



Lancaster-Lebanon Elementary Chess Team Tournament

This tournament is designed to introduce elementary students, **grades K-5**, to a formal, yet relaxed, tournament setting. Participants meet students from varying grade levels and schools as they compete in a game they love. Skill levels vary, but students should be able to understand the game and be ready to play four rounds of chess with opponents from public and nonpublic schools. Supporting chess documents, including rules used for this event, are available on the [IU13 website](#). **NOTES:** Since this is a beginners' event, it will not be USCF rated, and chess clocks will not be used. Chess notation will be optional.

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 8:30AM - 2:00PM (Team check-in begins at 8:00AM)

Location: Conference and Training Center at IU13, 1020 New Holland Ave, Lancaster, PA

Event Facilitator: Meredith Yoder, Coordinator of Educational Outreach

Tournament Director: Jere Cassidy

Registration Info:

- Team registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Each school district may send up to three, four-person teams.
- Specific team member information will be requested by IU13 at a later date.
- Once team roster is confirmed, IU13 will provide a link to student info & auth. form for parents/guardians to complete/submit prior to tournament.
- Register your **four-student team** by clicking [here](#) by **March 16, 2026**.

Team Entry Fee: \$150 per four-person team (attending alternates - \$10 each). Schools will be invoiced after the competition (unless otherwise arranged).

Additional Information:

- Tournament format is four-round, Swiss-system pairing.
- Each team must have at least **one adult coach/chaperone** to supervise team.
- Any team's alternate student(s) play at coach's discretion/decision.
- All chess sets for tournament play will be provided by IU13. Teams are encouraged to bring chess sets for use between practice rounds.
- Lunch will be provided for students and coaches/chaperones.
- Cancel by **April 1** or team will be charged the registration fee.
- **This event is closed to spectators.**

Contact:

Lancaster-Lebanon IU13
Meredith Yoder, Coordinator of Educational Outreach
717-947-1182 • Meredith_yoder@iu13.org

