



Scholastic Chess Grand Prix Rules

Introduction

The purpose of the Saint Louis Chess Club (STLCC) Scholastic Grand Prix is to encourage young chess players to play consecutive monthly scholastic tournaments throughout the school year. We believe that actively playing in tournaments is the best way to improve a player's chess game. STLCC Scholastic Grand Prix encourages and rewards that effort.

Player Eligibility

Every Lichess member in grades K-12 throughout the current school year will automatically be eligible for the STLCC Scholastic Grand Prix.

Event Eligibility

STLCC Scholastic Grand Prix is a series of seven (7) online chess tournaments held throughout the school year.

STLCC Scholastic Grand Prix events are monthly scholastic tournaments running from October through April, and they will be advertised as Grand Prix Events.

STLCC Scholastic Grand Prix events are five rounds with a G/30 time control.

Playing in at least one round of any eligible Grand Prix tournaments will automatically enter a player into the Grand Prix competition.

STLCC Scholastic Grand Prix events award Grand Prix points for wins and draws; One point for wins, and a half-point for draws.

Only **Open Sections** (i.e. K-12 Open and K-6 Open) of STLCC Scholastic Grand Prix tournaments are eligible for Grand Prix points.

All points earned by a player from Grand Prix events will be summed into a cumulative individual score. That player's final score will be judge against the K-12 Grand Prix Standings only if they played exclusively in K-12 Open Sections; otherwise, they will be judged against the K-6 Grand Prix Standings.

How to Earn Points

Eligible participants earn Grand Prix points just by playing in a Grand Prix event. Bonus points will also be awarded for every Grand Prix event.

Grand Prix Points

Grand Prix points earned in each Grand Prix event are the player's final score after that tournament.

Half and full point byes count towards Grand Prix points.

Bonus Grand Prix Points

Playing in a K-12 Open or K-6 Open – 10 points

First place – 5 points

Second place – 3 points

Third place – 1 point

Place points will not be divided amongst tied players. Ties are resolved based on Lichess Tie Breaks.

At the end of each season, total points will be added together for each player from the seven (7) eligible monthly tournaments for a cumulative individual score.

Grand Prix Prizes

The top 10 individual players in each Grand Prix will receive awards at the end of the season.

Individual Grand Prix Cups will be presented to the season's top scorers (First, Second, and Third places).

The top player in K-12 Open section will receive automatic entry into STLCC Select Chess training program in addition to their trophy. The player must meet rating requirements.

****** Team trophies will be awarded according to total season points for each GP Section. The top teams by score will receive trophies (normally the top three teams), however, since team pairing restrictions are not available online, the



tournament organizer will have the discretion to award more than three trophies. Trophies will include team point totals but not a rank order for places.

Non-trophy Grand Prix Prizes

Non-trophy awards can include Grandmaster lessons, chess equipment, books, or Chess Club gift certificates.

** Because of the online format during this season, team trophies are awarded on a modified basis.