

# Chess Club Permission Form

Your student has registered for or expressed interest in joining the MSA Chess Club which will meet online during distance learning this first semester. As part of the club, members will use two online tools in which to play chess, and to communicate with each other. MSA does not currently monitor or engage these companies, and as such, we are asking students and parents to register their own accounts for use with Chess Club. Details about these online resources are listed below:

**Chess.com** is the largest online chess site. It features tools for playing chess online with other people, as well as advanced analysis tools and training. During a scheduled Chess Club meeting, students will only play games against each other. However, there is a social component that allows your student to play against other people online that the school is unable to directly monitor, and as such, is a risk you should be aware of as a parent.

**Discord.com** – Chess Club has created a discord server, (<https://discord.gg/7PVRG9>)

that students are able to use. Discord allows for both voice, video, and text communication that will help club members communicate and discuss matches. Two MSA staff members will be on this Discord server to monitor it. However, a Discord account can be used with other Discord servers as well, and as such, we want parents to be aware of the club's intent to use one, as a student may use their account to access other Discords outside of the control of MSA.

Students are expected to follow the Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy (Policy 524), as well as MSA's behavior guidelines, when using either Chess.com or Discord.com.

Please work with your student to set up these accounts, and ***sign and return a copy of this form acknowledging that you agree with your student using Chess.com and Discord.com as a member of the MSA Chess Club.***

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chess.com username: \_\_\_\_\_ (Account can be created by going to [chess.com](https://chess.com))

Discord username: \_\_\_\_\_ (A user may join the Discord by going to: <https://discord.gg/7PVRG9>)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date signed \_\_\_\_\_

To send the completed form, or if you have questions or need more information regarding Chess Club, please email Cheri Howe, at [chowe@mnmsa.org](mailto:chowe@mnmsa.org).