

CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE



2005-2006

Schoolkit

FOR NEWFOUNDLAND AND
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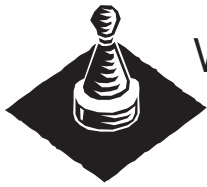
Welcome to the 2005-2006 edition of the Canadian Chess Challenge, Canada's National Scholastic Chess Championship. With this school kit you are now about to launch your students on the road to the Canadian Chess Challenge National Finals. The Nationals will be held in Moncton, New Brunswick, May 21 and 22, 2006.

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

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.

Teachers please note that, while school tournaments are encouraged because they allow participants to gain valuable tournament experience, they are 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,
NL A1B 4B7

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Regional Tournaments

February 4, 2006 - February 25, 2006

These regional tournaments determine who will attend the Provincial Championship. Regional tournaments will be held in Western, Central and Eastern Newfoundland and the Clarenville area. Specific dates, times and locations can be found on page 4 and on our website at www.chess.nl.ca.

Provincial Championship

March 18, 2006

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 21-22, 2006

The National Finals will be organized jointly by the Chess 'n Math Association and the NLSCA and will be held in Moncton, New Brunswick.



ORGANIZING YOUR SCHOOL'S TOURNAMENT

*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.

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 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, 2006. 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 1 3343, Station A, St. John's, NL, A1B 4B7. The email address is NewfoundlandChess@yahoo.ca.

If you conduct a school tournament you may wish to have the tournament "rated". To do this you should fill out the player information on a copy of the Player Registration Form (attached to this School Kit) and send it to the NLSCA along with a copy the results from each of the games played during the tournament. Please feel free to contact the NLSCA should you need help with any aspect of running a school 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



HERE'S WHAT TO DO

BY JANUARY 31st, 2006 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.nf.ca. We will set up five regional tournaments - one for Western Newfoundland, one for Central Newfoundland, one for the Clarenville area, one for Eastern Newfoundland and one for St. John's/Mount Pearl. 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. We have confirmed dates for the following regional tournaments:

- 🐎 February 4th, 2006: Sprucewood Academy, Grand-Falls Windsor. Starts at 9:30 AM.
- 🐎 February 5th, 2006: Mount Pearl Intermediate School, Ruth Avenue, Mount Pearl. Starts at 9:30 AM.
- 🐎 February 11th, 2006: St. Francis of Assisi Elementary School, Outer Cove, near St. John's. Starts at 9:30 AM.
- 🐎 February 12th, 2006: Balbo Elementary School, Shoal Harbour, near Clarenville. Starts at 10:30 AM.
- 🐎 February 25th, 2006: Templeton Academy, Corner Brook. Starts at 9:00 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.nf.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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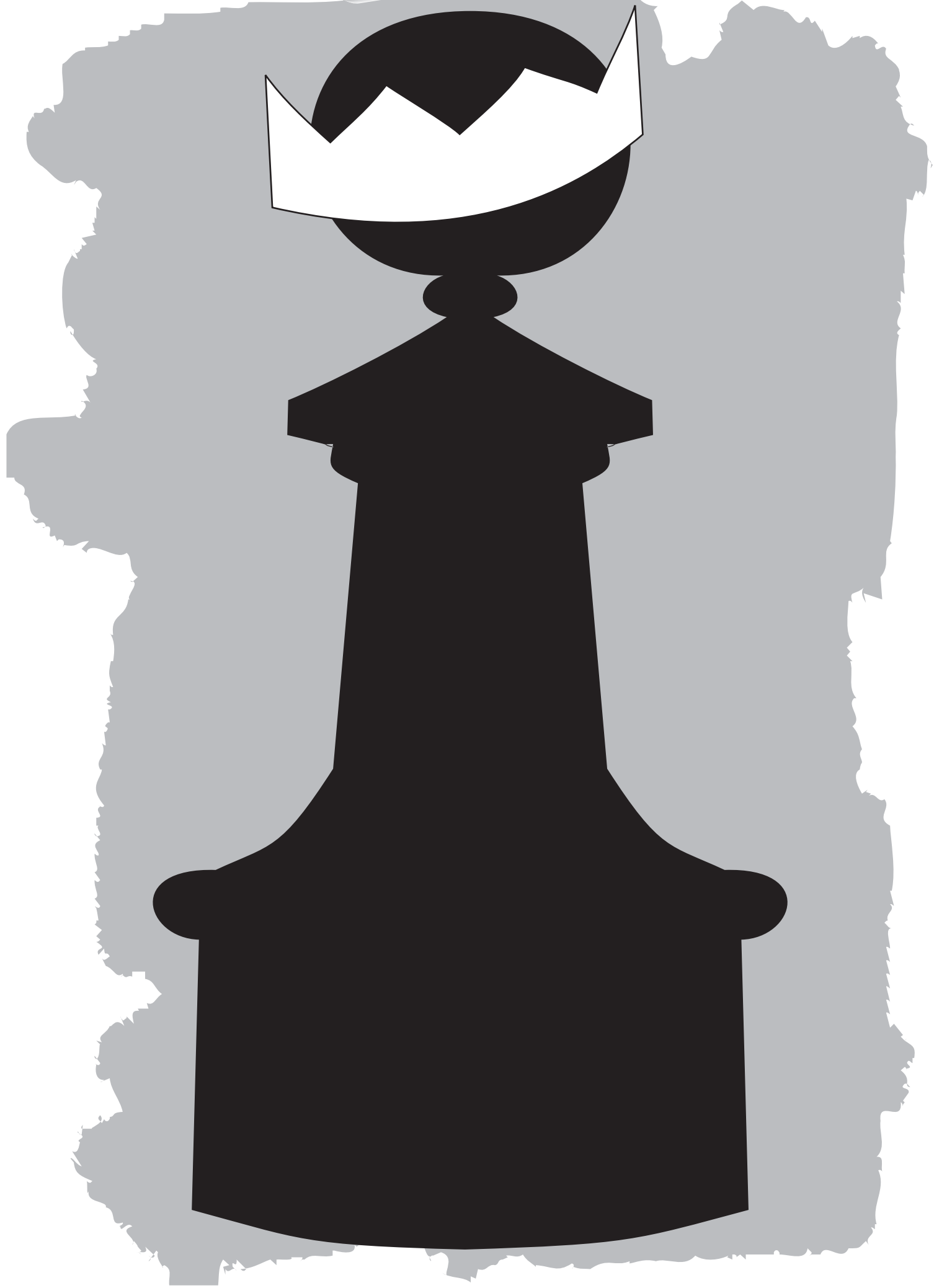
Coordinators

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