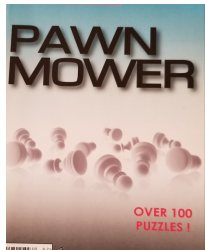


# DC SCHOLASTIC CHESS

**Where Brilliance Meets the Chess Board**



**2020-2021  
YEAR IN REVIEW**

The COVID pandemic prohibited the over the board chess events in Washington, DC during late 2020. It is worth noting that Chess Girls DC nonprofit organization and Reggie Luckett of the Black Knights distributed over 275 chess sets and books with free lessons care of National Master David Bennett across the city during the Winter of 2020-21 onset of the citywide shut down to provide a family strengthening activity during the pandemic shutdown



Using CDC guidelines, 100 percent mask policy in place the leadership of Mr. Mehler and the team at the U.S. Chess Center, the Barber Grade 6-8 and Denker, Grade 9-12 Citywide Championships were conducted over the board. The K-5 was conducted via Li Chess platform and Amanda Lossef represented Washington, DC in the Girls Tournament of Champions.

**ROCKEFELLER K-5  
TOURNAMENT**

As always the National Tournament of Champions is a vicious siege of state champions from across the country. Seven of the top K-5 players were rated 2304 to 1900. Our representative in the K-5 section, Lenox Serrette, bravely completed the 6 round event with a total of 2 points. His rating at the time was 1065.



DC Grade 6-8 citywide tournament

**BARBER 6-8**

The Barber Grades 6-8 National Tournament of Champions proved to be brutal but our representative Benjamin Tyrell fought bravely to earn 3 points and ranked 21st place out of 48 players in the event. His rating at the time was 1807.

When you're surrounded by people who share a passionate commitment around a common purpose, anything is possible.

# DC Scholastic Chess Events



DC Grade 9-12 citywide tournament

## DENKER 9-12

*The high school section did not disappoint ! The Denker, grades 9-12 section was unforgiving with the top 30 players boasting ratings of 2674 to 2010. Unrelenting and courageously, our representative Benjamin Nemelka battled to earn a score of 2 points. His rating at the time was 1855.*

## DC GIRLS K-12 & HARING TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

*There was an open tournament for girls hosted but due to the existing COVID scare there was a low turn out. Amanda Lossef represented the District of Columbia in the Haring Girls Tournament of Champions. She brawled to stay in the middle of the pack as the top 7 players were composed of Women Candidate Masters and ratings above 2022. Amanda successfully earned 3 points. Her rating at the time of the tournament was 1822.*



## WHAT'S NEXT ?



*With luck, the 2021-22 season expectation is to convene over the board tournaments in the Spring if the public schools stay open.*

*The 2021, 5th annual DC Regional Women and Girls Tournament is scheduled to be held October 16, 2021. Hosted by community partners Chess Girls DC and Capital Area Chess, it should continue to be a huge success using CDC guidelines, 100 percent mask policy in place and full face shields available. The 2019 over the board event attracted over 85 girls from North Carolina to New York and regions west and east. It was held last year(2020) online, attracting over 90 girls internationally over an entire weekend across several time zones.*

I would to thank all of the members of the chess community in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia who have donated to Chess Girls DC Nonprofit Organization to produce DC Scholastic Co-ed Chess Events. Thank you for tirelessly working and giving to keep Chess alive in Washington,DC.

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