
Blitz Tournament at the 86th Virginia Closed

Where: Hilton Garden Inn – Innsbrook, Glen Allen, VA

When: Friday, August 30, 2024

Round 1 is at 7:30 pm sharp!

\$650 guaranteed minimum in Cash Prizes, purse increases with more players.

Hotel & Playing Site: Site of the VA Closed, Hilton Garden Inn Innsbrook, 4050 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA. If you want to book a room, call the hotel at (804)521-2901 **by Friday August 16th** and request the "Virginia Chess Federation" rate. The Rates are \$116/night-King and 126/night-Double Queen, plus taxes. You also can reserve your room online as advertised on the VA Chess Federation's home page (<https://www.vachess.org>).

Format: 4 double-rounds in the Swiss System format (e.g., in each round you play one game with the White pieces and one with Black against the same opponent).

- **Two Sections, Open and Under 1600.** Unrated players must play in the Under 1600 section. Minimum rating of 1200 required to play in the Open Section.
- **Time Control is Game in 5 minutes**, with no time delay or time increment (e.g., each player has 5 minutes to make all their moves in a game).
- US Chess-rated. No optional byes.
- Section eligibility determined by the highest of your Blitz over-the-board or online ratings and your Regular over-the-board or online ratings. That highest rating also will be used for the Blitz pairings.

Player Eligibility: No Restrictions on age or residency, Blitz is open to ALL PLAYERS who are US Chess members. You do not have to be participating in the VA Closed to play, so come out and HAVE SOME FUN!

Entry Fee:

- \$35 through Saturday, Aug 24th.
- Increases to \$40 on Sunday Aug 25th.
- Increases to \$45 starting Thursday Aug 29th and at the Tournament Registration Desk on Friday evening.

Minimum Prizes (all amounts shown are GUARANTEED): \$650

- Open Section: 1st-3rd places (\$200, \$100, \$60)
- Under 1600 Section: 1st-3rd places (\$160, \$80, \$50)
- Additional prize money to be added if we have more than 20 players!

3 Ways to Enter the Tournament:

- **Online:** www.vachess.org
- **US Mail:** Check payable to VA Chess Federation or "VCF", please include Name, Address, Email, Phone Number, US Chess ID, Section Playing In, and your Bye selections if any. Mail by Saturday Aug. 27th to Mike Hoffpauir, ATTN: VA Closed, 405 Hounds Chase, Yorktown, VA 23693
- **Onsite:** Friday, Sept. 1st, 3-7 pm. Round 1 of Blitz starts at 7:30 pm sharp.

Membership Requirements: US Chess membership is required. VA Chess Federation membership is not required to play Blitz.

What to Bring: Yourself. We have sets and clocks for everyone who plays Blitz. You got game?

Info: www.vachess.org, or Mike Hoffpauir, mhoffpauir@aol.com, text to 757-846-4805