

Illinois K-8 Chess Championships (Individual and Team)

Below are specific requirements for this event. For general requirements, see “Illinois Chess Association Bid and Tournament Guidelines”

- **Date(s):** Usually in March.
- **Sections:** K-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8.
- **Number of Days:** 2
- **Number of Rounds:** Four on Saturday, three on Sunday. Fixed round times.
- **Bidding Deadline:** Usually March 1 of the year prior to the event. For the 2011 event, bids will be due on 3/27/2010.
- **Location:** Usually alternates between upstate and downstate in the opposite region from the All-Grade Championships in that academic year. Usually in the Chicago area in even years, and downstate in odd years.
- **Time Control:** For K-1 and 2-3 sections: G/30; for 4-5 at least G/45; for 6-12, at least G/60.
- **Typical Number of Entries:** Typically 500 - 700
- **Entry Fee:** Early entry fee has ranged from \$30-\$40.
- **ICA Revenue/membership requirement:** Tournament membership of \$1.50 per player, payable by the organizer to ICA within 30 days of the end of the tournament. Organizer will collect family email addresses for entrants and agrees to provide names of entrants and these email addresses to ICA within 30 days of the end of the tournament. Entry info can be supplied as original entry forms, copies of entry forms, copies of electronic entry lists, or some combination thereof.
- **Pre-registrations** shall be posted online and kept current.
- **Site:** Most commonly a school, park district, hotel or other public building.
- **Residency requirement:** Participants must be Illinois residents or attend an Illinois School. Teams must be Illinois schools.
- **Side-events:** Illinois K-8 Blitz Championship (unrated) and Illinois K-8 Bughouse Championship should be run the Friday evening before the tournament. Recommended entry fees are \$15 or less per blitz player; \$20 or less per bughouse team.
- **Books and equipment:** A bookstore/equipment vendor is strongly preferred.
- **Hotel:** A block of rooms should be set aside at nearby family-friendly/budget-friendly hotels or motels for Friday/Saturday night stays for out-of-town visitors to the tournament.
- **Prizes:** Trophies

Trophies should be of a size and quality to indicate that this is the official Illinois/USCF state championship event. This is particularly true for team awards, and for trophies for the top 10 winners in each section. Overall trophies should be larger or of a better quality than either “top in grade” or “top in class” trophies, since overall trophies are a higher award.

Individual awards:

- trophies to top 25 finishers in each section
- trophies to EITHER top two in grade in each section, or top two in two classes in each section

Team awards:

- Trophies to top 10 teams in each section

Note: These trophy quantities reflect an individual “winner ratio” of approximately 15-18 percent. In instances where attendance at this tournament is expected to be smaller than 650 players, the organizer may request permission from ICA to offer fewer trophies.