

ChessKid's Tournament Checklist

For Parents

- ☐ Evaluate your child's readiness to participate.
- ☐ Determine the best time control for your child.
- ☐ See if friends, classmates, club members would also be interested in participating.
- ☐ Register with the event and save the date.
- ☐ Pack the board, pieces, scorepads, pencil, and chess clock.
- ☐ Plan your break activities, meals and snacks (healthy food only), and beverages. (Have water available at the event.)
- ☐ Discuss goals for the tournament with your child. Be realistic.
- ☐ Emphasize the importance of staying positive throughout the tournament.
- ☐ Take comfortable clothes if event is overnight.
- ☐ Get a good night's sleep (parent and child).

For Players

- ☐ Be at the event and ready early. Be punctual for each game.
- ☐ Check the pairing sheet and know what board you are on.
- ☐ Put your phone on mute, silence all other devices, and put them safely away.
- ☐ Pay attention to announcements from the tournament director.
- ☐ Greet your opponent positively before a game begins.
- ☐ Use scorepad to record moves.
- ☐ Submit result to tournament director when game ends.
- ☐ Stay relaxed and confident.
- ☐ Keep your scorepads of game results.
- ☐ Review your games and study how to improve.
- ☐ Take pride in your tournament achievements.
- ☐ Check to see how the games affect your rating when results have been recorded. Plan your next event.