**RCTC Youth Chess Tournament, February 20, 2016**

Please mark your calendars for the RCTC Youth Chess Tournament at RCTC on Saturday, February 20, 2016.

**Format:** Four-round Swiss combined individual, team tournament. You do not have to be on a team to compete. The tournament will be divided in to 3 sections based on chess playing experience:

**Novice:** Inexperienced chess players, primarily for middle school students (using clocks and recording moves are optional)

**Reserve:** High school JV players

**Premier:** High school varsity players and RCTC students.

**Time Control:**  Game/30 plus a 5-second delay for the Reserve and Premier sections only.
**Registration:** 11:00 – 11:15 AM, individuals arriving after 11:15 AM will be given a bye the first round and paired in the second round. Half-point byes are available for any round.

**Schedule:**

11:00 - 11:15 AM registration

11:30 - 12:30 Round 1

12:30 -1:00 PM Pizza break

1:00 - 2:00 PM Round 2

2:15 - 3:15 PM Round 3

3:30 - 4:30 PM Round 4

4:30 - 4:45 PM Awards

The novices will start the first round at 11:30 and subsequent rounds will begin shortly after the previous round ends.

**Contact and registration**:

Dennis Mays- dennismays101@gmail.com advance registration by email is preferred.

Entry fee of $5 will be paid by a grant from Mayo Clinic for those who preregister!

Send by email the name, grade, school, section, and bye requests to Dennis Mays by Feb 18, 5 PM for free entry.

**Directions:** Rochester Community and Technical College, 851 30th Ave SE, student cafeteria.

Park in the main lot on the East side of the main campus. Enter in the Hill Theater entrance, it’s closest to the lot. Stay on the first floor, walk left to a corner and go right. Proceed straight until there is a hallway on your left. Note the restrooms and elevator. Take the elevator to the third floor and it opens into the cafeteria.

**Sponsors:** Rochester Chess Club, Mayo Clinic, and RCTC departments of Mathematics, Computer Science, Engineering & Art.