

BLITZ AT THE 87TH VIRGINIA CLOSED

Hilton Garden Inn – Innsbrook, Glen Allen, VA

Friday, September 4, 2026 – Round 1 at 7:30 PM

85% of the Blitz Entry Fees will be paid out as Cash Prizes for Each Section.

Hotel & Playing Site: Same site as the VA Closed at the 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 August 13th** and request the "Virginia Closed Chess Championships" rate. 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. A minimum rating of 1400 in the last year (since Aug 2025) is required to play in the Open Section.
- **Time Control is Game in 5 minutes, with no delay or increment** (e.g., each player has 5 minutes to make all their moves in each game).
- **US Chess-rated.** No optional half-point byes.
- **Section eligibility and players' ratings** will be reviewed and determined by the Chief Tournament Director using the highest and most relevant of your Blitz over-the-board or online ratings and your Regular over-the-board or online ratings. Rating relevance determined by the Chief TD based on number of games in the past year and recency of those games. The highest relevant rating will be assigned to pair each player for Blitz.

Player Eligibility: Our Blitz tournament *is open to anyone who is a US Chess member in good standing*. You do not have to play in the VA Closed to play Blitz ... so come out and HAVE SOME FUN!

Entry Fee:

- \$35 through Tuesday, Aug 25th.
- \$40 starting Wednesday Aug 26th.
- \$45 starting Tuesday Sept 1st and at the Tournament Registration Desk on Friday.

Minimum Prizes: We will pay out 85% of Blitz Entry Fee income as Cash Awards

- Each Section's prize purse is based on the number of players who enter that section.

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 Sat. Aug. 23rd to Mike Hoffpauir, ATTN: VA Closed, 405 Hounds Chase, Yorktown, VA 23693
- **Onsite:** Friday, Sept 4th, 3-7 pm. Round 1 of Blitz will start 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 chess sets and clocks for everyone who plays Blitz. *You got game?*

Info: www.vachess.org, or Mike Hoffpauir, [Click here to show mail address](#), text to 757-846-4805.