

This is your official invitation to the 2026 Super State School Team Chess Tournament!

- Date: The tournament will take place on the 5th and 6th of February. There will be five categories of competition, made up of the High School 9th to 12th grade (1A-3A, 5 kids per team) and the High School 9th to 12th grade (4A-5A, 6 kids per team), Middle School 6th to 8th grade (5 kids per team) and Elementary School K to 5th grade (5 per team). The first round will take place on Thursday evening (6:30 pm High School only), followed by two to three more rounds depending of number of entries the next day. Elementary students can only play up if their grade level is part of the Middle School (K-8). Only 8th graders can play in the High School, provided all paperwork required by the NMAA is filled out by Feb 5th. Fifth category is the State Team Challenge for non NMAA teams. Contact me for more information and forms needed.
- Location: The Location is at the Ramada 2020 Menaul Blvd NE Alb 87107, mention your with the chess tournament and receive a special discount for a room or email vanessa@abqramada.com
- Registration: **All Schools need to registered by 8 PM on Feb 4th Wed, no on site registration.** The first round will begin at 6:30 PM, February 5nd Thursday evening for High School only. Middle School and Elementary will start Feb 6th. Online Reg is at <https://www.kingregistration.com/event/2026NMAATeam>
- Schedule: The first round will begin at 6:30 PM, Thursday evening (High School only), for Friday games at 9:00AM, 11:15AM, lunch break at 1:30PM, 2:30PM, 4:30PM for the final round, with an awards ceremony after the end of the last round. No 4:30PM will be played if there is a clear winner by the previous round. Time Control : G/55 Delay 5 seconds **Bring your pens, pencils, sets and clocks!**
- **State Team Challenge : This event is for non NMAA schools and extra teams. Home school and your extra teams can play, must be teams of 5 players. Time control is G/30 delay 0 first round is Friday 9:30, 10:45, 12:00. lunch at 1:30, 2:45. Only two teams from each school is allowed.**
- **Parents are not allowed in the tournament playing area once clocks start!** Only coaches and site TD's will be permitted in tournament area once games start. Coach must have a email send from the school to me stating they are representing the school as the coach in order to be allowed in the playing area.
- There will also be an individual side tournament, \$5 per student. Registration will close at 9:30 and starts at 9:45 Friday morning. Registration will be on site 8: am.
- There will be a \$50 dollar entry fee for the tournament per team. Be sure to bring the NMAA eligibility form for your High School players! Bring day of tournament.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact at nmaachess@gmail.com I'll see you in Albuquerque!

Steve Perea NMAA State Chess Director