



2009-2010 Virginia Scholastic & Collegiate Chess Championships

March 13 & 14, 2010

Organized by the Virginia Chess Federation
and Hosted by the Chess Club at Virginia Tech



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Last Year's State Champions

Individual Winners

- **State K-3 Co-Champions:**
 - Sean Senft, Churchill Road Elementary
 - William Sun, Greenbriar West Elementary
- **State K-5 Champion:**
 - Branden Kim, Greenbriar West Elementary
- **State K-8 Champion:**
 - Katherine Wu, Kilmer Middle School
- **State K-12 Champion:**
 - Abby Marshall, Warwick High School
 - VA State High School Champion
 - U.S. National Champion, Denker Tournament of High School Champions
- **State Collegiate Champion:**
 - Andrew Samuelson
 - VA State Collegiate Champion
 - Reigning VA State Closed Adult Champion

Team Winners

- **K-3 Team Champion:** Churchill Road Elementary
- **K-5 Team Champion:** Greenbriar West Elementary
- **K-8 Team Champion:** Kilmer Middle School
- **K-12 Team Champion:** Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
- **College Team Champion:** George Mason University

Other Notable Achievements by Virginians

- **Abby Marshall**, U.S. National Champion, Denker Tournament of High School Champions
- **Yang Dai**, U.S. National Champion, Susan Polgar Invitational for Girls
- **Andrew Samuelson**, Virginia State Adult (Closed) Champion



WFM Abby Marshall, USCF 2229



Yang Dai (left), USCF 2064



Andrew Samuelson, USCF 2257

Schedule of Events

(Friday through Sunday)

Friday, March 12th

- **ALL PLAYERS MUST REGISTER FOR THE MAIN TOURNAMENT BY 9PM ON FRIDAY, MARCH 12th**
- **ON-SITE / LATE REGISTRATION:**
 - 3PM to 9PM **at the Squires Student Center, Campus of Virginia Tech**, the site of the tournament.
 - There is **no registration desk on Saturday or Sunday**.
 - The phone number at the Registration Desk will be 757-846-4805.
- **Blitz: Round 1 at 6:30 PM**
 - **ON-SITE registration and payment for Blitz is from 3-6 PM.** Players not paid for blitz by 6 PM **will not be paired** for the Blitz Tournament.
 - All games will be played in the Squires Student Center, Commonwealth Ballroom.
 - We expect Blitz to finish about 9PM.
 - Blitz **awards will be handed out on Sunday Morning at 8 AM** before we start Round 5 of the Main Tournament ... see below.
- **Check-in: You only need to "check-in" if you meet one or more of these criteria:**
 - You want to play in the blitz tournament and have not paid or registered
 - You need to pay your entry fees for the Main Event, or you still need to register
 - You need to change a player's or your Team's registration information
 - You want to check on your Team Room status
 - You have other questions about the Tournament
- **Late Registration.** This is the **last chance for any player to Register** for the tournament. Late Registration fee is \$40 per player for the Main Event, and \$15 to play Blitz. Late Registration for the Main Tournament ends at 9PM Friday evening.

Saturday, March 13th

- **Main Tournament (Saturday and Sunday):** Players who have not paid their fees by **9 PM on Friday evening at the Tournament Site** will NOT BE PAIRED for Round 1 of the Tournament with out the express consent of the Chief Tournament Director on a case-by-case basis.
- **Opening Ceremony:** In the Playing Hall (in Squires Student Center) at **8:45 AM**.
- **9 AM: Round 1.** Time control is **Game-60** in all sections.
- **12-noon: Round 2.** Game-60.
- **3 PM: Round 3.** Game-60.
- **6 PM: Round 4.** Time Control is **Game-90**.

Sunday, March 14th

- **8 AM: BLITZ Awards** in the Playing Hall
- **8:30 AM: Round 5.** Time Control is **Game-90**.
- **12-noon: Round 6.** Game-90.
- **Awards Ceremonies:** By-section, about 30 minutes after a Section completes its last game.

Blitz Tournament Rules

(for Friday Night's Blitz Tournament only)

The K-5 Section will use USCF Scholastic Blitz Rules (dated March 2009) will be used.

K-12 and Collegiate Sections all will use "normal" USCF Blitz Rules that use "touch-move."

Player Eligibility: *ANY Scholastic or Collegiate player can play in the Blitz event.* YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A RESIDENT OF VIRGINIA, or be attending school in Virginia to play Blitz.

Players not registered and paid for Blitz **by 6 PM Friday March 12th** will not be paired for the Blitz tournament.

ALL BLITZ GAMES WILL BE PLAYED ON FRIDAY EVENING. **Round 1 is at 6:30 PM**, follow-on Rounds will start 10 minutes after the previous round ends.

Three Sections: K-5 and K-12, and Collegiate. K-5 players can "play-up" into the K-12 Section, but no Scholastic players may enter the Collegiate Section.

Five Rounds of Blitz Chess:

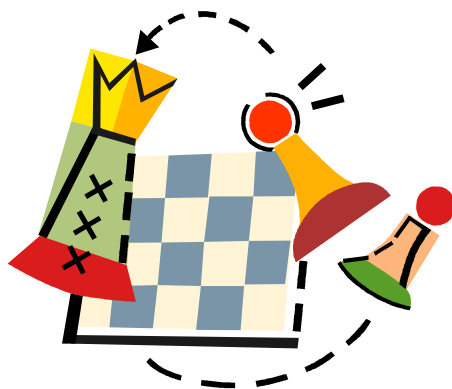
- Time Control is **Game-in-5 minutes, no time delay.**
- Players play two games each round, one game as White and one game as Black. **Both games are against the same opponent.**
- NO BYES.

Teams: This is an Individual Event, with Team points calculated as described on the Main Event Rules page.

Chess Sets and Boards are provided at the tournament.

YOU MUST HAVE A CHESS CLOCK TO PLAY BLITZ!! We do not have enough clocks to loan them out for the tournament.

Chess Notation is **NOT required** for the Blitz tournament!!



Main Tournament Rules

(for all games on Saturday and Sunday)

Players not registered and paid for the Main Event **by 9PM Friday March 12th** will not be paired for Round 1 of the tournament **without the approval of the Chief Tournament Director.**

Round 1 is at 9 AM on Saturday March 13th. See the "[Schedule of Events](#)" page for start times for Rounds 2-6.

Player Eligibility:

- **Scholastic Players** must be attending a public, private, or home school in VA ... or be a Virginia Resident attending another school out of state.
- **Collegiate players** must be attending college in VA, or be VA residents attending college out-of-state. Also, titled IM, FM, or GM players cannot be more than 25 years old **as of September 1, 2009.**
- Please direct any Eligibility Questions to Mike Hoffpauir or the Chief Tournament Director (Ernie Schlich).

Five Sections: K-3, K-5, K-8, K-12, and Collegiate. Players may play up into a higher section, but the Collegiate Section is only for players who have completed High School and are now attending College.

Six Rounds of Chess:

- Swiss System, with tie-breaks in the sequence specified in the US Chess Federation's [Rules of Chess](#), 5th Edition. See also "Ties" below.
- Each player can request **one 1/2-point BYE.** Byes for Rounds 1-2 must be requested before registration closes at 9 PM on Friday evening. Byes for Rounds 3-6 must be requested before the start of Round 2 at 12-noon on Saturday.
 - 4 Rounds on Saturday, 2 Rounds on Sunday (see the "[Schedule of Events](#)" page)
 - **Time Controls:** Rounds 1-3 (Game-60), Rounds 4-6 (Game-90). Set your clocks with a 5-second time delay, and do not subtract 5-minutes from your clock.
 - The **Chief TD may use Accelerated Pairings in Rounds 1 and 2** for large sections
 - In the later rounds of the tournament it is possible for a player to play a teammate

Teams: This is an INDIVIDUAL tournament, with Team Points determined using the results of the players on a Team.

- A "Team" is **two or more players who attend the same school and who are playing in the same section** of the tournament.
- Schools may not have more than one team competing in the same section.
- Team Points are calculated by adding the scores of the 4 best-performing players from the same school (they may or may not be the top-rated players from that school).
- Players who "Play Up" cannot have their points counted with the points of school-mates playing in another section of the tournament. However, if two or more players from the same school play up, they are a "team" in that section of the tournament.
- Anyone with questions about their Team's composition should contact Mike Hoffpauir as shown at the bottom of this screen.

Chess Notation: Players ***in all Sections except K-3*** are required to record their games using Chess Notation. Practice now!!

The Top Finishing FEMALE player from the K-12 Section is eligible to receive assistance to represent Virginia at the new **US Girls Junior Open Championships** held during the US Open in August 2010.

The Top Finishing player, male or female, in grade 9-12 is eligible to receive assistance to represent Virginia at the **Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions** to be held during the US Open in August 2010.

Chess Sets and Boards are provided at the tournament. **BRING YOUR CLOCK** (if you own one) and some pens and pencils.

A Few More Selected Tournament Rules

These rules supplement the US Chess Federation (USCF) Rule Book (5th edition) and apply only to this tournament.

Chess Equipment:

- **Pens / Pencils:** Players are responsible for bringing their own pens or pencils. We will not provide them at the tournament.
- **Chess Notation:** Players ***in all Sections except K-3 are required to record their games.*** All players should arrive at the tournament knowing how to take chess notation, there is no time to teach notation over the board during play. Players who cannot take notation due to religious reasons or a physical disability should inform the Section Chief in their Section. "I don't know how to take notation" is not an excuse.
- **Chess Clocks:** ***If you have a chess clock, please bring it ...*** and be sure your batteries are fresh. ***Know how to use a clock, because your opponent is likely to have one.*** If either player brings a clock to the board, the clock must be used ... "I don't like using a clock" or "I don't know how to use a clock" is not an excuse. You do not need to have a clock to play in the main tournament, but it's a good idea to get one for yourself ... using a clock keeps the game moving along. Also, ***players are responsible for knowing how to set their own clocks,*** don't expect the Tournament Directors to help you.

Player Pairings:

- **The Tournament Director creates pairings using USCF-approved computer software,** with the pairings themselves approved by the Chief TD before they are posted to the public.
- During the first 3 or 4 Rounds of the tournament it is highly unlikely that siblings or teammates will be paired against one another. **However, the probability for this scenario increases in a late Round when siblings or teammates are in contention for trophies.**
- All players and parents should anticipate that the Chief Tournament Director may use "**Accelerated Pairings**" for the first 2 rounds of the tournament.

Ties and How they will be Broken: The Chief Tournament Director breaks ties using methods specified by the U.S. Chess Federation (***Rules of Chess***, 5th Edition). Players or Teams tied for 1st place are considered "State Co-Champions." However, the Player or Team with the best tie-break points will receive the 1st place trophy.

- The sequence for ***Individual tie-breaks*** is: Modified Median, Solkoff, Cumulative, Cumulative of Opposition.
- Ties among ***Teams*** are broken using these tie-breaks: Solkoff, Cumulative, Cumulative of Opposition.

Problems during the Game: If you have a problem during play, stop your clock (if a clock is being used) and raise your hand. ***Do not get into an argument or discussion about the game with your opponent ...*** it disturbs the players around you. When a Tournament Director arrives, state your question or problem and wait for the TD's reply. You do not need to ask permission to use the bathroom.

When your Game is Finished: ***Raise your hand and wait for a TD*** to arrive. Please do not reset your chess pieces until the TD instructs you to reset them. The TD will ensure your game's results are properly written on the Game Result Slip. ***DO NOT LEAVE before you verify your game results with a TD.***



Good Luck!!

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Player's Personal Tournament Scoresheet

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