



# Bughouse (Doubles) Chess Tournament



Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM

There will be a bughouse tournament taking place on Sunday March 27th at the University Center at MUN starting at 1:30 PM. The tournament is open to players of all ages from grade 1 to adult.

Players are expected to know the basic rules of Bughouse (Doubles) chess. Sections will be decided based on the players registering on the day. This is primarily intended as a fun event but there are some special rules to ensure fairness. Good sportsmanship is expected of all players. Players will enter this event as individuals (rather than as teams) and will be paired with different partners throughout the event. Points will be awarded to, and totalled by, individual players, (not by teams). If a team wins a round, then both players on the team will score a point, (not just the player who won the game).

In each round, the two highest rated players in a team must play opposite each other in both games. Each pair will play their counterpart on the opposing team twice so that each player will play once as black and once as white. Players may talk to their partner during the game to request or offer pieces or even to warn their partner about the time but they may not communicate with their partner about specific moves or strategy. In the event that one player breaks this rule and tells his partner a move, that move will then be prohibited.

**Time Controls: 5 minutes (sudden death). Entry Fee: \$10.**

Medals will be awarded to the top three places in the lower grades. Cash prizes depending on the number attending will be awarded to the top three places in the upper section(s).

## Some standard rules of Bughouse (Doubles) Chess:

- A win on one board is a win for the team. (It is not required to win both boards).
- If one player runs out to time then the team loses.
- Pawns may not be laid on the 1st rank or the 8th rank.
- It is not necessary to say “check”.
- The king may be captured and this ends the game.
- A promoted pawn reverts to a pawn when it is captured.
- Any talking between players must be in a normal voice. No whispering.
- Other than above, normal chess tournament rules will apply (including interference).

For any questions please contact Chris Dawson at [info@chess.nl.ca](mailto:info@chess.nl.ca).

**Important Note:** All school age participants must be supervised by a parent or designated guardian. Neither the Newfoundland and Labrador School Chess Association (NLSCA) nor Memorial University will be held responsible for the safety or behaviour of participants. The responsibility of the tournament organizers will be limited to ensuring fair competition in accordance with NLSCA tournament rules.