0
K-3 Open Camile Kima 6.0
K-3 U600 Michael Masters 6.0
K-5 Open Andy Wang 6.0
K-5 U750 Robin Xu 6.0
K-5 Unrated Paul Massanat and Jeffrey Valencia 6.0
K-8 Open Dan K. Pham 6.0
K-8 U850 Gabriel Alvarez 6.0
K-8 Unrated William Gonzalez 6.0
K-12 Open Brian Goldstein 6.0
K-12 U1000 Manuel DeFreitas and Sean Moore 6.0

The winners in the team competition:

K-1 University School of Nova 15.5
K-3 Open Oak Hall School 16.5
K-3 U600 Olympia Heights Elementary School 18.0
K-5 Open Tampa Palms Elementary School 18.5
K-5 U750 Joseph Williams Elementary School 16.0
K-5 Unrated Melrose Elementary 19.5
K-8 Open Gulliver Preparatory School 18.0
K-8 U850 Rockway Middle School 21.0
K-8 Unrated Jose Marti Middle School 17.0
K-12 Open University School of Nova 19.0
K-12 U1000 Archbishop McCarthy High School 20.0

This record-breaking event was organized by the Florida Scholastic Chess League in cooperation with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and had the endorsement and support of the official USCF State Affiliate, the Florida Chess Association. Contact Jon Haskel at jon@bocachess.com.