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Medicine Hat and Area JUNIOR Chess Tournament – March 25, 2023

The Medicine Hat Chess Club (MHCC) in partnership with the Centre for Academic and Personal Excellence (CAPE) Chess Club will be holding the Annual (“SPRING”) Medicine Hat and Area JUNIOR Chess Tournament on **Saturday, March 25th, 2023**. Our tournament will have four main divisions: (1) a Senior High School division for high school students (grades 10 - 12); (2) a Junior High School division for junior high school students (grades 7 - 9); (3) a Boys’ Elementary School division for elementary school boys (grades 1 - 6); and (4) a Girls’ Elementary School division (grades 1 - 6). Depending on the number of registrants, there may be “grade specific” sub-divisions.

The entry fee is **\$20.00**. Entries will be taken up until 0950 on Saturday, March 25th, but a maximum of only 40 entries overall will be accepted. Pre-registration is encouraged, and can be accomplished by completing the enclosed entry form. Completed registration forms should be returned to Mrs. Sara Fairbrother c/o CAPE. Please note that registration will not be considered complete until Mrs. Fairbrother has your completed registration form **and** entry fee of \$20.00.

TOURNAMENT DETAILS:

Date: March 25th (Saturday)

Registration (on-site): 0915 - 0950 (March 25th)

Location: Gymnasium at CAPE School (201 - 5th St. S.W.)

Times: Round 1: 1000

*Round 2: 1040

Round 3: 1120

LUNCH: 1200 - 1230

Round 4: 1230

Round 5: 1310

Awards Presentations: 1400 (2:00 p.m.) or immediately after the last game is completed.

* Round 2 and subsequent rounds will be started ASAP after the completion of the previous round.

AWARDS:

(1) Senior High School Division:

1st Place -- Trophy and Gift Certificate/Merchandise (Value = \$40)

2nd Place -- Trophy and Gift Certificate/Merchandise (Value = \$30)

3rd Place -- Medal and Gift Certificate/Merchandise (Value = \$20)

(2) Junior High School Division:

1st Place -- Trophy and Gift Certificate/Merchandise (Value = \$35)

2nd Place -- Trophy and Gift Certificate/Merchandise (Value = \$25)

3rd Place -- Medal and Gift Certificate/Merchandise (Value = \$15)

(3) Boys' Elementary School Division:

- 1st Place -- Medal and Gift Certificate/Merchandise (Value = \$25)
- 2nd Place -- Medal and Gift Certificate/Merchandise (Value = \$15)
- 3rd Place -- Medal and Gift Certificate/Merchandise (Value = \$10)

(4) Girls' Elementary School Division:

- 1st Place -- Medal and Gift Certificate/Merchandise (Value = \$25)
- 2nd Place -- Medal and Gift Certificate/Merchandise (Value = \$15)
- 3rd Place -- Medal and Gift Certificate/Merchandise (Value = \$10)

RULES:

- (1) If 6 or fewer players enter a division, it will be organized as a Round Robin tournament, (ie. everyone will play 1 game against each other entrant). If there are seven players or more, the division will be run as a "Swiss System" tournament (in this system with many pairing rules, the goal is to pair players against other players with a similar number of points, each round of play). There will be a maximum of five rounds if the Swiss System is used.
- (2) Points for the games are awarded as follows: Win - 1 point; Draw - ½ point; Loss - 0 point.
- (3) The Tournament directors will endeavor to pair all players so that they play the white pieces two or three times during the 5 rounds. Sometimes this cannot be achieved. Please accept our apologies if this happens to your son/daughter.
- (4) The rules of chess will be the same as those that are observed at all Canadian Federation of Chess (CFC) tournaments, and that have been in common use for at least the past 30 years. We wish to draw the players' attention to the "Touch Move" Rule, as it can be the source of disagreement and misunderstanding. Essentially, if it is your turn and you touch a piece that can be moved, your opponent can insist you move that piece. Although they don't have to make you move the piece, they often will. Therefore, DON'T touch a piece that you don't intend to move. Also, please note that once you have moved a piece during your turn to a legal square, and let go of it, your move/turn is finished. You cannot take your move back!!
- (5) Time controls: The time control for all games is **20 minutes**. Chess clocks will be provided. If they are the "analog" type (one with a clock face and the numbers 1 - 12) they should be set at **5:40**. Their correct use and operation will be demonstrated before the start of the 1st round. Each player will have 20 minutes on their clock to complete all of his/her moves. The first player to exceed 20 minutes will forfeit the game, and their opponent will be declared the winner. It is our observation that most junior players who have little/no experience using a chess clock play too fast in the initial phases of their game. SLOW DOWN!! 20 minutes is actually a lot of time, and remember, you can also think when your opponent's clock is running.
- (6) Reporting Results: Please advise one of the Tournament Directors, of the result of your game. They will do the recording.
- (7) The decision of the Tournament Director(s) in any dispute will be final. We will be fair and impartial.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- (1) Pizza and pop will be provided for lunch (your entry fee pays for this).
- (2) The trophies and prizes are paid for by the Medicine Hat Chess Club.
- (3) Any entry fee cheques should be made out to the: "Medicine Hat Chess Club".
- (4) For more information, e-mail Mrs. Sara Fairbrother at sfairbrother@capeisgreat.org.



Sara Fairbrother (Tournament Co-director)
(403) 528-2983 (Daytime - work)



Bill Taylor (Tournament Co-director)
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Medicine Hat and Area JUNIOR Chess Tournament Entry Form – March 25, 2023

Name: _____ Grade: _____

School: _____

Home Phone #: _____ E-mail #: _____

Address: _____ (street address)

_____ (town/city)

_____ (postal code)

Enter in: Senior High School Division: _____
check only (grades 10 - 12)
one

Elementary Boys' School Division: _____
(grades 1 - 6)

Junior High School Division: _____
(grades 7 - 9)

Elementary Girls' School Division: _____
(grades 1 - 6)

This form can be:

(a) **delivered** CAPE School
or c/o Mrs. Sara Fairbrother
mailed to: 201 - 5th St. S.W.
Medicine Hat, AB T1A 4G7

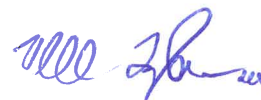
or (b) **faxed to:** Mrs. Sara Fairbrother @ 403-528-3048

or (c) **e-mailed to:** sfairbrother@capeisgreat.org

NOTE: The registration is completed **only** when the **\$20.00** fee (cash or cheque payable to the **Medicine Hat Chess Club**) has been **received** by Mrs. Fairbrother. If there are more than 40 entrants, only the first **40** **paid** registrants will be accepted. Other registrants will be put on a waiting list, in case a paid registrant drops out or doesn't show up on March 25th. Because registration fees cannot be paid via fax or e-mail, early registrants who do not pay with their registration will be contacted so that they have the opportunity to pay before the tournament is filled. We thank you for your cooperation and look forward to your participation!



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