



# FAQs

## Event Organization

*What is the event URL?*

<https://new.uschess.org/2021-national-online-scholastic-championships>

This URL includes event information, instructional videos, archived informational email blasts, and links to register.

*Why is the National Online Scholastic Chess Championships (NOSC) not happening in a single weekend?*

We expect lots of players, so US Chess is organizing the event with the players' experience as our top priority. By spreading out the event over two weekend qualification tournaments followed by a championship weekend allows for better event management.

## Registration

*Can I register for more than one section or weekend?*

Yes, players who currently are in grades 6 and below can register for the K-9 or K-12 sections. Grade and age eligibility are defined in paragraph 12.2 of the [US Chess National Scholastic Regulations](#).

*How do I make a team for this event?*

First, the only team play will be in the two Qualification events; there are no “teams” in the Championship event. If you want to form a team and compete in a section of one of the Qualification events, your team must be made from players who all attend the same school. Also, we know that some players are attending school online, and that school might not be the school they would normally attend. If you are in that category, you can only compete for the school you attend online or in-person. Find more about teams and player eligibility for teams in paragraph 13.2 of the [National Scholastic Chess Regulations](#).

*I don't have a rating. What do I do?*

That's not a problem! You can enter the tournament as a “first-time player”, but remember--all players must be members of the US Chess Federation (US Chess). If you are not, you can join US Chess, or renew your US Chess membership, at [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org). Navigate to that page, then select the “Join” menu option from the top of your screen.

## Username

*Why are you assigning me a username when I already have one?*

We have learned from considerable experience that assigning usernames to all players is the only way to ensure every player's username is correct. Every player also will receive a unique password for the event. If you already have a Username on the platform we are using for the tournament it will remain active, but DO NOT USE IT on the day of the tournament. If you do, you won't get paired to play.

*Can I change my assigned username to my existing username?*

No, you must use the Username you receive for the event. If you already have a Username on the platform we are using for the tournament it will remain active, but DO NOT USE IT on the day of the tournament. If you do, you won't get paired to play. US Chess will not give refunds to players who attempt to login using the wrong Username.

*Can I practice with my assigned username?*

YES! We expect the assigned Usernames to be activated about one week before the start of the tournament.

## Issues While Playing

*What happens if I get paired against another player from my school?*

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*What do I do if my opponent doesn't show up?*

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*Where do I go for technical help during the event?*

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*Why aren't we using cameras during this event?*

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## Fair Play

*How will US Chess monitor fair play during the qualification rounds of this tournament?*

A team of experts from US Chess reviewed the fair play methodologies of [Chess.com/ChessKid](https://www.chess.com/chesskid), [ICC](https://www.icc.com) and [Lichess](https://www.lichess.org). Those experts recommended to the Executive Board that these servers' approaches to fair play were effective at detecting violations and minimizing false positive instances.