

# Last chance for school teams to shine!

## Elementary team championship is Sunday; most teams need players

Due to the problem of trying to get school teams filled after the excitement of the Alberta Challenge is over and soccer season has begun, the Elementary School Chess Team Championship scheduled for Sunday, May 16, at Edmonton Chess Club, is suffering.

It appears New Horizons and Westbrook will field two complete teams and their A squads may be the only two teams battling for the championship title which was won by New Horizons in 2009.

The two schools' B teams will then join two or three other school teams to battle for the B championship.

Team members playing orders are determined by their Chess'n Math rating, and the average rating of a team's players determine the team's placement in Section A or B. New Horizons A is definitely the team to beat with an average rating of over 1,400 while Westbrook A will have an average of over 1,300. Other teams are expected to have average ratings below 1100.

Interest in the team event has come from 10 schools but in some cases only one or two players have actually signed up for the teams. A full team is five players, but teams with four players can still enter and, in past matches, some teams have been in the awards despite being short a player.

"From now on we will hold the elementary team championships in February when there is the most interest in school team events and we can get a dozen or more teams involved," says Bruce Thomas of the Roving ChessNuts which organizes the team matches as part of its school instructional programming.

Online registration for Sunday's team tournament will continue until 12 noon on Saturday and at that time, any team with fewer than four players will be dropped. Registration is by registering online at [www.rovingchessnuts.com](http://www.rovingchessnuts.com). A list of prospective teams and their players are posted on the website.

Arrangements are being made to have the top two teams from Sunday play against school teams from Calgary. Last June, New Horizons sent two teams to Red Deer to face teams from two Calgary schools and the New Horizons teams came in first and second.

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Players, many holding a flower to take home to Mom, pose for sectional photos at the Mother's Day Tournament last Sunday at Edmonton Chess Club.



### Mother's Day Tournament results:

- Section A: 1. Noah Hoffner, 2. Etienne Leclerc, tied for 3. David McCullough and Dennis Situ  
Section B: 1. Tony Yang, 2. Jakob Kaiser, tied for 3. Dante Chan and Rishi Durupala  
Section C: 1. Naveed Virji, 2. Ian McCullough, 3. Zack Kirsch  
Section D: 1. Thomas Nef-Ojeda, 2. Prabjeet Bansal, 3. Kaining Lin, tied 4. Mark Nie and Terry Batbold, 6. Allan Stanislus  
Section E: 1. Tobin Fell, 2. Alex Broughton, 3. Joel Leclerc, 4. Luciano Di Blasi, 5. Rayden Lin, 6. Filip Stevanovic  
Section F: 1. Austin Hesse, 2. Vinh Nguyen, 3. Destin Chan, tied 4. Andrei Niculescu and David Yao, 6. John Cervantes  
Section G: 1. Yashaswi Bhandari, 2. Sean Robertson, 3. Artur Lyssenko, 4. Jonathan Martins, tied 5. Nathan Roy and Collin Harrison  
Section H: 1. Josh Roberston, 2. Tyson Ofstie, 3. Kevin Stanislus, 4. Patrick Cervantes, tied 5. Andrew Keates and Darren Li  
Section I: 1. Henry Song, 2. Ibrahim Emallah, 3. Kaixin Wang, 4. Boris Stevanovic, 5. Jayden Buchanan, 6. Emmett Maxfield  
Section J: 1. Ying Li, 2. Graham Warner, 3. Norman Fu, 4. Alvin Wu, 5. Kurt Ruecker, 6. Lucas Lemay

