



**MCLS
Chess Battle**



**Four Chess Tournaments
presented by the
Monroe County Library System
<http://monroe.lib.mi.us>**

Dates and Library Branches:

Chess Battle #2 - Saturday, November 22, 2003, Ida Branch Library
Chess Battle #3 - Saturday, January 10, 2004, Frenchtown-Dixie Branch Library
Chess Battle #4 - Saturday, March 13, 2004, Dundee Branch Library
Chess Battle #5 - Saturday, May 8, 2004, Summerfield-Petersburg Branch Library

Eligibility: Open to players of all ages and abilities

Registration: Register in person at any Monroe County Library System branch during the dates shown on the other side of this sheet. Registration will close earlier if the maximum number of players has registered.

Late Registration: Players may register after the registration deadline up until the day of the tournament. However, they must check in during the late registration check-in period shown on the other side of this sheet. Players registering late may be able to play in the tournament only if they're needed to complete the number of players in any age group, and they'll be informed at the end of the regular check-in period if they'll be able to play.

Tournament Scheduling: See the other side of this sheet.

No-Shows: Players who register but don't play all scheduled games in a tournament (i.e., don't show up for the tournament, arrive late, or leave early) will be ineligible to participate in future tournaments. So, after registering, if you find you'll be unable to play, be considerate of the other players and phone one of the tournament organizers with your notice of withdrawal as soon as possible.

Guests: Your guests are allowed to watch the tournament away from the playing area but must maintain silence during each round. They are also welcome to visit the library during open hours. (Note that library hours and tournament hours may differ.)

Chess Sets: Each player should bring to the tournament an inexpensive chess set identified with his or her name. The chess board should be at least 10" square, and the pieces should be made of wood or plastic, weighted, and of the Staunton (usual) design. Although only half this number of chess sets will be needed, those sets best suited to the tournament will be used.

Pairings: Competitive divisions will be established based upon the ages and number of players registering, not upon any established player rating.

Matches: Each player will play the number of rounds shown on the other side of this sheet (lasting a maximum of thirty minutes per game), with a fifteen minute break between each round.

Certificates: Each player will receive a personalized certificate of participation. The top three winners in each division will receive a personalized award certificate.

Questions and Volunteers: If you have any questions about the tournament, or would like to volunteer to help, contact one of the tournament organizers. Volunteers are needed to help with such things as checking in players and serving as arbiters at the tournament. You can view any updated information about the tournaments at the website <http://www.geocities.com/CraniumGymnasium>.

Organizers:

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