

CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE



2004-2005

# Schoolkit

FOR NEWFOUNDLAND AND  
LABRADOR SCHOOLS

Welcome to the 2004-2005 edition of the Canadian Chess Challenge, Canada's National Scholastic Chess Championship. With this school kit you are now about to launch your students on the road to the Canadian Chess Challenge National Finals. The Nationals will be held in Ottawa, Ontario, May 22 and 23, 2005.

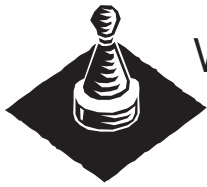
Before your students can be eligible to play in the National Finals, however, there are regional and provincial tournaments to be won.

Turn the pages for details!



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## WELCOME TO THE CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE

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The Canadian Chess Challenge is the official National Scholastic Chess Championship. The Chess'n Math Association has been involved in the Chess Challenge since its beginning and is again organizing the event nationally. The Challenge organization at the provincial level is provided by the Newfoundland and Labrador School Chess Association (NLSCA). For more information about our Provincial Association please visit our website at [www.chess.nl.ca](http://www.chess.nl.ca).

Teachers please note that while school tournaments are encouraged, they are now optional and all students are eligible to participate at the regional level. Participants at the regional level will be required to pay a \$10 registration fee. Those advancing to the provincial finals will be required to pay an additional \$10 fee at this level. All registered students will receive a participation certificate and will automatically become eligible for a chess set draw. At each level, all players are rated based on their performance which then updates their 'Scholastic Rating'. Medals will be awarded at the regional, provincial and national level.

Enclosed you will find a blank registration form which may be photocopied and filled in by the school with the names of participating students. Please mail the completed form(s), along with a cheque covering entry fees, made out to the order of:

The Newfoundland and Labrador School Chess Association (NLSCA)  
P.O. Box 13343, Station A,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland, A1B 4B7

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## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

### Regional Tournaments

**February 6, 2005 - February 28, 2005**

These regional tournaments determine who will attend the Provincial Championship. Regional tournaments will be held in Western, Central and Eastern Newfoundland and possibly Labrador. Specific dates, times and locations can be found on our website at [www.chess.nl.ca](http://www.chess.nl.ca).

### Provincial Championship

**March 19, 2005**

This tournament determines the provincial representatives to the National Finals. The tournament will be at Hatcher House at Memorial University, St. John's, NL.

### National Championship

**May 22-23, 2005**

The National Finals will be organized jointly by the Chess & Math Association and the NLSCA and will be held in Ottawa, Ontario.

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# ORGANIZING YOUR SCHOOL'S TOURNAMENT

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## *T*ournament System

As our objective again this year is to increase regional participation, we are not requiring school level qualifiers and so any student who wishes to participate in their regional tournament may do so. That said, schools are encouraged to hold a tournament prior to the regional events in order to give students the opportunity to experience tournament play and to gain a scholastic chess rating from the Chess'n Math Association. Information on ratings and running tournaments is available from the Newfoundland School Chess Association web site at [www.chess.nl.ca](http://www.chess.nl.ca).

For any school which chooses to conduct a school tournament we recommend that a round-robin approach be used to pair players. Round robin tables can be obtained directly from the 'Getting Help' page of from the Newfoundland School Chess Association web site at [www.chess.nl.ca](http://www.chess.nl.ca) or by contacting Bob Gregory by the means indicated below.

Participants should be grouped together by grade. If you have a large number of players in a particular grade, we suggest sub-dividing the players into sections of no more than six players per section, permitting round robin play within their section. If you have some idea of the relative strengths of the players, we recommend distributing the stronger players equally among each section created. With four or fewer players in a grade you might want to consider a double round-robin.

Regardless of whether students participate in school tournaments or not, all players participating at the regional level should have a good understanding of the game.

There is a \$10 registration fee for all players who participate in the Canadian Chess Challenge at the regional level.

## *R*egistration

Players attending the regional tournament MUST be registered with our association by January 31st, 2005. To do this, we ask that schools complete the attached form indicating, for each student, the student's name, grade, date of birth and the regional where the student will play. Send the completed form to Chris Dawson, the Provincial Coordinator with the Newfoundland and Labrador School Chess Association. The mailing address is NLSCA, Box 13343, Station A, St. John's, NL, A1B 4B7. The email address is NewfoundlandChess@yahoo.ca. The registration fees of \$10 per player will be collected at the door for both the regional and the provincial tournaments.

If you conduct a school tournament and would like this tournament to be "rated", keep a record of your round robin results and enclose these results with your player registration form for player attendance at the regional tournament.

*B*yes - To stimulate play at the regional level, any provincial grade champions from previous years must play at the regional level to keep their bye to the Provincial Championships.

If you have any questions or run into any problems with your tournaments please get in touch with our 'School Liaison' contact below;

Bob Gregory (709) 576-2139 (Home) E-mail: [iana.mah@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:iana.mah@nf.sympatico.ca)



## HERE'S WHAT TO DO

Here are the steps to follow to get your school involved in the 2004/2005 Canadian Chess Challenge:

BY JANUARY 31st, 2005 REGISTER ALL PLAYERS FROM YOUR SCHOOL WHO WILL BE ATTENDING A REGIONAL TOURNAMENT. Do this by contacting our Provincial Coordinator, Chris Dawson at the address below. This should be done by mail or email enclosing the registration form listing the players attending the regional tournament. Registration fees will be collected at the door for both the regional and provincial tournaments.

MAKE SURE THAT YOUR SCHOOL'S REPRESENTATIVES GET TO THE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT IN YOUR AREA. Notice of all regional tournaments will be posted on the Tournaments page of our web site [www.chess.nl.ca](http://www.chess.nl.ca). We will attempt to set up five regional tournaments - one for Labrador, one for Western Newfoundland, one for Central Newfoundland and two for the Avalon Peninsula. Players who live within reach of more than one regional may select which regional to attend. but no player will be allowed to play in more than one regional. So far, we have confirmed dates for the following regional tournaments:

- 👑 February 6th, 2005 (Sunday): St. Francis of Assis School, Outer Cove, (just outside St. John's). Registration opens at 12:00 noon and closes at 12:30 PM,
- 👑 February 19th, 2005 (Saturday): Cowan Heights Elementary School. St. John's Registration opens at 9:15 AM and closes at 9:45AM.
- 👑 February 26th, 2005 (Saturday): Sprucewood Academy, Grand Falls-Windsor. Starts 9:30 AM

IMPORTANT NOTE: Even though players are required to register for the Canadian Chess Challenge in advance, all players must nevertheless also register their arrival during the prescribed registration period on the day of the tournament in order to be included in the first round pairings.

Please ask your players to keep checking the NLSCA web site ([www.chess.nl.ca](http://www.chess.nl.ca)) for updated information. If you are interested in hosting a regional tournament in one of the above areas, contact our tournament coordinator Chris Dawson, at the number below to find out what's involved .

Finally, HAVE FUN! After all you are doing this for the benefit of your students.



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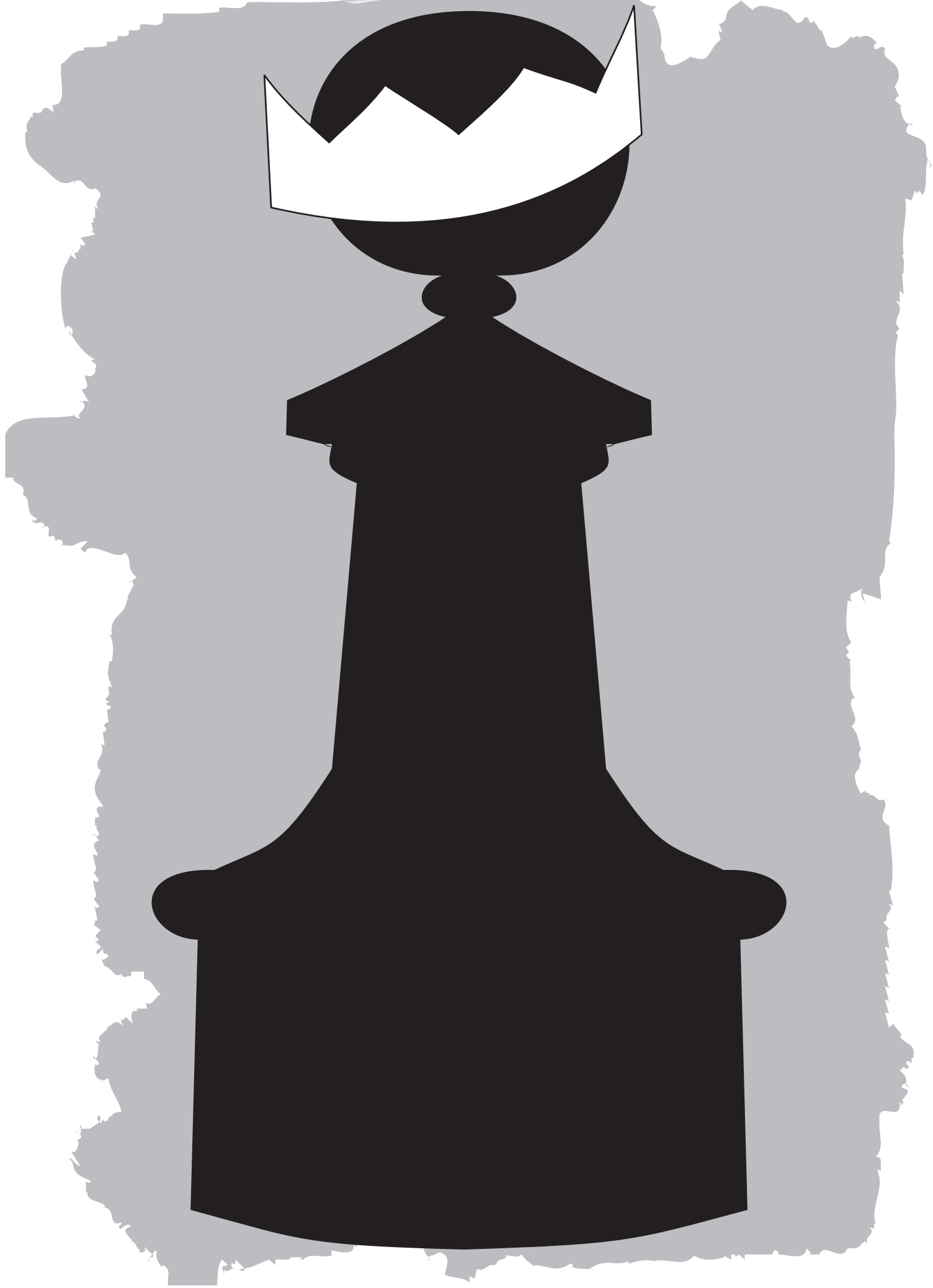
**National:** Larry Bevand, Chess'n Math Association, National Office  
3423 St. Denis Street, Montreal, Quebec, H2X 3L1  
(514) 845-8352  
Toronto Office: (416) 486-3395

**Provincial:** Chris Dawson, (709) 747-5217 (H)  
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Representatives from Grades 1 to 12 from participating schools play off to qualify for the Provincial Championships.

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### National Championship

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