

Arts & Enrichment

TO: Capital District Region High School Principals
MasterMinds Coaches

FROM: Annie Gersztzoff, Program Manager
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RE: **Registration for the 2025-2026 Master**

Planning is underway for the 2025-26 MasterMinds program. MasterMinds is a team-based, quiz bowl- style academic competition. It provides a competitive structure to recognize the strengths of academically talented students. Students benefit from the opportunity to develop teamwork and learn the value of sportsmanship.

Program fees are: \$790 per Varsity team and \$348 for an optional Junior Varsity team (varsity participation is a prerequisite). Teams will play a 12-game regular season. Schools are responsible for their own transportation.

We are now offering participation in the Albany Interscholastic Chess League (ICL) to all schools. The ICL allows students to test their analytical skills in the classic game of logic and strategy against the talents of the brightest students from other schools. The fee for this year will be \$374.00. Like MasterMinds, the league would consist of a 12-game season. If multiple leagues are necessary, there will be post-season playoffs. Please know that if you choose to do both MasterMinds and Chess concurrently, you have the option for the teams to travel together.

If you are interested in finding out more about the program, you can request additional information by checking the appropriate box on the registration form, or by contacting the MasterMinds Commissioner at masterminds@nymasterminds.com.

To register, complete and return the attached Registration Form **no later than Friday, September 19, 2025**. Once registered, coaches can submit their [Prescheduling Form](#).

For more information contact Scott Kroner at the state MasterMinds office at (585) 473-0864 or by email masterminds@nymasterminds.com. The MasterMinds website also offers answers to a host of questions, as well as a link to the prescheduling form. www.nymasterminds.com.

