



U. S. Chess Federation

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Hello parents, friends of players, & coaches,

Successful events involve the help of many good-hearted people. Running a successful national chess tournament is the same and we are looking for volunteers for this year's National High School (K-12) Championship in Kansas City, Missouri. Chess knowledge is not needed for many of the positions just a desire to serve. Here is what we need help with:

On Thursday, April 12:

Board Set-up - If you are in town and would like to lend a hand for three to four hours we need help setting up boards in the tournament area.

Trophy Set-up - Like to get an early glimpse of this year's awards, you could assist in setting up the trophies.

On Friday morning, April 13:

Greeters: We are looking for a few friendly folk to help greet the participants and parents as they arrive.

National Anthem: Ever dream of playing or singing the National anthem at an opening ceremony. We are looking for someone or group who would enjoy this honor.

On Saturday morning, April 14:

Trophy Helper – Someone to help us hand out trophies to the Bughouse and Blitz winners.

During the tournament we need help in each round with the following:

Main Tournament Monitors – Assistants who will help our tournament directors in recording the results of the games.

Posting Results and Pairings – About 45 minutes before each round begins, we need three people who would like to aid us in posting pairings and results on big foam core boards and deliver them to their staging areas. So we can get the boards out in a timely fashion, this is a position we would like to have the same volunteers helping throughout the tournament.

Awards Ceremony Assistants - Help the players who have won trophies find the right seat and coordinate the movement of the kids during the awards presentation on Sunday. Everyone involved with this responsibility will be getting together Saturday evening for a short preparation meeting.

And finally during the last round:

We need help packing the boards and sets in boxes and handing out medallions to all our participants.

Please contact me if you're interested in helping out for one or more time periods at:

cscs-scholastic-chess@comcast.net !

Let me know what you would like to do and when you could assist. Also, please forward this message to any of your friends, colleagues or acquaintances that may be interested.

To show our appreciation for your time and effort, for every round you help out we would like to give you a meal coupon to be used at the food concession area.

Sincerely,

Tom Nelson
USCF Volunteer Coordinator