

2022-23 VA Scholastic & College Championships



Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel
235 East Main St., Norfolk, VA 23510



The meeting will start shortly after 7:30 PM

This presentation WILL BE RECORDED ...

*Please hold your questions until the end of the presentation.
Do not write them in the Chat, because we may not see them.*



Topics We Will Cover this Evening ...

- Tournament Website
- 3 Tournaments (*Blitz, Main Event, Parents & Friends*)
- Event Schedule (*Friday through Sunday*)
- Sections within the Main Event
- The playing venue and floor plan
- What to do when you arrive
- Tournament Rules
- How to handle problems with your game
- What to do when your game is over
- Awards ... A LOT of trophies!

Tournament Website

www.vachess.org

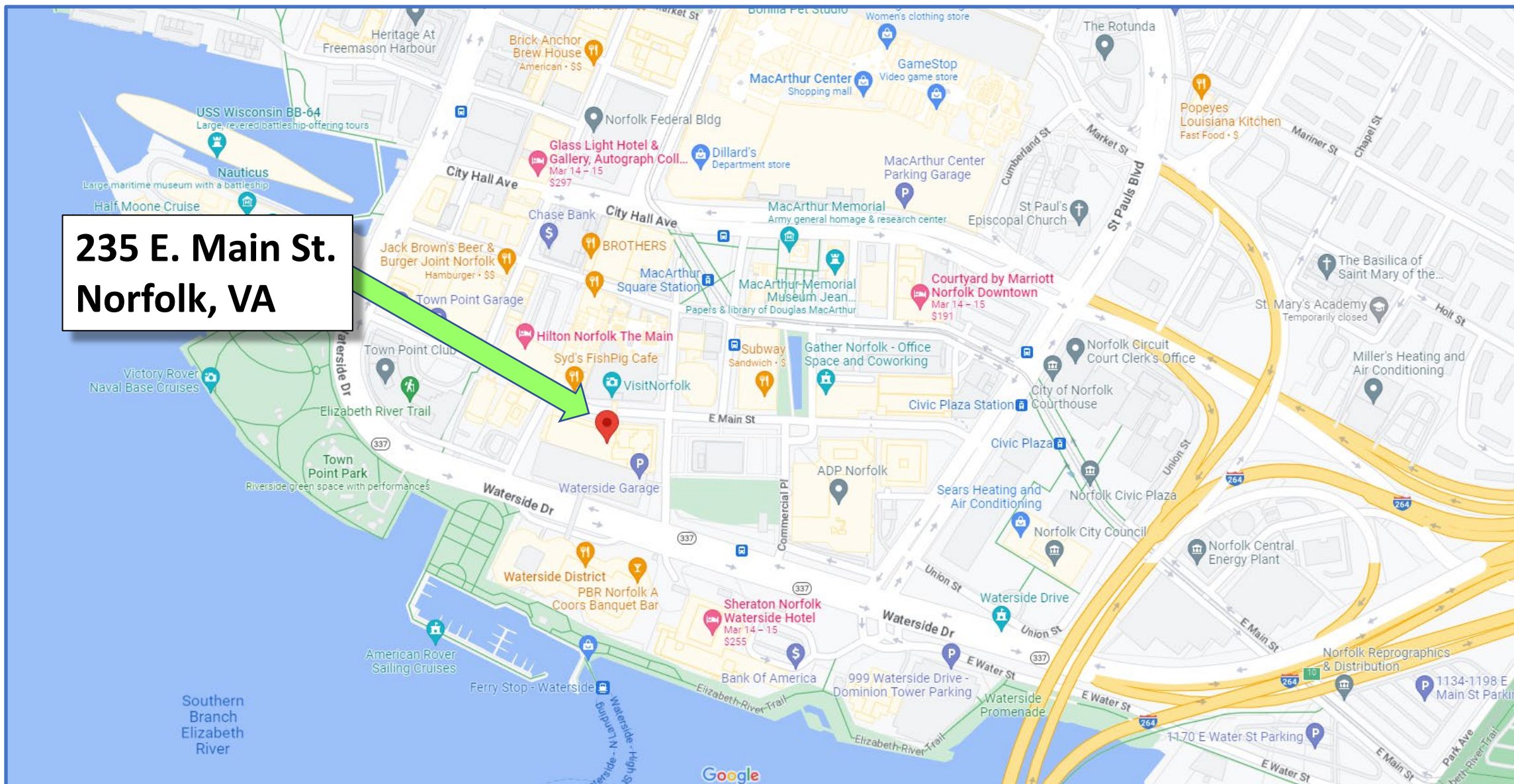
- Who's signed up to play
- Pairings
- Standings



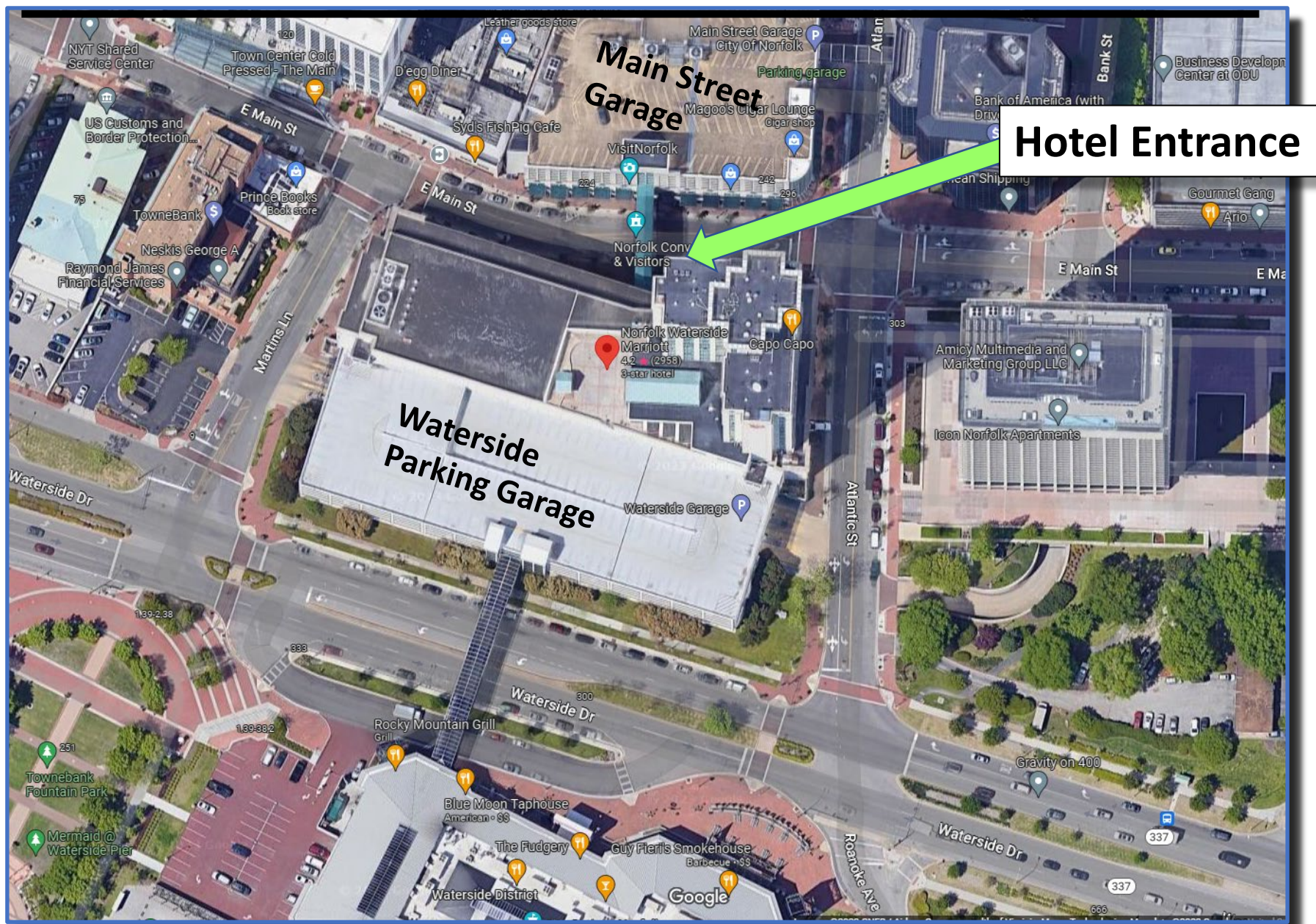
Pairings will be available ONLINE ONLY

The Tournament Location

**235 E. Main St.
Norfolk, VA**



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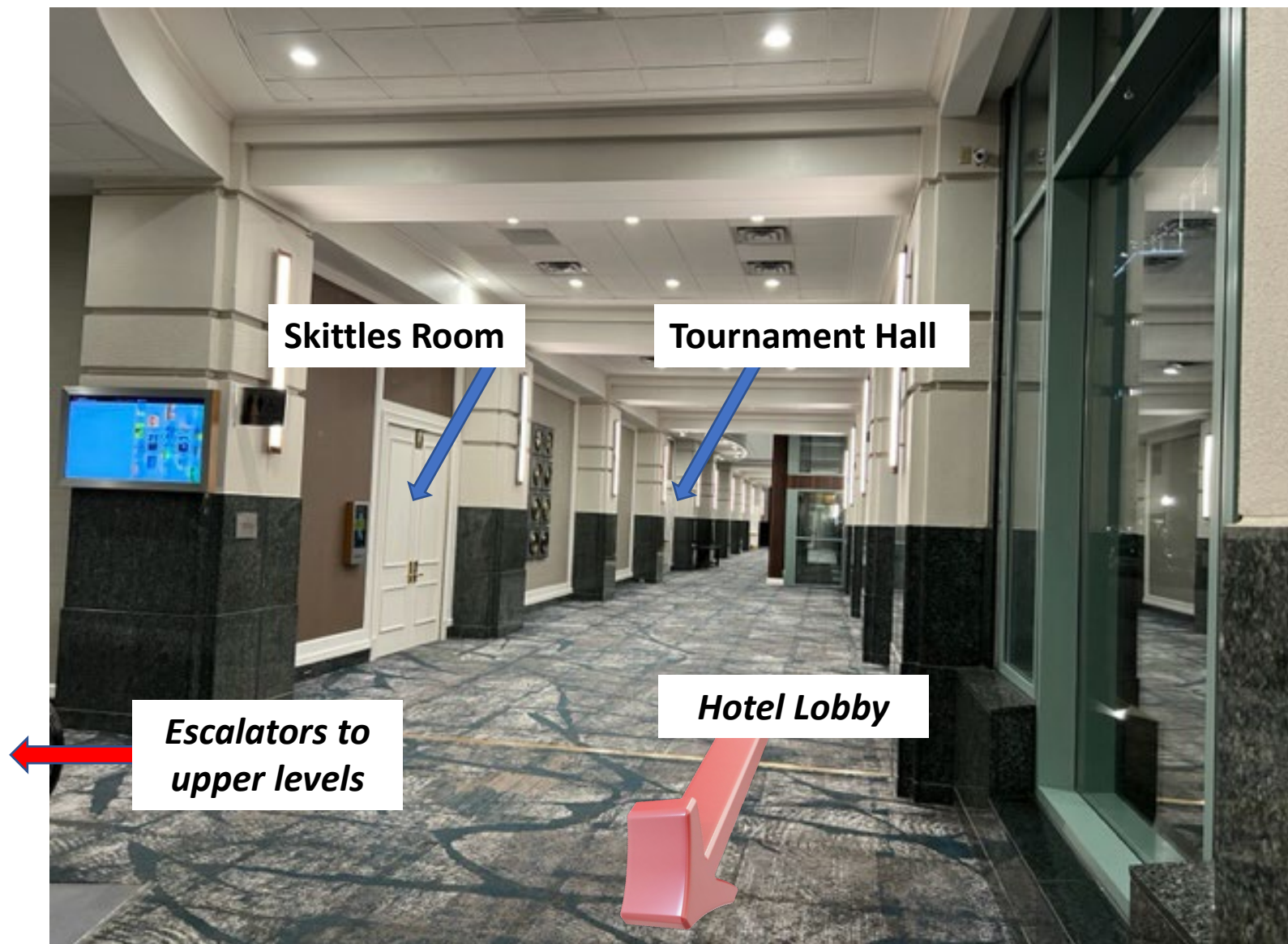


Marriott Waterside Entrance

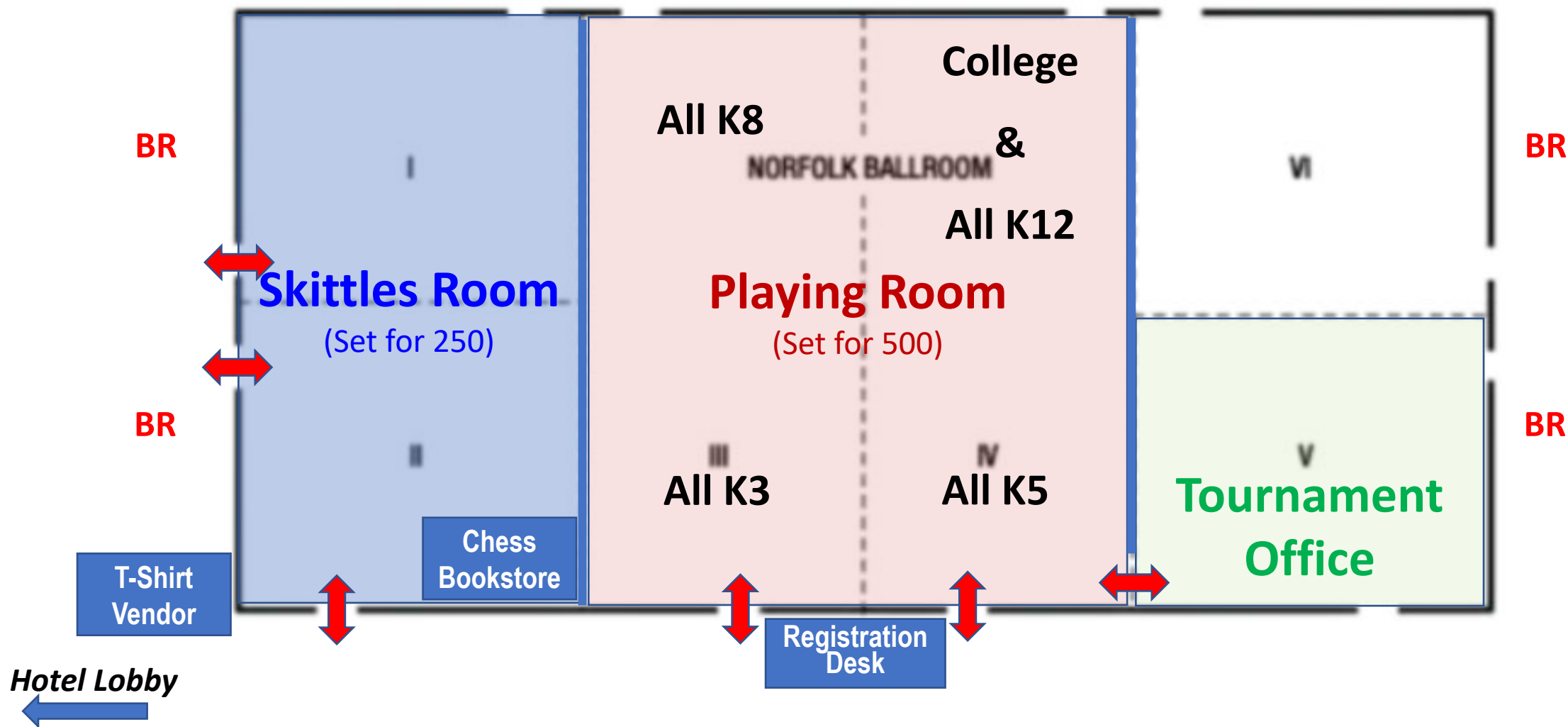
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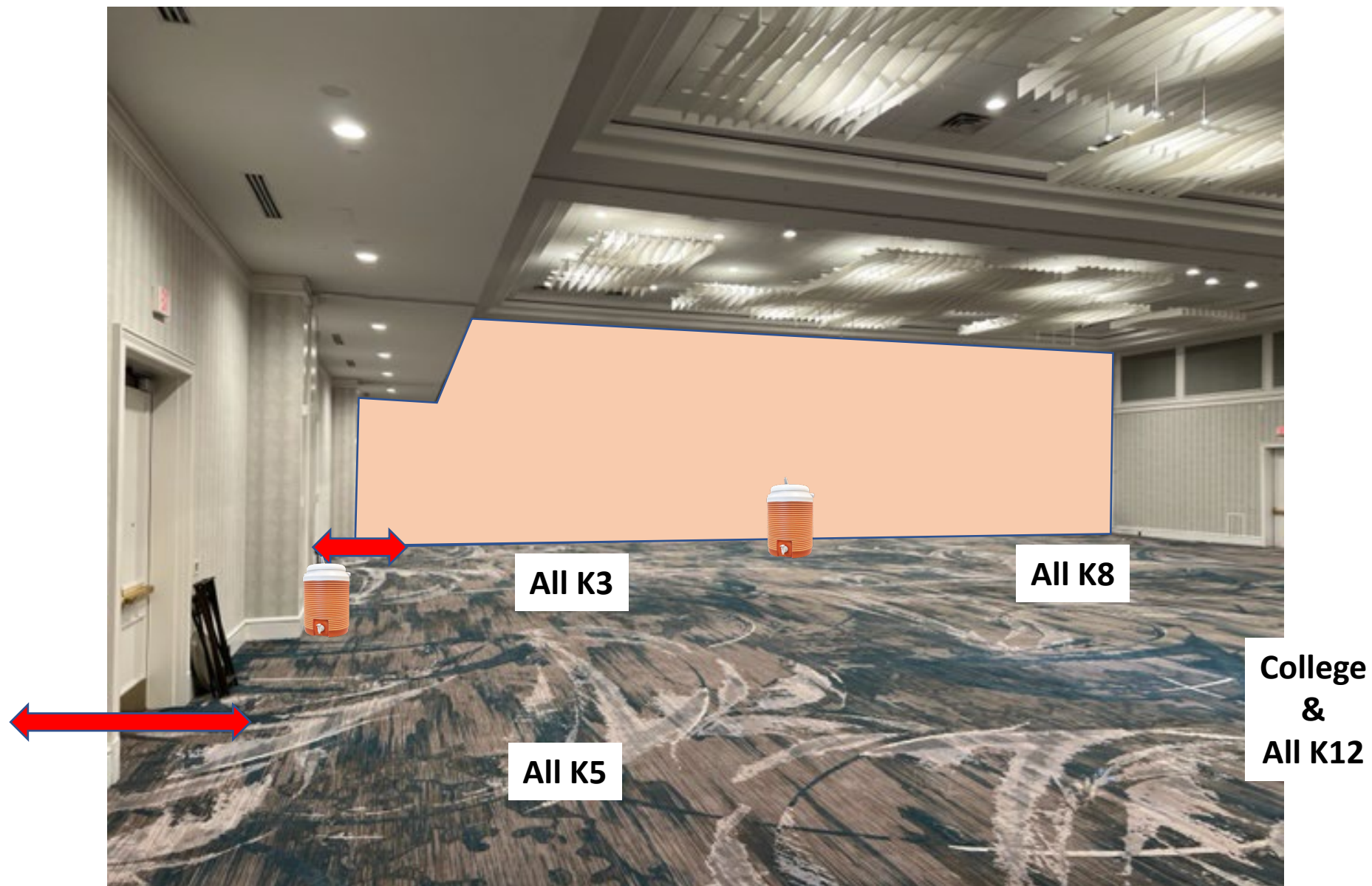
Hallway to the Ball Room



Floor Plan

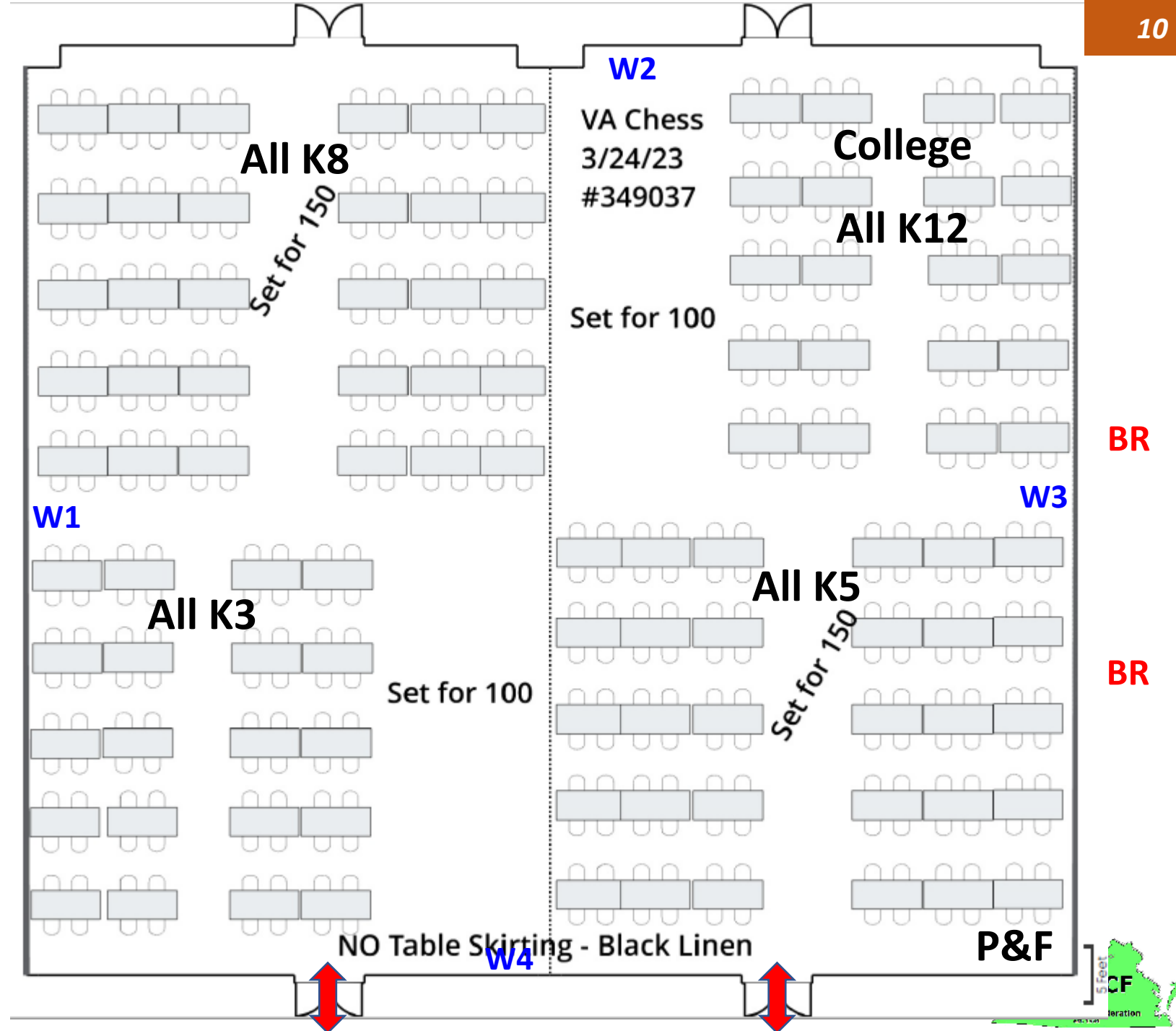


The Playing Room



Floor Plan

- Seating for up to 500 players
- Water Stations (**W**) throughout the room
- Bathrooms (**BR**) to the right of the playing room



Tons of Places to Eat!!



How to “Check-in” at the Tournament

- **First, *THERE IS NO CHECK-IN REQUIREMENT***
 - If you registered online and your entry information is all correct, then *you do not need to check-in.*
 - If you requested a Bye, please check the Tournament Website.
- **You only need to “check-in” at the Registration Desk if you:**
 - Need to pay your US Chess Federation member fees
 - Want to change sections
 - Want to Request a Bye, or you want to remove or change the Bye you selected during Registration. You cannot change Bye Requests after Round 2 has begun.



The Playing Room ... sort of like this

- Masks are encouraged, but not required.
- NO spectators allowed on the floor during play
- Hand-sanitizer and Sanitizing Wipes will be at players' tables
- We are providing all chess sets, boards, and Chess Notation Sheets
- **BRING YOUR OWN PENCILS / PENS** (for chess notation)
- **Bring your own CLOCK ... and set it before you enter the playing hall**



“Sections” and What They Mean

- **There are 9 Sections in the tournament based on players' current Grade:**
 - K-12 & K-12 Under 1400
 - K-8 & K-8 Under 1200
 - K-5 & K-5 Under 1000
 - K-3 & K-3 Under 600
 - College
- **What these Grade grouping mean**
 - K-12 is for players in grades Pre-K through High School
 - K-3 is for players in grades Pre-K through 3rd Grade
 - A 5th Grader can “play up” in the K-8 or K-12 Section, but an 11th Grader cannot “play down” into a lower section.



Players' "Ratings" and How We Use Them

- **Player's Ratings**

- A "rating" is a number (from 100 to about 2900) representing a player's relative strength based on opposition they have faced in other rated chess tournaments.
 - A Grandmaster is rated 2400 or higher
 - An Expert is rated 2000-2200
- The only games that count toward a player's US Chess rating are games played in tournaments that are rated by the US Chess Federation. Games played on ChessKid.com, Chess.com, LiChess, etc., have no impact on a player's US Chess rating unless they are rated by US Chess (rare).
- For this tournament we use the higher of each player's over-the-board rating and online rating from the US Chess Federations March Rating Supplement.



The Schedule, Important Rules, Pairings, Ratings, and other stuff ...



Daily Schedule

2023 Virginia Scholastic & College Chess Championships

Friday, March 24th

- **4 PM: Onsite Registration Opens**
- **6 PM: Deadline to Register for Blitz; entries received after 6PM will be paired to start in Round 2**
- **6:30 PM: Round 1 of Blitz, last round usually ends by 9 PM**
- **9 PM: Main Event Registration Closes**
- **9:30 PM: Playing Hall closes**

Color Key:

- **Registration (Fri night only)**
- **Scholastics (Sat & Sun)**
- **College (all games on Sat.)**
- **Blitz (Friday night)**
- **Parents & Friends (Sat & Sun)**
- **Other**

Saturday, March 25th

- **8 AM: Playing Hall Opens. No "on-site Registration"**
- **All Scholastic Sections:**
 - **Round 1: 9 AM**
 - **Round 2: 12:30 PM**
 - **Round 3: 4:30 PM**
- **College Section:**
 - **Rounds 1-4 at 9 AM, 12-noon, 3 PM and 6 PM**
 - **Awards immediately after Rd. 4**
- **Parents & Friends Tournament:**
 - **12:00-noon: Registration Closes**
 - **Round 1: 12:45 PM, G/45 + 5**
 - **Round 2: 4:45 PM, G/60 + 5**
- **8 PM: Venue Closes**

Sunday, March 26th

- **7:30 AM: Venue Opens**
- **Scholastic Sections:**
 - **Round 4: 8:30 AM**
 - **Round 5: 12:30 PM**
 - **Awards: By Section, 30 minutes after a section finishes.**
- **Parents & Friends:**
 - **Round 3: 8:45 AM, G60 + 5**
 - **Round 4: 12:45 PM, G60 + 5**
 - **Awards after Round 4**
- **5 PM: Venue Closes**

Time Controls for Scholastics & College

- **Scholastics: Rds 1&2, G/60+5; Rds 3-5, G/90+10**
- **College: All rounds at G/60+5**

All games are being played at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott Hotel

The First Day's Schedule – Saturday, March 25th

- **Scholastic Sections: 5 Rounds – 3 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday.**
- **College: Plays 4 rounds, all on Saturday.**
- **Round 1 is at 9 AM.**

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- **Parents & Friends Tournament:**
 - **11:00 AM: Registration Closes**
 - **Round 1: 12:45 PM, G/45 + 5**
 - **Round 2: 4:45 PM, G/60 + 5**
- **8 PM: Venue Closes**



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- Round 4 is at 8:30 AM.
- Awards ...

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Some Important Chess Rules to Know ...

Topic	Example	Consequences / Comments
<i>Illegal Moves</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player incorrectly moves a piece or a pawn. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The player's opponent receives 2 extra minutes of time (but only if the game is being played using a chess clock)
<i>Touch-Move</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A player touches her Knight, but then moves her Queen. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The player must move the piece that was touched first • This is usually not a time penalty, but it can be for repeated offenses
<i>Castling</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player moves the Rook first, then the King 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Castling" is a KING's MOVE. Move the King First!!! • If you move the Rook first, then you have made a Rook move.
<i>Un-sportsman-like Conduct</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talking during your game • Making noises • Trying to force your opponent to move 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This can be a time penalty • If your "talking" is giving move information to another player or saying something to another player like "that's a bad move", then you could immediately lose your own game.
<i>Chess Notation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A player is not taking Chess Notation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • REQUIRED in College and all K12, K8, and K-5CH sections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to take notation <u>can be penalized</u> • Not required, but HIGHLY ENCOURAGED, in any K3 section and the K5 Under 1000 section

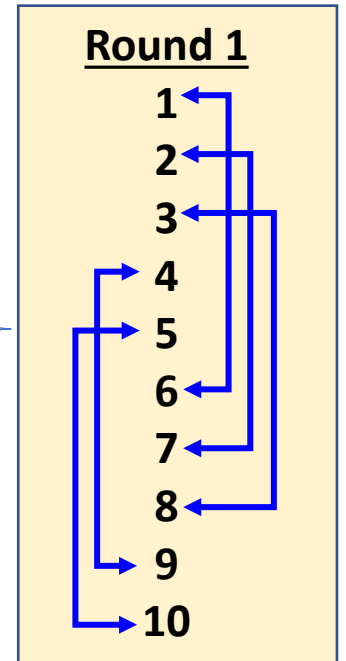
Some Important Chess Rules to Know ...

Topic	Example	Consequences / Comments
<i>Board Setup Incorrectly</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queen and King on wrong squares 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If more than 10 moves have been played, the game cannot be re-started.
<i>Bathroom ...</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player asks permission to go to the Restroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You do not need to ask • If there is a clock on the game, the clock continues to run. You cannot stop or pause the clock to go to the Restroom.
<i>Player Refuses to Move</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player is in a “lost” position, and knows it 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a type of un-sportsman-like conduct • It can result in your game being ruled a loss, including other penalties
<i>Capturing the Opponent’s King</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player leaves his/her King in Check, and the opponent captures it on the next move 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This means the player who left their King in check has made an illegal move • “Capturing the King” is not permitted • The Tournament Director will return the position to the move made before the King was captured and then enforce the “Touch-Move Rule” for the offending player, plus a time penalty of 2 minutes added to the opponent’s clock.

Pairings and Players' Ratings ...

- **Pairings: “Swiss System”**

- Everyone plays 5 rounds (4 in College and P&F) ... **this is NOT an “Elimination Event”**
- For Round 1: All players are rank-ordered according to their US Chess Rating. Players without ratings are listed in a random sequence.
- For Round 2: Winners from Round 1 are paired against other Round 1 winners; Players who did not win play others who did not win
- WE TRY TO AVOID pairing players from the same school as much as possible. However, as we get deeper into the tournament this becomes a more difficult guideline to follow.



Have a Problem or Question during Your Game?

- Don't wait until your game is over to raise your concern!!
- **DO NOT argue** with your opponent
- Don't ask your opponent "what's the rule about... ?" – You'll get a bad answer.
- **Raise your hand and summon a Tournament Director** to your table
 - Pause your Clock
 - Calmly state your issue
 - If your opponent is making the claim DO NOT interrupt him/her ... you will get a chance to tell "your side" of the issue



Reporting Your Game Results

What to do when your game is done ...

- Raise your hand to summon the Tournament Director
- DO NOT re-set your chess board until the TD instructs you to re-set it
- Complete the Game Result Slip
- Your game result is not official until the TD validates it and initials the Result Slip

Game Result Slip		Virginia Scholastic Chess Association	Do not remove from room
Board #	96	Round: 1 (2) 3 4 5 6	Section: K3 K5 K8 K12
White's Name	SAM DOAKES		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White Won (1-0)
Black's Name	SALLY SMITH		<input type="checkbox"/> Black Won (0-1)
TD's initials and comments	M.E.P. (checkmate)		<input type="checkbox"/> Draw (1/2 – 1/2)
Do not reset your board until a <u>Tournament Director</u> verifies your game result!			

Reporting Your Game Results

We don't accept Result Slips that look like this ...

Game Result Slip Virginia Scholastic Chess Association Do not remove from room

Board # 42 Round: 1 2 3 4 5 6 Section: K3 K5 K8 K12

White's Name Johnny Simpson ☐ White Won (1-0)

Black's Name Johnny Johnson ☒ Black Won (0-1)

TD's initials and comments OMG ☐ Draw (1/2 – 1/2)

Do not reset your board until a Tournament Director verifies your game result!

- Did Johnny or Tommy play White?
- Who won with Black?
- What section were they in?

Awards

<u>K-3 Champ.</u>	<u>K-5 Champ.</u>	<u>K-8 Champ.</u>	<u>K-12 Champ.</u>
1 st -10 th Individual	1 st -12 th Individual	1 st -12 th Individual	1 st -10 th Individual
1 st -6 th Teams	1 st -8 th Teams	1 st -6 th Teams	1 st -5 th Teams
1 st & 2 nd U1200 1 st & 2 nd U1000 1 st & 2 nd U800 Top Unrated Top Girl	1 st & 2 nd U1600 1 st & 2 nd U1400 1 st & 2 nd U1200 Top Unrated Top Girl	1 st & 2 nd U1700 1 st & 2 nd U1500 Top U1300 Top Unrated Top Girl	1 st & 2 nd U1800 1 st & 2 nd U1600 Top Unrated Top Girl

<u>K-3 U600</u>	<u>K-5 U1000</u>	<u>K-8 U1200</u>	<u>K-12 U1400</u>
1 st -8 th Individual	1 st -8 th Individual	1 st -8 th Individual	1 st -8 th Individual
1 st -5 th Teams	1 st -5 th Teams	1 st -5 th Teams	1 st -5 th Teams
1 st - 3 rd U400 1 st & 2 nd Unrated Top Girl	1 st & 2 nd U800 1 st & 2 nd U600 1 st & 2 nd U400 1 st & 2 nd Unrated Top Girl	1 st & 2 nd U900 1 st & 2 nd U700 Top U500 Top Unrated Top Girl	1 st & 2 nd U1000 1 st & 2 nd U800 Top U600 Top Unrated Top Girl

- P&F Awards
- College Awards
- What to do if I am leaving early

Cell Phone Policy

- **TURNED OFF and PLACED FACE-DOWN ON YOUR TABLE. Do not take your phone to the Bathroom or outside of the Playing Hall until your game is FINISHED.**
 - **Give it to your parents**
- ***If you leave your phone on ...***
 - ***And it rings ... 10 minutes off your clock (1st Offense); Loss of Game (2nd Offense)***
 - ***If you answer the phone ... instant Loss of Game***
 - ***If it buzzes because you received email or text ... 10 minutes off your clock***
- ***If you take your phone out of the Playing Room while you are playing***
 - ***Very likely to result in instant Loss of Game***



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