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Minnesota State Chess Association

The Minnesota State Chess Association (MSCA) is the designated state affiliate of the United States Chess Federation (USCF) and as such, awards the official Minnesota State Champion Titles as recognized by the USCF.

Current Minnesota State Champions

Open: Sean Nagle
 Senior: TBD
 Speed: TBD
 K-12: Samrug Narayanan
 K-8: Alice Lee
 K-5: Ahmed Ilyasov
 GK-12: TBD

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Sean Nagle Wins his 9th State Championship

The 2020 Minnesota State Championship was delayed 10 months as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. On the last weekend of January 2021 the Championship was finally played on-line. On-line chess is of course much different than over-the-board chess. However, this different format yielded a familiar result as Sean Nagle scored 4.5/5.0 points to win his 9th State Championship.

This represented Sean's first State Championship since 2016. It ended the 3-Year run of championships by Andrew Tang who is away at college and elected not to play in the 2020 contest.

Sean's primary competition for the title was Kevin Wasiluk who was a strong second with 4.0 points. Sean had a long draw with Kevin in the first round. He then settled into his familiar rhythm and notched 4 consecutive victories to capture the title. Kevin kept pace with Sean but for a Round 3 draw with Tim Radermacher. Kevin was a pawn up in a minor piece endgame but was unable to convert the full point in the game-ending time scramble.

When Sean defends his title later in 2021 he will seek to become the 4th player in Minnesota chess history to have reached double digits in State Championships. Sean would join Curt Brasket (16), Victor Adler (11), and George Barnes (11).

High schooler Ashton Jin made a strong showing in his 3rd consecutive play-off by scoring 3.0 points for a clear 3rd place.



Minnesota Chess Hall of Fame Members

Original Inductees:

Curt Brasket
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Class of 2018:

George Barnes
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Class of 2019:

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John Bartholomew
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Class of 2020:

Nels Truelson
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Alex Balandin
Ed Conway

Class of 2021:

Roger Rudolph
Milt Otteson
Russ Erickson
Jacob Harris

Class of 2022:

To be announced
at the MN OPEN
in February 2022.

The finalists played fighting chess throughout Championship Weekend as evidenced by only 2 draws in the 15 games. Having the white pieces in the faster time control also proved decisive as the white pieces scored +7 in just 15 games (+10 =2 -3).

Below is one of our State Champion's games from the play-offs. Annotations are provided courtesy of Joe Longen.

White: IM Sean Nagle (2523)
Black: NM Ashton Jin (2240)

Round 3:

	White		Black	
1.	d4		Nf6	
2.	c4		e6	
3.	Nf3		d5	
4.	Nc3		Bb4	Transposing to the QGD: Ragozin Defense.
5.	cxd5		cxd5	
6.	Bg5		h6	
7.	Bh4		0-0	7...g5?!, 8.Bg3, Ne4 appears too risky.
8.	e3		Bf5	
9.	Bd3		Bxd3	
10.	Qxd3		c6	
11.	0-0		Nbd7	Jin must now watch for attacks on both sides. Nagle has a deep plan in the works!
12.	Ne5!	 Be7	
13.	Nxd7		Nxd7	
14.	Bg3		Bh4	14...a5 and waiting may be the best policy.
15.	Ne2		Bxg3	
16.	Nxg3		Qg5	
17.	Qf5		Qxf5	
18.	Nxf5	Nb6	Nagle has a powerful access port!
19.	a4		a5	
20.	Rfb1		Ra7	
21.	g4	Rd8	To support f5, limit pawn pushes, and give the king some air!
22.	Kf1		Nc4	
23.	Ke2		Nd6	
24.	Ng3		g6	Jin could also try 24...Re8 and 25....Ne4
25.	Kd3		Raa8	
26.	b3		Re8	Nagle and Jin show great patience and care. This g file opening is skillfully used by Nagle. Perhaps 27...Ne4 would be tougher.
27.	Ra2		f5?!	
28.	gxf5		gxf5	
29.	f3!		Re6	Nagle stops Ne4 and opens up Rg2
30.	Rg2		Kf7	
31.	Nh5		Rg6	
32.	Rxg6		Kxg6	
33.	Nf4+		Kf7	
34.	Ke2		Rg8	
35.	Kf2		Kf6	
36.	Nd3!	Kf7	Nagle and his knight cannot be denied!
37.	Nc5		Ke7	Sometimes the complex try is the best try....37...b6!, 38.Nd7 Ke6
38.	b4		axb4	
39.	Rxb4		b5	
40.	Rb1		bxa4	
41.	Nxa4		Ra8	

42.	Nc5	Ra2+	A good move, yet an amazing practical move was 42.....f4!! Taking allows Nf5 and playing e4 allows Ra2+ forcing the king back.
43.	Kg3	Re2!	
44.	Rb3	Nc4!	
45.	Kf4	Rxh2	
46.	Kxf5	Rh5+	Jin's defense is super, but Nagle is too tough.
47.	Kg4	Rh1	
48.	Kf4	Re1	
49.	Rb7+	Kf6	
50.	e4	dxe4	
51.	Nxe4+	Ke6	
52.	Rc7	Kd5	
53.	Rd7+	Ke6	
54.	Nc5+	Kf6	This knight has been working serious overtime.
55.	Rc7	Rh1	
56.	Rxc6+	Kf7	
57.	Ne4	Na5	
58.	Rc7+	Ke6	
59.	d5+	Kxd5	
60.	Rc5+	Kd4	
61.	Rxa5	h5	
62.	Ra4+	Kd5	
63.	Nf6+	Ke6	
64.	Ra6+	Kf7	
65.	Kf5	h4	
66.	Ra7+	Kf8	
67.	Rh7	h3	
68.	f4	Rh2	
69.	Ng4	Rh1	
70.	Nf2	Ra1	
71.	Nxh3	Ra5+	
72.	Kg6	Ra6+	
73.	Kg5	Ra5+	
74.	f5	Rb5	
75.	Nf4	Ra5	
76.	Kh6	Kg8	
77.	Rb7	Ra8	
78.	Nh5	Resigns	

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A critical win for Nagle as Jin was leading the group with 2 points in the first 2 rounds.

2020 Minnesota State Championship Play-Offs: Held On-Line January 30-31, 2021

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Total Pts</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>	<u>Round 4</u>	<u>Round 5</u>
1	S. Nagle	2523	4.5	D2	W4	W3	W5	W6
2	K. Wasiluk	2353	4.0	D1	W6	D4	W3	W5
3	A. Jin	2240	3.0	W6	W5	L1	L2	W4
4	T. Radermacher	2192	1.5	L5	L1	D2	W6	L3
5-6	J. Truelson	2273	1.0	W4	L3	L6	L1	L2
	O. Iwu	2261	1.0	L3	L2	W5	L4	L1

Troy Cavanah won the Expert Section of the play-offs by posting the only plus score of the group with 4.5/5.0 points. Troy's strong play was a preview of the excellent chess he would be playing one month later in the higher stakes Minnesota Open, and three months later in the April Castle FIDE Event. Troy's draw came against Joe Longen. This was not surprising given that Joe achieved the unique feat of drawing all five of his games in the Expert section!!

Isaac Traynor scored a perfect 5-0 to take home the U2000 Championship. Mike Schecter also went 5-0 to win the U1700 Section.

Northeast Minneapolis Castle Chess Club Closes

After more than a decade of serving as the epicenter of the Minnesota chess scene, the Castle Chess Club closed on September 30, 2020. This was the 5th Twin Cities location for the historic Castle Chess Club over the last 50 years. The successful run in Northeast Minneapolis' historic Waterbury Building was primarily attributable to Roger Hale's leadership and Dan Voje's club management. Unfortunately the financial situation deteriorated rapidly during the pandemic when tournaments had to be cancelled.

Minnesota chess player/writer Dennis McGrath memorialized the life and times of the club with his January 2021 Chess Life article entitled, "My Chess Club Succumbed to COVID-19".

Among the many memorable moments the Castle contributed to Minnesota chess history were Andrew Tang becoming the 2017-2019 State Champion and ultimately our first Minnesota-grown GM. Club regular Alice Lee becoming the U10 World Champion. And, potential future World Champion Wesley So visiting the club on several occasions.

As the calendar turned to 2021 and the pandemic situation began to improve, the Castle Chess Club opened its 6th location in Bloomington for limited amounts of over-the-board chess. Let's hope this new location, and any to follow, continue to provide the type of regularly accessible chess club environment Minnesota chess players have come to appreciate.

Winter Open is an On-Line Success

After many months without an MSCA-sponsored chess tournament, the MSCA organized the 2021 Winter Open as an on-line event supported by the lichess and zoom platforms. Saumik Narayanan displayed excellent organization skills and the tournament was a big success with a total of 89 participants across 3 sections. For many of us Minnesotans this represented our first on-line rated chess tournament.

Jackson Wahl returned to the Minnesota chess scene by taking 1st prize with 4.5 points. Samrug Narayanan and Tim Radermacher shared 2nd-3rd prize with 4.0 points (both suffering their only defeat at the hands of Jackson Wahl).

2021 Winter Open: Held On-Line January 23-24, 2021

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Total Pts</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>	<u>Round 4</u>	<u>Round 5</u>
1	Jackson Wahl	2305	4.5	W11	D5	W3	W2	W8
2-3	S. Narayanan	2297	4.0	W19	W7	W10	L1	W9
	T. Radermacher	2183	4.0	W14	W9	L1	W7	W5
4-9	John Talghader	2035	3.0	D12	L8	W16	D13	W10
	Nicholas Bruha	1989	3.0	W15	D1	W13	H-	L3
	Stuart Konezny	1976	3.0	W16	L10	L8	W18	W15
	Casey Schmidt	1817	3.0	W20	L2	W14	L3	W13
	Chloe Gaw	1720	3.0	D13	W4	W6	D10	L1
	A. Thiagarajan	1663	3.0	W17	L3	W19	W12	L2
10-12	Frank Johnson	2351	2.5	W18	W6	L2	D8	L4
	R. Newshutz	1916	2.5	L1	D15	L12	B-	W17
	D. McGrath	1756	2.5	D4	L13	W11	L9	W19
13-16	Jordan Timm	2015	2.0	D8	W12	L5	D4	L7
	Isaac Traynor	1859	2.0	L3	W17	L7	H-	H-
	Connor Liao	1494	2.0	L5	D11	D17	W19	L6
	Caitlin Liao	1469	2.0	L6	W18	L4	L17	B-
17	Daniel Deutsch	2010	1.5	L9	L14	D15	W16	L11
18-19	E. Wasserman	1941	1.0	L10	L16	B-	L6	--
	M. Hentges	1860	1.0	L2	W20	L9	L15	L12
20	Dane Zagar	2109	0.0	L7	L19	--	--	--

Alexander Wang captured 1st prize in the Reserve section by scoring 4.5 points. Charles Lucas scored a perfect 5.0 points to take 1st prize in the Bantam section.

Iwu and Narayanan Share Minnesota Open Title

The 128th Annual Minnesota Open was held February 27-28, 2021. This prestigious tournament has been held at dozens of locations over the last century. This year marked yet another new “site location” as the tournament went virtual.

After missing last year’s event to play in the Southwest Open in Texas, Samrug Narayanan played excellent chess and finished at the top of the standings with 4.0 points. He shared 1st prize with Oke Iwu who continued his annual Minnesota Open tradition of qualifying for the play-offs. Samrug and Oke drew their game in the last round once it was evident that would guarantee them qualification for the State Championship. For Samrug, this marks his first time qualifying for the play-offs.

Troy Cavanah continued his excellent play and scored 3.5 points to qualify for his first entry into the State Championship play-offs. Troy’s 50% score against Master-Level competition was critical to his success. He defeated Nels Truelson, drew with Iwu, and lost to Narayanan. Propelled by those Master-Level pairings, Troy had the best tie-breaks of the four players who finished with 3.5 points.

Rounding out the play-off picture are Frank Johnson and Tim Radermacher who battled to a frantic 56-move draw in the last round to finish with 3.5 points. Johnson and Radermacher edged out Ashton Jin on tie-breaks to advance to the play-offs. Both are former State Champions and both have qualified for the play-offs on numerous occasions.

The 2021 State Championship play-off field is set as Narayanan, Iwu, Cavanah, Johnson and Radermacher will join defending champ Sean Nagle. Since the 2020 Play-Offs were recently completed in late January 2021, it is anticipated the 2021 Play-Offs will be held later in the Summer or perhaps early Fall of 2021.

Results in Other Sections

Due to the low number of entrants the Amateur Section was combined with the Open Section this year. Chloe Gaw was declared the Amateur Champion after scoring 3 points against Open competition. It was truly a stellar result for Chloe as her opponents average rating was 2175!! Chloe scored big upset wins against Jackson Wahl in Round 1 and Dane Zagar in Round 3.

Benjamin Vanorny went undefeated to win the Reserve Section. In the Sophomore Section it was Abir Rawal scoring a key 5th round victory over Nathan Hentges to pull even at 4 points and a tie for 1st place. In the Bantam Section, Sourish Majumdar went undefeated to take home the top prize.

2021 Minnesota Open: Held On-Line February 27-28, 2021

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Total Pts</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>	<u>Round 4</u>	<u>Round 5</u>
1-2	S. Narayanan*	2323	4.0	D12	W9	W5	W3	D2
	Oke Iwu*	2261	4.0	W20	D3	W11	W4	D1
3-6	Troy Cavanah*	2088	3.5	W13	D2	W7	L1	W11
	Frank Johnson*	2351	3.5	W21	W14	W6	L2	D5
	T Radermachr*	2183	3.5	W19	W8	L1	W15	D4
	Ashton Jin	2240	3.5	W16	L10	L8	W18	W15
7-10	Nels Truelson	2204	3.0	D11	W12	L3	W8	D6
	Chloe Gaw	1862	3.0	W10	L5	W14	L7	W15
	John Talghader	2035	3.0	W18	L1	W17	L6	W16
	Jackson Wahl	2305	3.0	L8	L11	W22	W19	W14
11-13	Casey Schmidt	1817	2.5	D7	W10	L2	W12	L3
	E. Wasserman	1941	2.5	D1	L7	W13	L11	W19
	Abhijit Mondal	1732	2.5	L3	D20	L12	W18	W21
14-18	Dane Zagar	2109	2.0	W16	L4	L8	W20	L10
	Carlos Diaz	2075	2.0	W22	L6	W16	L5	L8
	Den. McGrath	1756	2.0	L14	W21	L15	W17	L9
	Isaac Traynor	1859	2.0	L6	W22	L9	L16	W20
	Sam. Solberg	923	2.0	L9	L19	W21	L13	W22
19	Kevin Landman	1810	1.5	L5	W18	D20	L10	L12
20-21	M. Hentges	1860	1.0	L2	D13	D19	L14	L17
	Jordan Timm	2015	1.0	L4	L16	L18	W22	L13
22	A. Augustine	1517	0.0	L15	L17	L10	L21	L18

** Indicates qualified for 2021 State Championship Play-Offs to be held in the Summer/Fall of 2021*

Samrug Narayanan, Alice Lee & Ahmed Ilyasov Win 2021 Scholastic Championships!!

The scholastic state championships were held virtually on the weekend of April 10-11, 2021. 131 students participated in the 4 sections which used the lichess and zoom platforms.

Samrug Narayanan was the highest rated player of the 68 entered in the K-12 section and he finished clear 1st with 5.5/6.0 points. After drawing with John Talghader in Round 5, Samrug prevailed in a tense game with the black pieces against Linden Lee in Round 6. With that victory, Samrug will now have the opportunity to represent Minnesota later this summer in the Denker National Tournament of High School Champions in New Jersey. Finishing in a three-way tie for 2nd - 4th place with 5.0 points were Ashton Jin, Ethan Li, and Sidarth Gazula. Jin was the second highest rated player in the K-12 section but never had the opportunity to match-up with Narayanan. Jin was upset in Round 4 by Talghader. In addition to tying for second place individually, Li and Gazula were part of the strong Wayzata team that repeated as State Champions with a team total of 19.0/24.0 points. Attention must be drawn to the very noteworthy performance of John Talghader (rated 2060). He upset Jin in Round 4, drew with Narayanan in Round 5, and then lost in the last round against Gazula when he tried a desperate exchange sacrifice to try and win an equal game and grab a share of 1st place.

The team competition was a three-way race between Wayzata, Mounds View, and Eastview. Wayzata was clinging to a slim 1/2 point lead over Mounds View and 1 1/2 points over Eastview entering the final round. The deep Wayzata team had players competing on Boards 2 through 8 in the last round!! This depth helped Wayzata overcome Jin's Mounds View defeat of Wayzata's Samarth Ram on Board 3. Wayzata posted wins on Boards 2 (Gazula), Board 4 (Li), Board 5 (Nastassja Matus), Board 6 (Atharva Gorantiwar), and Board 7 (David Xu). Thus, Wayzata scored 3.5/4.0 points in the last round to surge past Mounds View and Eastview who could each only manage 2.0/4.0 points in the last round. Mounds View finished 2nd with 17.0/24.0 points and Eastview was 3rd with 16.0/24.0 points.

Alice Lee was the top-rated player of the 45 who entered the K-8 section and finished a perfect 6-0. The key game came in Round 4 in the much anticipated match between Alice and Troy Cavanah. Alice and Troy are two of the rising superstars on the Minnesota chess scene and have battled many times in the past at the Northeast Minneapolis Castle Chess Club. In this match-up Alice had the white pieces and played her normal rock solid Queen Pawn opening. Troy was even into the endgame until he dropped a pawn on move 20. As many of us have discovered over the last few years...one slight inaccuracy against Alice is generally one too many. Alice used excellent technique to defeat Troy and go on to claim the K-8 championship with a perfect record. Alice qualified for the Barber National Tournament of Middle School Champions. Sayan Majumder finished 2nd with 5.0 points and then Troy Cavanah, Rynaldo Mejia, Ryan Shiroma, and Jake Schoenbauer tied for 3rd with 4.5 points.

Nicollet once again prevailed in the team competition as their "A Team" finished 1st with 16.5/24.0 points

and their “B Team” finished 2nd with 10.0/24.0 points.

Ahmed Ilyasov (rated 975) is the new K-5 Champion! Entering the tournament Ilyasov was rated 5th of the 11 contestants. However, Ilyasov quickly surprised with a Round 2 draw against Kingston Pak (1303) and a Round 4 win against runner-up and top-rated Sourish Majumder (1386). Obviously the decreased participation in the K-5 section this year is attributable to the tournament not being held in person as a result of the pandemic. Ahmed qualified to play in the Rockefeller National Tournament of Elementary Champions in New Jersey later this summer. In the K-3 section there were only 7 participants and Ajay Singamsetty went 4-0 to capture 1st place.

Troy Cavanah Wins April Castle FIDE Event that had AVG Rating of 2081 !!

Just before this edition of the MCJ was to be published, Troy Cavanah played excellent undefeated chess to win the April FIDE Event. Arun Dixit, a high schooler from California visited for the weekend and tied for 2nd-3rd prize with Chief TD Dane Zagar. This was strong competition with 9 of the 14 players rated above 2000 and three of the State Championship Qualifiers present from both the 2020 and 2021 cycles. Mike Schecter and Nicholas Jacquet shared 1st prize with 4/5 points in the other open section.

April 2021 Castle FIDE Event: April 24-25, 2021

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Total Pts</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>	<u>Round 4</u>	<u>Round 5</u>
1	Troy Cavanah	2151	4.0	D4	W12	W8	W7	D2
2-3	Arun Dixit	2199	3.5	W13	D4	W6	D3	D1
	Dane Zagar	2068	3.5	1/2bye	D8	W4	D2	W7
4-7	J. Truelson	2279	2.5	D1	D2	L3	W5	D6
	Oke Iwu	2273	2.5	W10	D6	L7	L4	W11
	T. Radermacher	2183	2.5	W11	D5	L2	D12	D4
	E. Wasserman	1885	2.5	D8	W10	W5	L1	L3
8-11	Nels Truelson	2200	2.0	D7	D3	L1	L11	W12
	Henry Hutton	2047	2.0	1/2bye	1/2bye	U	W10	U
	Miles Tisserand	2080	2.0	L5	L7	W11	L9	W14
	Elijah Tramm	1857	2.0	L6	W13	L10	W8	L5
12	Eric Gahlon	1909	1.5	1/2bye	L1	1/2bye	D6	L8
13-14	Michael Muff	1900	0.0	L2	L11	U	U	U
	Thad Swiggum	1518	0.0	U	U	U	U	L10

STAT CORNER

This recurring feature in the MCJ will be brought to you by MN Chess Hall of Fame Committee Member Joe Longen, who is the keeper of an impressive array of Minnesota chess history and statistics.

Most Years Between State Championship Play-Off Appearances

Player	# Years	1st Year	Most Recent Year
Curt Brasket	38	1962	2000
Tim Radermacher	37	1984	2021
Roger Rudolph	34	1964	1998
Joe Longen	28	1991	2019
Nathan Hoover	28	1989	2017
Eduard Zelkind	26	1982	2008
Sean Nagle	22	1999	2021
Leonard Johnson	22	1992	2014

How has chess evolved over the years with faster time controls and on-line play?

2021 State Championship Play-Offs

1993 State Championship Play-Offs

Player	AVG Moves/Game	Player	AVG Moves/Game
Joseph Truelson	28.6	Jack Yoos	30.4
Oke Iwu	43.8	Mike Valvo	31.8
Kevin Wasiluk	48.6	Nels Truelson	32.4
Ashton Jin	52.2	Leo Stefurak	34.0
Sean Nagle	57.2	Jim Hove	34.0
Tim Radermacher	58.8	Brian Campbell	35.8
Tournament Average	48.2	Tournament Average	33.1

This is of course only one data point. However, as someone who has seen the game evolve over the last 5 decades, this editor would submit that decisive chess has been replaced by the simultaneous skills of incrementalism and clock management. We know chess is different. This editor would suggest that the incrementalism and clock management have also led to longer average move counts in games.

MN Top 20 Active Players as of April 1, 2021

Rank	Player	Rating
1	Andrew Tang - GM	2616
2	John Bartholomew - IM	2534
3	Sean Nagle - IM	2523
4	Kevin Wasiluk	2353
5	Frank Johnson	2351
6	Andrew Titus	2326
7	Samrug Narayanan	2297
8	Jackson Wahl	2284
9	Joseph Truelson	2273
10	Oke Iwu	2261
11	Ashton Jin	2240
12	Scott Riester	2236
13	Thomas Britt	2232
14	Matthew Jensen	2228
	Ethan Hunt	2228
16	Kyler Weatherspoon	2208
17	Linden Lee	2204
18	Alice Lee	2200
19	Eduard Zelkind	2200
20	Tim Radermacher	2183

MINNESOTA CHESS HALL OF FAME POINT SYSTEM

This point system is designed to give the Hall of Fame Committee an objective methodology for comparing the career success of various Minnesota chess players. Tournaments change over time in name, relative strength of playing field, and points value. The Committee's goal is to have as comprehensive of a system as is reasonable. Other qualitative data and contributions to advance chess in Minnesota should be considered during a chess player's overall Hall of Fame candidacy.

POINTS

30.0
20.0
15.0
7.5
7.5
7.5
5.0
5.0
3.0
3.0

ACHIEVEMENT

MN STATE CHAMPION
NATIONAL CHAMPION
MN TIER 1 TOURNEY CHAMPION
MN TIER 2 TOURNEY CHAMPION
MN CLOSED PLAYOFF (OPEN)
MN STATE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMP
MN STATE MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMP
MN STATE ELEMENTARY CHAMP
MN CLOSED PLAYOFF (U2200)
NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

DEFINITIONS:

National Champion – Examples include U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP (100 points) NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL, OR ELEMENTARY (OPEN SECTIONS ONLY). Additional examples include U.S. OPEN (50 points), U.S. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP (50 points) U.S. JUNIOR OPEN, DENKER, and BARBER.

Note: From 1982-84 the USCF held two separate National High School Championships. A National High School Individual tournament (held in CA) and a National High School Team Tournament (held in PA) during the same weekend. Only the Individual tournament is recognized by the USCF. However, at the team tournament, individual board prizes were offered for highest scores on boards 1-4. If a player did win or tie for the board prize on their board at a National High School event, 10 points is to be awarded.

MN TIER 1 TOURNAMENTS

Minnesota Open*	Winter Carnival/Open
Region VI	Twin Cities Open
Aqua Open	Twin Ports Open
Minneapolis Open	Minnesota Masters
Budget Paper	Golden Gopher Open

**Prestige of Minnesota Open increases outright championship to 20 points and decreases 3-way plus tie to 10 points*

MN TIER 2 TOURNAMENTS

MN Junior Championship	MN Senior Championship
Northern Open	Trans-Mississippi Open
Jonesey Memorial	St. Cloud Open
Castle Club Championship	Minnesota Class Championship (Open)
Hall of Fame Championship	Rochester Open

ARMED FORCES / SEA SERVICE POINT TOTALS

POINTS

ACHIEVEMENT

30.0	ARMED FORCES CHAMPION BEFORE 1992
12.0	SEA SERVICE CHAMPION
8.0	NATO QUALIFICATION
7.0	ARMED FORCES CHAMPION AFTER 1991
5.0	ARMED FORCES SPEED CHAMPION
3.0	SOUTHERN PACIFIC CHAMPION
3.0	SEA SERVICE SPEED CHAMPION

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