



# LGA Rated Scholastic Chess Tournament (Free!)

Sunday, June 2, 2024 • 10am–3:00pm

Lander-Grinspoon Academy, 257 Prospect St, Northampton, MA

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**BEGINNERS WELCOME!** Players who have never participated in a rated tournament are encouraged to come try it out in a welcoming environment. This chess tournament will be rated by the United States Chess Federation (USCF). All players must have an active [USCF membership](#) to participate (\$20/year for youth).

**ROUNDS:** 4 rounds swiss system (no eliminations), G/30, d5. Sets, clocks, and score sheets will be provided. *Byes:* Players may request one ½-point bye with entry.

## SECTIONS

**K-8 OPEN:** Open to students in grades K–8. Unrated players (those who don't yet have a rating from the USCF) may play in this section. Trophies to top 3 players, top U1000, and top unrated.

**K-5 U800:** Open to students in grades K–5 with a USCF rating below 800. Unrated players in grades K–5 may also play in this section. Trophies to top 3 players, top U500, and top unrated.

**K-3 U400:** Open to students in grades K–3 with a USCF rating below 400. Unrated players in grades K–3 may also play in this section. Trophies to top 3 players, top U200, and top unrated.

*Tie breaks:* Ties for all trophies will be broken using blitz knockout playoffs (5 minutes per player).

**GAME RECORDING:** USCF rules require that all players record (write down) the moves of their games as they play. Players will be expected to try their best at this (it does not need to be perfect!)

[Click here to download a pdf that teaches this skill](#)

**FREE WORKSHOP:** LGA is offering a free workshop on May 19th for students that need to learn how to record their games. [Click here](#) for more information and to register for the workshop.

**TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION:** Registration is online only and is open until May 31st. [Register here.](#)

**QUESTIONS?** Please email Sophie Argetsinger at [sargetsinger@gmail.com](mailto:sargetsinger@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

