

2019 Willow Open Chess Tournament

When: Saturday, January 12th, 2019
Where: Willow Springs High School Bears Den

Schedule:

Registration	9:00 – 9:30	Lunch	1:00 – 1:30
Round I	9:30 – 10:40	Round IV	1:30 – 2:40
Round II	10:45 – 11:55	Round V	2:45 – 3:55 (If necessary)
Round III	Noon – 1:10	Awards	4:00

Additional rounds in some/all sections will be played if time permits.

Divisions:

- A – High School Varsity – grades 9 through 12
- B – Junior High – grades 7 and 8
- C – Middle School, grades 5 and 6
- D – Elementary, grades 4 and below
- E – Adults – anyone can play

This tournament is open to any and all school-aged children. Participants should be accompanied by either a school coach/sponsor or an adult chaperon. **Each participant will play at least 4 games – in divisions with more than 24 participants each participant will play at least 5 games. Players are asked to take no longer than one minute to make a move. After one hour, games still in progress might be placed on a 5-minute clock, per the tournament director’s discretion. If the time expires, unless a checkmate can clearly be obtained within a few additional moves, a draw will be declared.**

Scoring: 1 point will be earned for a win, ½ pt for a draw, and 0 pts for a loss. 1 point of lesser value (for the software) will be given for byes. Overall winners will be determined by cumulative points. The chess pairing software **WinTD 4.11** will be used to break ties and determine places. Teammates will be paired together by software only if necessary.

Awards: Individual awards will be given for **1st through 10th places in all divisions.**

Team awards for **1st through 3rd places in each division** will also be given. The top 4 participants from each school will make up that school’s team and winning team members will receive medals or ribbons. **Participants do not have to be on a school team to compete in this tournament.**

Registration: The names of all contestants must be entered prior to the start of the tournament so it is extremely important that participant names along with the division they will be competing in (and their grade level) be sent to iacovlevs@wspsgs.com by **Wednesday December 12th**. Pre-registered schools may arrive at or before 9:20. **The registration fee of \$5 per participant can be paid the day of the tournament.** School or personal checks will need to be made out to **Willow Springs High School**. Unregistered participants who arrive after 9:30 am will not be entered into the first round of the tournament.

Each team and participant should bring regular sized chess sets if available and will be responsible for their own lunch. A concession stand will be available.

For more information, call Serghei Iacovlev at 417-252-1130.