

Qualification for the K-12 phase two shall be as follows:

- 1) The top five positions in the tournaments shall be unchanged, i.e. based on performance at the K-12 state tournament
- 2) Each of the additional three spots shall be awarded at an open scholastic tournament to be held in the northern, central, and southern regions of New Mexico. (An open scholastic tournament allows players from anywhere in New Mexico to play.) The regional qualification tournaments must be completed after September 1st of the previous year and five days before the K-12 tournament. The qualification tournaments must be advertised on the NMSCO website one month before they occur, be USCF rated, have at least three rounds, and have a time control at least as long as G/55;5d. The qualifiers and USCF cross tables must be reported to the NMSCO chief tournament director at least three days prior to the start of the K-12 state tournament. The qualifiers for the K-12 phase two from each region must win the regional tournament and have a rating above 1500 at the end of the tournament. In the case of ties, tie-breaks shall be used for the selection. If the qualifier cannot attend the K-12 phase two, the position passes to the next places so long as the rating restriction is met.
- 3) In the case that a region does not select a qualifier as above for the phase two tournaments, the slot reverts back to being selected at the K-12 tournament.
- 4) If there are any disputes over the body responsible for organizing the regional tournaments, the definitions of the geographical regions, or selecting the qualifiers, the adjudication is made by the NMSCO organizing committee and chief tournament director; their decisions are final.
- 5) Tie breaks at the phase two tournament will be 1) Performance rating from the qualifying tournament, 2) modified median, 3) Solkoff, 4) cumulative, 5) cumulative of opposition. If after all tie breaks, two players remain tied, there will be a series of unrated sudden-death playoff games at G/15;5d.