



The Virginia Chess
Federation
proudly presents

2019 Virginia Scholastic & College Chess Championships

Friday Night, Saturday and Sunday, March 8th – 10th, 2019

Place	Monticello High School, 1400 Independence Way, Charlottesville, VA 22902
Tournament Format and Player Eligibility	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>T H E R E A R E T H R E E T O U R N A M E N T S !!</u></p> <p>#1. Friday Night Blitz: March 8th. Four or five rounds in 3 Sections (K-5, K-12, and College). Time control is Game-in-5, no time delay, and 2 games per Round. See schedule and awards below. On-site Registration for Blitz opens at 4 PM and closes at 5:15 PM. Round 1 is at 6 PM. Open to any Scholastic or College Player, you do not need to be a Virginia resident to play Blitz. Players must bring a chess clock.</p> <p>#2. The Main Event—2019 VA State Scholastic & College Chess Championships: Saturday and Sunday, March 9th and 10th.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One College Section: All 4 rounds played on Saturday. College Section players must be enrolled full-time in a VA college or university, or be a Virginia Resident attending college out-of-state. Titled FM, GM or IM college players cannot be more than 25 years old as of September 1, 2018. NEW for 2019: Eight (8) Scholastic Sections: K-12 Championship, K-12 Under 1400; K-8 Championship, K-8 Under 1200; K-5 Championship, K-5 Under 1000; K-3 Championship, and K-3 Under 600. Players can "play up" into a higher section. Scholastic players must be attending a public, private or home school in VA, or be a VA Resident attending school out-of-state. <p>#3. Parents and Friends (P&F) Tournament: For adults only (e.g. parents, coaches, family friends and other adult players), no scholastic or college players. 4 USCF-rated games, with Rounds 1-2 on Sat. and Rounds 3 and 4 on Sun. See below for Registration instructions and Round Times.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">See more details at www.vachess.org.</p>
Registration & Entry Fees 	<p>Registration opens November 15th at www.vachess.org and is open online until 7 AM Thurs., March 7th. If you prefer to mail your entry, please do so by Saturday, March 2nd. Onsite Registration at Monticello High School is available on Friday evening, 4:00-9:00 pm (Blitz Registration closes at 5:15PM). Entries for P&F only are also accepted at the Tournament Directors' Office 9:30-11:45 am Saturday. Entries will not be accepted by phone or email.</p> <p>Discounted Early Entry Fees are \$20 for Blitz, \$50 for the Main Event and \$25 for P&F through midnight on Saturday, March 2nd. Beginning Sunday, March 3rd, entry fees increase to \$30 for Blitz, \$65 for the Main Event and \$35 for P&F. Online payments may be made by credit card or PayPal account. Mail payments may be made by check or money order. Onsite payments may be made by check, cash or credit card.</p> <p>To qualify for the Early Entry Fee Discount, your payment must be submitted online or post-marked by midnight Saturday March 2nd.</p> <p>No Main Event registrations or payments will be accepted on-site after 9 PM Friday evening without the express approval of the Chief TD.</p> <p>Main Event Players not paid in full by 9:00 PM on Friday March 8th RISK NOT BEING PAIRED for Round 1. Blitz Players not paid in full by 5:15 PM March 8th RISK NOT BEING PAIRED for Round 1.</p> <p>A limited number of Team Rooms are available: Details at www.vachess.org.</p>
Schedule of Events 	<p>Check-in and Late Registration: 4-9PM on Friday, March 8th. Check-in is only for players who need to pay fees, sign for their Team Rooms, who have questions, or who want to enter Blitz (Blitz Registration closes at 5:15 PM sharp!). Arrive at the Registration Desk by 9 PM Friday to pay for the Main Event. Cash, check or credit card accepted at the tournament site.</p> <p>Blitz Rd 1 @ 6 PM Fri. March 8th. Blitz is Game-in-5, no time delay. Bring your Chess Clock.</p> <p>Main Event, Rds 1-3 are on Sat. March 9th @ 9 AM, 12-noon, and 4:30 PM. Rds 4 and 5 on Sun. March 10th @ 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM. Rds 1-2 (G/60; delay 5), Rds 3-5 (G/90; delay 5). Bring your Chess Clock.</p> <p>P&F Tournament, Rd 1 Sat. at 12:15PM, Rd 2 at 4:15PM; Rd 3 on Sunday at 8:45 AM, Rd 4 at 12:45 PM. P&F is G/45 delay 5 for Rd 1 and G/60 delay 5 for Rds 2-4. Bring your chess set and clock!!</p> <p>Awards: Blitz Awards—Saturday 10 min before Round 2 (for K-5) and Round 3 (for K-12). P&F Awards handed out immediately after P&F ends. Main Event Awards handed-out by section on Sunday afternoon about 30 minutes after each section's final round.</p> <p>Chess Sets and Boards: Will be provided. IF YOU OWN A CHESS CLOCK, BRING IT.</p>
Awards 	<p>In the Main Event, Players and Teams who finish in 1st Place in the Championship Sections earn the title of "2019 Virginia State Champion". For a list of all prizes, see the tournament web site at www.vachess.org.</p> <p>If there is a tie for 1st place in either the K-8 or K-12 Championship sections with a perfect 5.0 score, there will be a 1-game "Armageddon" Blitz Playoff between the TOP 2 FINISHERS based on tie-breaks. The winners of the K-8 and K-12 Championship Sections are eligible to represent Virginia at prestigious National Chess events in late July 2019 as part of the U.S. Open in Orlando, FL. The top girl in the K-12 Championship Section is eligible to represent VA at the National Girl's Tournament of Champions in late July during the U.S. Open in Orlando, FL.</p>
Hotels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See www.vachess.org for information about Hotels and Team Rooms.
Questions	<p>See the Tournament Home Page at www.vachess.org for more information and directions to the site.</p> <p>Additional questions? Contact Mike Hoffpauir at 757-846-4805 or email to mhoffpauir@aol.com.</p>

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--- Mail-in Entry Form ---

(Use this form if you cannot access the Internet, or you do not want to register online)

Note: See the Player Eligibility rules under Note #2 below. Please send **one form per player.**

Player's Last Name: _____, **First Name:** _____ **MI:** _____

USCF ID Number: _____, write "New" if player is a new member. (See Note 5 below.)

Name of School or College currently attending: _____

Current Grade in School or College: _____ **Gender:** ☐ Male ☐ Female

Location of School or College (county or city): _____

1. **BLITZ:** Section you will enter (select one only): ☐ Not Playing ☐ K-5 ☐ K-12 ☐ College

2. MAIN EVENT: Section you will enter (select one only): ☐ K3 Championship ☐ K3 Under 600

☐ K5 CH ☐ K5 U1000 ☐ K8 CH ☐ K8 U1200 ☐ K12 CH ☐ K12 U1400 ☐ College

Optional 1/2-point bye (only 4 Rds in College): ☐ No Bye ☐ Rd 1 ☐ Rd 2 ☐ Rd 3 ☐ Rd 4 ☐ Rd 5

3. Parents & Friends (P&F) ENTRY: Enter on-line or on-site only. No mail-in entries for P&F, sorry.

4. Mailing Address for the person entering the tournament:

Street: _____

Street: _____

City: _____, State: _____ ZipCode: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email Address:** _____

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NOTES:

1. Please complete **all information**. **ONE ENTRY FORM PER PLAYER**, you can send multiple entries in the same envelope.
2. **Player Eligibility:**
 - a. **Blitz:** Open to all scholastic and college students, REGARDLESS OF STATE OF RESIDENCY.
 - b. **Main Event:** Scholastic players must be attending a public, private or home school in VA; or, they can be Virginia Residents who are attending school out-of-state. College Section players must be enrolled full-time in a VA college or university, or be a Virginia Resident attending college elsewhere.
 - c. **Parents & Friends:** No scholastic or college players; Adults only.
3. **NOTE about Sections:** The Championship Sections are for players with any US Chess Rating and Unrated Players. The "Under" Sections are for players whose US Chess Rating is BELOW the threshold for that section. Unrated Players also may play in the Under Sections.
4. **Early Entry Fees:** Blitz (\$20 per player), Parents & Friends (\$25), Main Event (\$50). If you wait to pay or register on site the entry fees are \$10 to \$15 higher. Mail payments by CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY, payable to "VSCA" or "Virginia Scholastic Chess". **To qualify for the Early Entry Fee Discount**, your payment must be submitted online or post-marked by midnight Saturday March 2nd.
5. **All players** must be current members of the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) to play Blitz, the Main Tournament, or the Parents & Friends event. You can join the USCF or update your membership at the tournament during On-Site Registration, but it is EASIER and PREFERABLE for you to join USCF or update your membership online at www.uschess.org at least 1 week before the tournament. If you join online, please bring a copy of your new USCF Membership Card or Temporary Registration with you.
6. **To enter BLITZ**, we must have your payment **by 5:15PM Friday March 8th**.
7. Payment on site for all events can be made by Cash, Check or Credit Card. Parents & Friends Entry closes at 11:45AM on Saturday morning.
8. If you mail your entry, complete and mail this form and your payment to the address shown below. If you entered on-line, you do not need to send this form. ***Mail-in entries must be post-marked by Saturday March 2nd.***
Mike Hoffpauir
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Yorktown, VA 23693-3356
9. After we receive your entry, we will send you a confirmation email.
10. Registrations will be posted on the Tournament Web Site (www.vachess.org) as soon as possible after we receive them. A registration is not "complete" without your payment in full, including USCF membership.
11. **Main Event Players not paid in full when the Registration Desk closes at 9 PM on Friday March 8th risk not being paired for Round 1 of the Main Tournament. For questions, contact Mike Hoffpauir at mhoffpauir@aol.com or 757-846-4805.**