

Mark Jackman Memorial Chess Tournament

Date: May 25th, 2024 - 8:30am-3:30pm NL Time

Registration Check-in: 8:30am-9:30am

Tournament Begins: 10am

Tournament Director: Tanish Bhatt (tbhatt_s@nlesd.ca)

Venue: Gonzaga High School Cafeteria and Library, 20 Smithville Crescent, St. John's, NL

Proceeds go to: Mark Jackman Memorial Fund and Memorial Scholarship

Prizes: Medals and certificates will be awarded to the winner and runner-up in each group.

Additionally, each winner of each division will have their name engraved on the Mark Jackman Memorial Chess Tournament Perpetual Plaque.

Pre-Registration Deadline: May 23rd, at 3pm NST

- Registration Fee:
 - \$21.50 for all players pre-registering
 - \$26.50 for players registering on the day of the event

Registration fee can be paid via google forms for pre-registration. We will also have a Square for anyone paying with Credit Card or Debit Card on the day of the event, or cash can also be accepted. We will **not** be accepting EMT.

A donation box will be present if you are interested in donating to the Mark Jackman Memorial Fund

Pre-Registration Form: [Click here](#)

Event Timeline:

- Rounds will begin at **10am**
- Each player will have a minimum of 5 games, with some players having a BYE in their group if there is an odd number of participants
- SwissSys will be used for pairings and a Swiss System or Round Robin format will be utilized in each division of the tournament
- There will be 5 divisions, based on age group:
 - Primary: K-3
 - Elementary: 4-6
 - Junior High: 7-9
 - High School: 10-12
 - Open: 18+
- Tournament will be live streamed

Rules:

- Players must have an understanding of the rules of chess. As long as you know the rules, you can participate.
- **Touch-move, touch-take:** if you touch a piece, you have to move it; if you touch your opponent's piece, you have to take it

- **Clocks** - all divisions except for primary will be expected to play on clocks (there will be a tutorial before the tournament starts on how to use a clock for players not experienced with using one)
- Time control is 25 mins with a 5 second delay - **NOTE: This is actually a lot of time, as both players will have 25 minutes to make all of their moves during the game. Games can last up to 50 minutes**
- All rules and decisions regarding a dispute between players will be resolved by the adjudicator monitoring the division. If absolutely required, the tournament director will get involved, and will provide a final decision.
- **Tiebreakers:**
 - If an age group is playing in a group-stage/knockouts format, tiebreakers will be played for **qualification into the knockout stage**, and for **ties between medals** at the knockout stage
 - If an age group is playing in a round-robin format, tiebreakers will be played for **ties between medals** only
- **Recording moves** will not be required for this tournament - however, any player who wishes to record their moves can do so at their own interest

Important Note to Parents:

Neither the organizing committee (the Jackman Family) nor the host school (Gonzaga High School) will be held responsible for the safety or behaviour of participants not actively engaged in tournament play. The responsibility of the tournament organizers will be limited to ensuring fair competition in accordance with official Chess'n Math Association (CMA) tournament rules. It is recommended that junior players under age 12 are accompanied by a parent or guardian.