

CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE



2008-2009

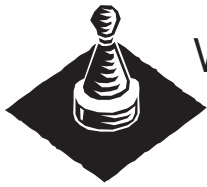
Schoolkit

FOR NEWFOUNDLAND AND
LABRADOR SCHOOLS

Welcome to the 2008-2009 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 Toronto, Ontario, May 23 and 24, 2009.

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

There are some changes this year so please turn the pages for details!



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 and club organizers 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. Note that players in ALL GRADES ARE REQUIRED TO PLAY IN REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS in order to qualify for the Provincial Final. The qualification formula will be similar to previous years. Please check the NLSCA web site (at www.chess.nl.ca) for details and the latest information updates. Once all the regional tournaments have been completed, the list of players eligible to play in the Provincial Final will be posted on the NLSCA web site.

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 2009

These regional tournaments determine who will attend the Provincial Championship. Regional tournaments will be held in Western, Central and Eastern Newfoundland and in 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 21, 2009

This tournament determines the provincial representatives to the National Finals. The tournament will be at St. Paul's Intermediate School in Gander, NL.

National Championship

May 23-24, 2009

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



CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE TOURNAMENTS

*T*ournament System

We no longer require school level qualifier tournaments and so any student who wishes to participate in a 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 that chooses to conduct a school tournament we recommend that a round-robin approach be used to pair players. Round robin tables can be obtained from the 'Getting Help' page of the Newfoundland School Chess Association web site at www.chess.nl.ca or by contacting Bob Gregory (see 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. Those players who advance to the provincial final will be required to pay an additional \$15 fee at that level when they register on the day of the Provincial Final. At all regional tournaments, medals will be awarded to the top three players in each grade. At the Provincial Final, trophies will be awarded to the top three players in each grade. The winner in each grade at the Provincial Final will be invited to play for the provincial team at the National Final. All registered players will receive a participation certificate and will automatically become eligible for a chess set draw. At each level, players' chess ratings will be adjusted based on their performance in each tournament.

*R*egistration

Players attending the regional tournament MUST be registered with our association by January 31st, 2009. 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.

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, all 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 'Club Liaison' contact below;

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



HERE'S WHAT TO DO

BY JANUARY 31st, 2009 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 for regional tournaments will be collected by the school or regional coordinators.

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 at least four regional tournaments - one for Western Newfoundland, one for Central Newfoundland, one for the Clarenville area and one for Eastern Newfoundland. 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 1st, 2009 at 10:30 AM: Balbo Elementary School, Shoal Harbour, near Clarenville.

February 7th, 2009 at 9:30 AM: Hatcher Hose, Memorial University, St. John's.

February 14th, 2009 at 9 AM: Elwood H. S., Deer Lake. Contact: d.hoover@nf.sympatico.ca

February 21st, 2009 at 9AM St. Paul's Intermediate, Gander. Contact: kdingwellmcarthy@nl.rogers.com

Please check the NLSCA web site at www.chess.nf.ca for the latest updates on the dates and locations of regional tournaments.

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 your area, please contact our tournament coordinator Chris Dawson, at the number below to find out what's involved .



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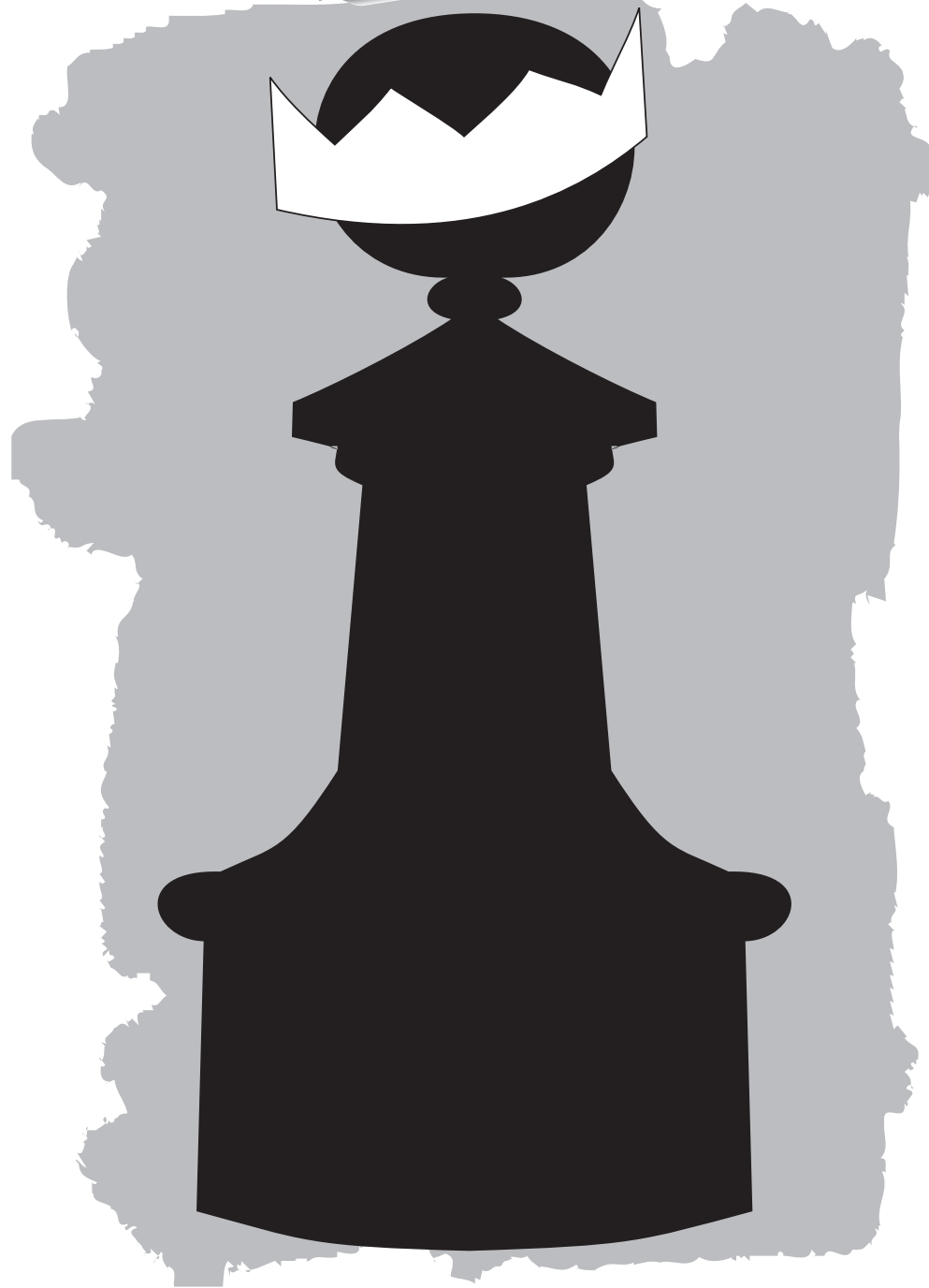
Coordinators	
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Provincial:	Chris Dawson, (709) 747-5217 (H) NLSCA P.O. Box 13343, Station A St. John's, A1B 4B7 Email: NewfoundlandChess@yahoo.ca



Chess'n Math Association
[Http://chess-math.org/](http://chess-math.org/)

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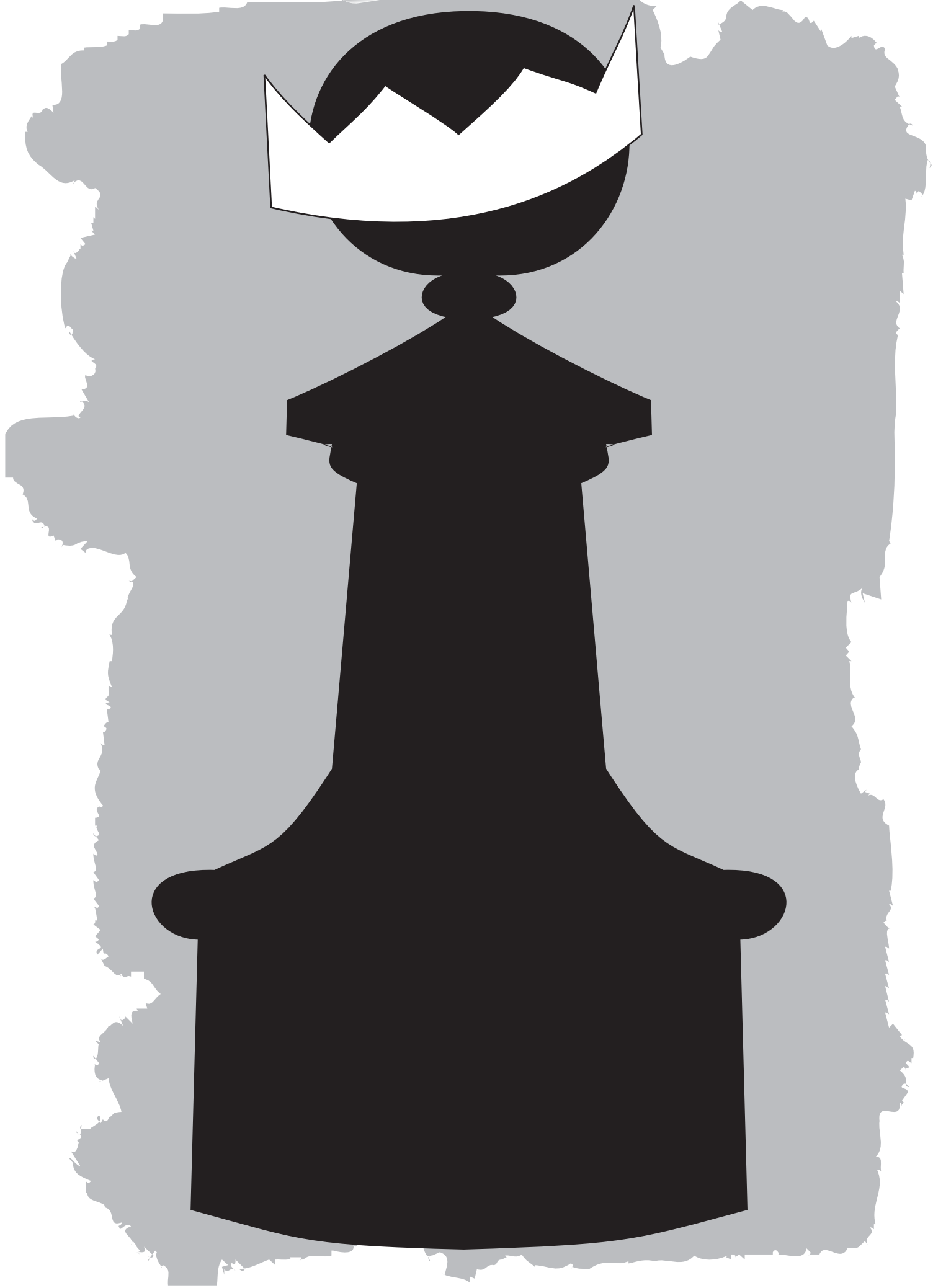
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