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Monthly Event:

December 2019 we will have two separate one-night events. Tuesday 12/3 will be G/30; d5 Quads. 12/10 will be a Six round Double Swiss Blitz, G/5; d0.

All events are at our new location; St. Paul's Episcopal Church; 39 E. Central Ave., Natick MA

PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY

See http://www.metrowestchess.org/Community/Club/Maps/Location_and_Maps.pdf for maps.

The club only has use of the site for two nights in December, 12/3 and 12/10 so we decided to hold two separate one-night events.

Tuesday December 3rd, 2019 MCC Holiday Quads

Time control: G/30 with five second delay. Entry fee: \$20 for MCC members, \$25 for nonmembers. Prizes: \$50 to the winner of each quad. Entrants are ordered by rating from highest to lowest. Starting from the top, players are divided into groups of four and play a round robin of three games. If there are players left at the end, the bottom five, six, or seven players play a three round Swiss.

NOTE: This event will be **Dual** rated, US Chess Regular and Rapid ratings will be affected.

Tuesday, December 10 MCC Holiday Blitz

Six round double Swiss (each round, players play two games with colors reversed for the second game). Time control: G/5 with no delay. Entry fee: \$20 for MCC members, \$25 for nonmembers. Prizes: \$100 1st, \$50 2nd; \$50 to the highest finisher who started in the bottom half of entrants.

NOTE: This event will only be Rated under the US Chess Blitz rating system.

For **both** events:

Registration closes **promptly** at 7:20 pm. If you arrive after that you may not be paired.

If you think you can't arrive by 7:20, please call the club number **before 7:00 PM** and register by phone message.

News

The Club will only be meeting for only two Tuesdays in December 2019 (12/3 and 12/10) since the church has events on 12/17 and 12/24, and the last

Tuesday is New Year's Eve (12/31). See above for details of the two separate one-night events we are running.

Reminders

Some reminders of tournament chess rules:

- Players must write their move, or enter it on an electronic scorekeeping device, only **after** making it on the board.
- Players must keep score at all times **unless** either player is below five minutes of thinking time before the first time control, or sudden death.
- Players must use only one hand to make all moves (including captures and castling) and must operate the clock with the same hand.

Penalties for all these violations will be a stern warning for a first offense. Subsequent violations may incur a time penalty. Repeated violations of US Chess rules could result in a loss of a game.

MCC Group Classes; Submit Games for Potential Review:

Group Classes to Continue:

National Master Farzad Abdi has begun giving pre-round lessons going over some classic historical games! We will send out further details of future lectures when they become available.

There will be no lectures in December.

Classes begin at approximately 6:30 and run until announcements at 7:20. We do not run classes on the first Tuesday of the month so we don't interfere with registration.



New England Chess School (Scholastic Chess Classes)

FALL Chess Session is now enrolling, and is offered at 6:15 PM – 7:45 PM on Wednesdays. Classes start on September 18, 2019 and end on January 15, 2020.

After school & Weekend chess classes

- Enriched after-school and weekend activity for elementary school aged children.
- All levels are welcome from beginners to already serious tournament player

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