The Alaska Chess Federation is thrilled to host the first State Scholastic Chess Championship since 2006!



This one-day event will be held on March 28, 2026 at South Anchorage High School in Anchorage, Alaska.

Time: 8am - 5pm

Time Control: G/30; d5 (30 minutes per player with a 5 second delay)

Sections: High School (Grade 9-12); Middle School (Grade 6-8); Elementary School (K-5). The Champion from each event will be Alaska's nominee for the US Chess Championship of Champions Invitationals in Grand Rapids, MI in August 2026.

- **High School**: GM Arnold Denker National Tournament of High School State Champions (https://new.uschess.org/denker)
- **Middle School**: Dewain Barber National Tournament of Middle School State Champions (https://new.uschess.org/barber)
- **Elementary School**: John D. Rockefeller III National Tournament of Elementary School State Champions (https://new.uschess.org/rockefeller)
- **Top Girl:** WIM Ruth Haring National Tournament of Girls State Champions (https://new.uschess.org/haring)

Entry fee: $40 through March 27th; $50 at the door. *South Anchorage HS Student entry fee: $20. We will begin collecting entry fees beginning in January.

Schedule: *subject to change prior to event*

- **8:00-8:30:** Check in
- **8:30-9:00**: Opening Announcements
- **9:00-10:15**: Round 1
- **10:30-11:45**: Round 2
- **12:00-1:00**: Lunch (concessions available to purchase to support South Anchorage HS soccer team)
- **1:05-2:20**: Round 3
- **2:35-3:50**: Round 4
- **4:10-5:00**: Closing Ceremony & Awards

Prize pool: based on 100 participants - ("b/100")

- Elementary School Section - 1st Place $100 + trophy / 2nd Place $60 + trophy / 3rd Place $40 + trophy
- Middle School Section - 1st Place $150 + trophy / 2nd Place $90 + trophy / 3rd Place $60 + trophy
- High School Section - 1st Place $200 + trophy / 2nd Place $120 + trophy / 3rd Place $80 + trophy
- Class Prize - Top Female Finisher - $200 + trophy

Note: The ACF is donating a portion of the proceeds from this event to the South Anchorage High School Chess Club to purchase chess sets/clocks.

Note: USCF membership is **REQUIRED** for this tournament. To become a USCF member, visit https://new.uschess.org/join-us-chess. Support the ACF by using our affiliate code: ***A9162190*** when registering with the USCF.

1-year US Chess memberships are $24 for students who will be under 19 at expiration. These memberships include online access to Chess Life or Chess Life for Kids. An additional payment may be made to secure a printed copy of the relevant periodical ($6 for Chess Life for Kids and $12 for Chess Life).

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The TOTAL cost for a player from South would be $59 (or $39 if already an official member of SAHS Chess Club)

USCF Membership: $24
ACF Membership: $15
Reduced Tournament Fee: $20 (waived if an official member of SAHS Chess Club because SAHS Chess Club will pay this fee).