



## Tournament FAQ's

### When can we register?

- All players must be registered online by 8:30 am the day of the tournament
- The sooner you register, the better
- We will cap our registration if space is too limited or unavailable

### What is the schedule?

- Schedule:
  - 8:30 mandatory players/guardian meeting in the gym
  - Round 1 9:00
  - Round 2 10:00
  - Round 3 11:00
  - Lunch (is after your 3rd game is over)
  - Round 4 12:30
  - Round 5 1:30
  - Awards Ceremony 2:30pm in the gym

### Does my player play all rounds?

- This is a non-elimination format tournament
- Players will play in all 5 rounds whether they win, lose or draw

### How do pairings work?

- Pairings will occur 5 minutes before each round
- Pairings for each round and standings will be posted on the walls and on Caissachess.net (look for the QR code posted on the walls and scan with your smart phone)

### Is there wifi and is it complimentary?

- Yes, and there are wifi passwords posted on the walls throughout the church spaces
- If you find it slow, please consider using your hotspot to ensure connection

### Where do we go after the mandatory meeting & chess pairings are up?

- Once you have helped your player to their table, please leave the playing area
- During the round, parents are allowed to watch their player's game by standing outside the playing area and must be standing behind their player to watch.
- During the round, the players (and parents who might be watching their child's game) must remain silent. No talking out loud, no cell phones, no video games or computer noise. Children/parents must have cell phones on mute.
- There is seating in the gym and in the lobby with tables and chairs for the families
- There is a playground outside, but must have parental supervision

### What happens when players have questions or issues during the game?

- Please let your players know that if they have a question at ANY TIME during the round, they should raise their hand and a PALS coach will assist them.



### **Are kids allowed to stay at the tournament without supervision?**

- Kids under 12 MUST have a parent or guardian with them during the tournament
- PALS staff are not responsible for supervision of any players during the tournament

### **Are we allowed to eat & drink during the tournament?**

- If you have a beverage, please make sure it has a lid both in the playing area and in the family hang out areas
- Food is allowed outside the gym, no food at the chess tables

### **Do we have to stay for the awards ceremony to get an award?**

- Yes, you must stay for the awards ceremony to receive any awards earned
- If you can't stay, you may appoint someone else to receive your award and they can arrange how to get it to you
- PALS will not store medals or trophies for people who have left and aren't at the awards ceremony

### **What happens if we leave our belongings at the tournament?**

- PALS staff will collect any items left behind at the church and place the items in the church's lost and found
- If you are missing items, please call the church on the following Monday after the tournament to see if your items are in the lost and found

### **Can we have lots of fun & make long lasting chess friendships at the tournament?**

- **YES!!!!**

