



KAGW CheckMate 2022

Rules & Procedures



GENERAL RULES

1. All participants must complete an online registration form available at www.kagw.com and submit the mandatory registration fees by the end date February 2, 2022.
2. Registration fees for the tournament will be \$12.00 per participant.
3. Payments must be made through the registration website using Paypal.
4. Only one registration form should be submitted per participant.
5. Registration forms submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.
6. Organizers reserve the right to extend the deadline for registration. Any extension of the registration deadline will be announced through the KAGW website.
7. Organizers reserve the right to cancel the whole tournament or a specific category within the tournament if there are less than 4 participants for that tournament /category.
8. The tournament will be held in-person at Walter Johnson High School based on the following categories:

UNRATED:

- a. Category 1 – Below 3rd grade
- b. Category 2 – 4th grade to 6th grade
- c. Category 3 – 7th grade to 10th grade
- d. Category 4 – Above 10th grade (no upper limit) + Adults

(For administrative purposes, categories are determined based on the grade/class in which the participant is currently studying. The participant's actual age will not be considered to determine their category)

RATED:

- a. Under 600 rating
 - b. Under 1200 rating
 - c. Open
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9. False representation of the category will result in disqualification of the participant.
 10. Participants can only participate in one category. However, participants may opt to participate in a higher category. Under no circumstances will they be allowed to participate in a lower category. A participant cannot contest in multiple categories.
 11. There will be no separate tournaments for male and female participants.
 12. Participants will not receive any communication from the organizers if they fail to report on time.
 13. The KAGW Sports Committee reserves the rights to revise the rules at any time.
 14. The KAGW Sports Committee's decision shall be final.

TOURNAMENT RULES:

1. The RATED category follows the basic principles of a Swiss System tournament. Please refer [here](#) for more details for the RATED tournament.
2. The UNRATED category uses the Swiss Pairing system for multiple rounds.
3. If a participant is late he/she will lose the first round and will have to wait for the second round to start.
4. There will be three to four rounds in each category. This is not an elimination round tournament.
5. Two players may play each other only once.
6. The final ranking order is determined by the aggregate of points won: 1 point for a win, 0.5 point for a draw and 0 point for a loss. A player whose opponent fails to appear for a scheduled game receives one point.
7. The player with the highest total number of points wins the category. In case of 2 players having the same points, the tie breaker point system will be used that is based on Swiss format rules used by the portal.
8. All standard rules of Chess will be followed by KAGW for this tournament unless mentioned below. In case of conflict, the committee has all the rights to take a decision.
9. Timings Rule:
 - For the UNRATED tournament each round is 40 min maximum with 20 min per player with no delay. The players will be using their Cell Phones for the timer purpose.
 - For the RATED tournament each round is 60 min maximum with 30 min per player with 5 sec delay (G30/d5). The standard chess clocks will be used for the timer purpose.

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DISCLAIMER:

While participating in events held or sponsored by the Kerala Association of Greater Washington (KAGW), consistent with CDC and county guidelines, participants are encouraged to practice hand hygiene, social distancing and wear face coverings to reduce the risks of exposure to COVID-19.