



2025 CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE

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Regional Coordinator's Kit for Quebec

Thank you!

Thank you for volunteering to organize a Regional Tournament for the Canadian Chess Challenge. Without your help at this stage, it would be impossible to run this event.

Organizer's Responsibilities

- To provide a site with tables and chairs.
- To collect registrations from the participating schools or players.
- To be or find a tournament director for your Regional Tournament.
- To remit Regional fee or registration fees together with entry forms and crosstables within 7 days following the Regional.
- To hand out the Provincial Information Package (provided) to your Provincial Qualifiers.
- To return by e-mail the names of the Provincial Qualifiers to the Provincial Coordinator within 7 days following the Regional Tournament: montreal@echecs.org
- To submit tournament results for rating within 7 days following your Regional Tournament.

Regional Fee Options

The Regional Fee is the money that is paid to Chess'n Math Association following your Regional Tournament. This fee goes to cover the expenses of running the Provincial Tournament which your region's qualifiers will attend. In addition it helps defray the costs of sending our Provincial Champions to the Canadian Chess Challenge National Finals.

There are three fee options offered. Of these options you will choose the one that best suits your situation.

Options :

- a) \$600.00 flat fee; for the larger, well established regions.
- b) \$3.00 per player for 1 to 100 players and \$4.00 per player after 100 to a maximum of \$600.00. If Chess'n Math rates your tournament, **it will cost an additional \$1.50 per child** registered in your tournament. If you enter the results yourself on the electronic platform (Chess'n and Math Rating System) we do not add \$1.50 per child on your bill.
- c) All entry fees to Chess'n Math who will then cover the site cost and provide medals and participation awards. Chess'n Math will in turn pay you \$1.00 per player. If you choose this option you must let us know as soon as possible how many awards you require so we can send them to you.

Spectators

Parents and other spectators should not be allowed in the playing area. If a player wants to talk to a spectator (not the other way around), the player must leave the playing area. Spectators should remain quiet and definitely not offer any advice.

How Regionals Are Run

Depending on how large a tournament you are running, you have two options:

- a) **Round Robin** : For fewer than eight players in a section.
- b) **Swiss** : For sections with eight or more players.

With the round robin format players could end up playing six games.

Using a Swiss system after 5 rounds there is often a clear winner, even in very large sections.

Here is how to divide up the players into sections according to the number of players participating.

No. of players	Competition
2	match (4 games)
3-4	double round-robin
5-7	round-robin, 1 section
8+	Swiss Format

Registration

It is up to the Regional Coordinator to collect registrations from the participating schools and to keep the schools informed about the Regional Tournament. You may set your own per player registration fees but we recommend \$16.00 to \$25.00. Please make sure you are charging enough to cover your expenses plus any fee payable to CMA.

Solitaires

The Canadian Chess Challenge is intended to promote chess **in schools** across Canada. However, it is possible that interested players attend a school in your region that does not have a chess club. These players may play in the regional event by contacting the Regional Coordinator. They pay the same entry fee as those attending with their school club.

Tournament Director

A traditional chess tournament has a Tournament Director or TD. The TD handles the chess side of things. A TD determines who plays whom, records the results of the games and deals with any disputes. As organizer of the Regional Tournament you are responsible either to be TD or to delegate this responsibility to someone else.

Awards

It is suggested that every player at the tournament receive a participation award. Those that qualify to participate in the Provincial Championships receive medals. These will be provided for those regions using option 3 of the fee options.

Qualification to Provincials

If there are 7 or fewer players in a grade then only the top score in that grade will qualify to play at the Provincial Finals. If there are 8-15 players in a grade then you may qualify the top 2 scores for that grade. (Ex: one player finishes with 5 points and three others finish with 4 points, all the four players qualify in that section). If there are 16 and more players in a section, the top three scores qualify. As well, any student who is on the Quebec Top Ten list as of **December 1st, 2024** will automatically qualify to play in the Provincial Finals. These students will be notified by mail in December.

On to the Provincial Finals!

At the time of the presentation of your prizes, you must give all your qualifiers an invitation form for the Provincial Championship. These forms will be sent to you before your qualifying tournament. Please note that students must qualify through a regional event in order to play at the Provincial Finals. The Provincial Championship will be held this year on April 27th, 2025 in Montreal.

Playing Rules

Games may **not** be ended by adjudication or counting pieces. One player is either checkmated or resigns or the game ends in a draw by agreement, by perpetual check, by repetition of the position, 50 move rule, by stalemate or as a result of lack of mating material.

The rule that a piece that is touched must be moved is in effect for all grades. A move is completed and cannot be taken back once the hand lets go of the piece. Note that the touch move rule applies only where a piece has been deliberately touched.

In the case of illegal or unclear positions the supervisor should try to do his/her best to establish the most recent legal position and allow the game to continue from there. If this is impossible then the game may be replayed from the beginning if time allows. If not, the good sense of the supervisor must be trusted to make a fair decision.

The time available for thinking in normal chess tournaments is usually regulated by chess clocks. If available, clocks may be used with a limit of 30 minutes per player for the game. This time limit is that of "Active Chess" and has been approved by the World Chess Federation. **If electronic clocks are available then a time control of 25 minutes with a 5 second delay is the time control of choice.** A player that oversteps the time limit automatically loses the game if the opponent has enough material to mate against the most mediocre play.

Reporting / Rating Your Event

Please return, to the Provincial Coordinator, any entry forms you collected and a cheque payable to Chess'n Math Association for your regional fee.

Chess'n Math can rate your tournament for **\$1.50/player** or you can do it yourself on our «organizers portal»:

<https://chess-math.org/organizers-portal>

This should be done as quickly as possible after your tournament ends. All regional events must be rated before the Provincial Finals are held as every student is required to have a rating before playing in this event.

Visit the following link to know how to rate your tournament:

<http://www.chesstalk.com/elo/pub/CMA%20Rating%20System.txt>

After your tournament is complete you will need to submit the names of the Provincial qualifiers as quickly as possible to the Provincial Coordinator, either by email or by regular mail.

Check List for your Tournament :

- This document
- Crosstables, pairing cards or computer
- Registration forms
- Participation awards
- Qualifier awards
- Provincial Qualifier Packages

Any Questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact me at either

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This year's Provincial Finals are scheduled for
April 27th, 2025
Mont-Royal Center
2200 rue Mansfield, Montréal, QC H3A 3R8
The Canadian Chess Challenge is scheduled on
May 18-19, 2025 in Ottawa, ON.