



**Gifted and Talented Education  
English as a Second Language**

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TO: Rochester Region High School Principals  
Buffalo Region High School Principals

FROM: Charmy Perry, Coordinator - Division of Gifted & Talented Education  
Scott Kroner, MasterMinds Commissioner  
Ron Lohrman, Interscholastic Chess Coordinator

RE: 2011-2012 MasterMinds and Interscholastic Chess League

Planning is well underway for another exciting year of academic competitions, both for MasterMinds and Interscholastic Chess. These competition programs have become a regular part of the extra curricular offerings in high schools throughout Western New York, with hundreds of students participating each year. MasterMinds, played both at the varsity and junior varsity levels, provides a competitive structure to recognize and celebrate the strengths of your academically talented students. Interscholastic Chess provides an opportunity for students to test their skills in this game of logic and strategy against the skills of students from other schools.

Both MasterMinds and Interscholastic Chess are offered as services of Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES where Charmy Perry handles the administration of the program. Scott Kroner continues to run the day to day operations of MasterMinds and he works with Ron Lohrman and the Rochester Chess Center to facilitate the operations of the Chess matches. We encourage you to visit the MasterMinds website at [www.nymasterminds.com](http://www.nymasterminds.com) or the Chess website at [www.nychess.org](http://www.nychess.org) for the latest information about the programs - If you are considering MasterMinds or Chess for the first time, and would like to inquire about starting a club, or schedule a demonstration at your school to gauge student interest, please contact Scott Kroner at 585-473-0864.

As the beginning of another school year approaches, it is time to officially register for the 2011-2012 season. The cost of MasterMinds is \$690/high school team, and the cost for junior varsity is \$290/high school team. The cost for Interscholastic Chess is \$210/high school team. Schools are responsible for their own transportation to and from matches.

In order for your high school to continue with MasterMinds and/or Interscholastic Chess, or to join for the first time, please do the following:

1. Complete the enclosed MasterMinds/Interscholastic Chess Registration Form and mail or fax it to Charmy Perry at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES **no later than Friday, September 23, 2011**. You will note that the form asks for the coach's name. If you cannot identify a coach for 2011-2012 at this time, that's fine.

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2. Give the enclosed Coach's Pre-Scheduling Form to your MasterMinds and/or Chess Coach as soon as you know who it is. This information assists greatly in the formation and scheduling of the leagues. **Please note that this form needs to be faxed to Scott Kroner – the details are on the form or alternately, the form can be completed on line at [www.monroe2boces.org/forms.cfm?myForm=173](http://www.monroe2boces.org/forms.cfm?myForm=173)**

The Registration Form, the Coach's Pre-Scheduling Form, and this letter are posted on the MasterMinds website - [www2.monroe2boces.org/masterminds/general/downloads](http://www2.monroe2boces.org/masterminds/general/downloads) or the Chess website – [www.nychess.org](http://www.nychess.org)

3. As soon as you know definitely that your school will be participating in MasterMinds and /or Chess, please check with your central office and follow the appropriate procedure for requesting a service (MasterMinds and or Chess) from Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES.
  - \* Public schools outside of Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES must complete a cross contract service request and submit it to your BOCES. Your BOCES will then send the service request to Monroe 2 BOCES. (A **sample** cross contract request form is enclosed FYI - your district should have something similar.)
  - \* Buffalo City Schools must submit a letter or purchase order to Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES that requests the service(s).
  - \* Rochester City Schools must submit a letter or purchase order to Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES that requests the service (s).
  - \* Component districts of Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES need to submit a "Request for Additional Service" form **only if MasterMinds and/or Chess were not on your April Service Request.**

Once the request for service has been received, your school will be billed appropriately either directly or via your BOCES.

After the registration deadline, your coach/advisor will be contacted about a coaches' meeting. At that meeting the season will be scheduled, process and procedures will be discussed including any rule changes, and there will be plenty of opportunity to address questions and concerns. We will be using the same question format as last year – further discussion on this topic will take place at the coaches' meeting. If your school is new to either MasterMinds or Chess, you will be contacted to schedule an orientation prior to the start of the season.

We encourage you to join us in these outstanding programs. If you have questions or need further information, please call Charmy Perry at 585-352-2458 for registration and payment questions, Scott Kroner at 585-473-0864 for specific MasterMinds questions, and Ron Lohrman at 585-442-2430 for specific Chess questions.

Best wishes for a successful school year - we look forward to receiving your registration!

Enclosures

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# 2011-2012 MasterMinds/Interscholastic Chess Registration Form for High School Principals

## Mail or Fax to Charmy Perry

Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES, 3599 Big Ridge Road  
Spencerport, NY 14559 Fax # 585-352-2613

**Deadline: September 23, 2011**

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Check all appropriate boxes below:

- Yes, our high school will be participating in the 2011-2012 MasterMinds through the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES. We understand the cost to be \$690/high school. We will initiate a "Request for Service" and we understand that our district will be billed \$690 as part of our BOCES services.  
Please Note: (A school does not have to have a coach identified to sign-up).
- Yes, our high school is interested in participating in junior varsity MasterMinds during the 2011-2012 season. We understand the cost for the junior varsity to be \$290 and will include this in our service request to Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES. We understand that if enough schools in our league do not sign up for junior varsity competition, then we will not be billed.
- Yes, our high school will be participating in the 2011-2012 Interscholastic Chess through the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES. We understand the cost to be \$210 per high school. We will initiate a "Request for Service" and we understand that our district will be billed \$210 as part of our BOCES services.
  - We wish to have our MasterMinds and chess teams scheduled concurrently.
  - We do not wish to have our MasterMinds and chess teams scheduled concurrently and we will fill out two separate pre-scheduling forms.
- We have not yet identified a coach/advisor for the team, but are planning on participating so please keep us advised about scheduling meetings.

If you would like to schedule a demonstration to gauge student interest, contact Scott Kroner at (585) 473-0864.

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

BOCES affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

### MasterMinds Coach(es)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

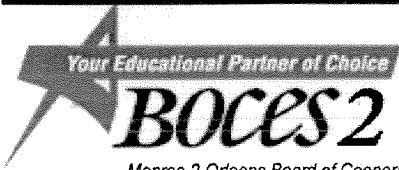
### Interscholastic Chess Coach(es)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Principal



Monroe 2-Orleans Board of Cooperative Educational Services

# CROSS CONTRACT FOR BOCES SERVICES

**This form is to be used by districts for requesting BOCES services from BOCES other than their local BOCES.**

### PART I: To be completed by district requesting cross contract

District Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School Year: 2011-2012

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of service requested: MasterMinds and/or Interscholastic Chess League

\_\_\_\_\_

Potential BOCES Provider: Monroe 2- Orleans Estimated Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 School Superintendent Signature Date

*(Forward to local BOCES District Superintendent)*

### PART II: To be completed by local BOCES District Superintendent

It is requested that cross-contract arrangements be made with \_\_\_\_\_ BOCES to provide the service listed above.

Local BOCES: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Local BOCES District Superintendent Signature Date

*(Forward to District Superintendent of providing BOCES)*

### PART III: To be completed by BOCES District Superintendent providing cross-contracted service

Name of service: \_\_\_\_\_

CO-SER # \_\_\_\_\_

Activity Code # \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 District Superintendent of providing BOCES Signature Date

After approval distribute completed and signed copies of this form to:

- Providing BOCES
- Providing BOCES Administrator
- Requesting BOCES District Superintendent
- Requesting School Superintendent

**CYPRAS, Inc.**  
**4 Commercial Street**  
**Second Floor**  
**mminds@rochester.rr.com**  
**Rochester, NY 14614**

**Please return ASAP**  
**Fax: 585-232-1162**  
**E-mail:**  
**Ph: 585-473-0864**

### MasterMinds/Interscholastic Chess Prescheduling Form

**NOTE: If your MasterMinds and chess teams are travelling separately, please submit two separate forms; one for MasterMinds and one for chess.**

**Submitted for:**     **MasterMinds**                       **Chess**                       **Both** (if travelling together)

Please fill out this form after consulting with your players. This will help speed the scheduling process as we try to fit all the different leagues into a three week rotation.

Please check just one box for each day. If you check "Very Bad", briefly describe the conflict. Rank order the five days (1, 2, 3, 4, 5) to indicate preferences. Any day checked as first choice should also be indicated with a rank order of 1.

**Monday** (rank order \_\_\_\_\_)

- |                                                          |                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First choice/Best               | <input type="checkbox"/> No problems/OK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not desirable but possible/Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Very bad _____ |

**Tuesday** (rank order \_\_\_\_\_)

- |                                                          |                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First choice/Best               | <input type="checkbox"/> No problems/OK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not desirable but possible/Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Very bad _____ |

**Wednesday** (rank order \_\_\_\_\_)

- |                                                          |                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First choice/Best               | <input type="checkbox"/> No problems/OK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not desirable but possible/Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Very bad _____ |

**Thursday** (rank order \_\_\_\_\_)

- |                                                          |                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First choice/Best               | <input type="checkbox"/> No problems/OK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not desirable but possible/Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Very bad _____ |

**Friday** (rank order \_\_\_\_\_)

- |                                                          |                                         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First choice/Best               | <input type="checkbox"/> No problems/OK |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not desirable but possible/Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Very bad _____ |

If possible, we wish to be scheduled in a league that allows us to skip a meet.

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**MasterMinds Coach(es)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interscholastic Chess Coach(es)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special notes (late departure, traveling with others, etc):** \_\_\_\_\_

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