

WHAT IS SCHOLASTIC CHESS?

At International Chess Academy (ICA) students have the opportunity to enroll in the United States Chess Federation (USCF) and participate in USCF sanctioned tournaments where scholastic scores and ratings are logged, posted and ranked nationally by age and level.

The emergence of scholastic chess in the US began in the early 1970s, influenced by the success of Bobby Fischer, US-born, 1972-75, eleventh World Chess Champion.

In years since, the "Fischer Boom" has inspired an increased interest in chess. Membership numbers of school-aged children in the USCF have climbed steadily since the 1990's, as well as the number of students participating in national scholastic chess tournaments.

Today, US Chess sanctions and rates over 10,000 tournaments and over half a million games yearly.

