

The Virginia Chess Federation and the City of Virginia Beach proudly present ...

2017 Virginia State Scholastic & College Chess Championships

Friday Night, Saturday and Sunday, March 10th - 12th, 2017

<p>Place</p>	<p>Holiday Inn Virginia Beach – Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center; 5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, VA – 757-499-4400</p>
<p>Tournament Format and Player Eligibility</p>	<p>T H E R E A R E F O U R T O U R N A M E N T S ! !</p> <p>#1 and #2. Friday Night Blitz & Bughouse: March 10th. Four or five rounds of Blitz and Bughouse, you can register for either event. Blitz has 3 Sections (K-5, K-12, and College), Bughouse has 2 Sections (K-5 and K-12), no College Bughouse. Time control is Game-in-5, no time delay, with 2 games per Round in both Blitz and Bughouse. See schedule and awards below. On-site Registration for Blitz and Bughouse closes 5:15 PM, and 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 or Bughouse. Players must bring a chess clock.</p> <p>#3. The Main Event—2017 VA State Scholastic & College Chess Championships: Sat and Sun, March 11th and 12th. Five (5) Sections--K-3, K-5, K-8, K-12 and College. College plays 4 rounds, all on Saturday, the Scholastic Sections play Six Rounds on Sat & Sun. Players can “play up” into a higher section. Scholastic players must be attending a public, private or home school in VA. College Section players must be enrolled in a VA college or university, or be a Virginia Resident attending college out-of-state. Titled GM or IM college players cannot be more than 25 years old as of September 1, 2016.</p> <p>#4. 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 1-3 on Sat. at G/45 time control, and Round 4 on Sun. at G/60. See below for Registration instructions and Round Times. See www.vachess.org for details.</p>
<p>Registration</p> 	<p>Early Entry: The Early Entry Fees are \$25 for P&F, \$20 for Blitz or Bughouse, \$50 for the Main Event. You have 2 ways to enter early: 1) Online at www.vachess.org; or 2) by Mailing your Entry Form and payment using the 2nd page of this form. NOTE: Early Entry ends on Monday, March 6th.</p> <p>Late Entry: Begins Tuesday, March 7th and also on-site Friday, March 10th from 3-9PM at the Tournament Hotel. Late Entry Fee for Blitz and Bughouse is \$30 per player, \$35 for P&F, and \$65 for the Main Event. Blitz & Bughouse Registration closes at 5:15PM sharp!! Un-registered Blitz or Bughouse Players arriving after 5:15 can register to play starting with Round 2. Entries and payments for Parents & Friends will be accepted on Saturday until 11AM at the tournament hotel. On-site payments can be made by check, cash or credit card.</p> <p>No Main Event registrations after 9 PM Friday evening without the express approval of the Chief TD. Entries will not be accepted by phone or email.</p> <p>Main Event Players not paid in full by 9 PM March 10th RISK NOT BEING PAIRED for Round 1.</p> <p>A limited number of Team Rooms are available: Details at www.vachess.org.</p>
<p>Schedule of Events</p> 	<p>Check-in and Late Registration: 3-9PM on Friday, March 10th. Check-in is only for players who need to pay fees, who have questions, or who want to enter Blitz or Bughouse (Blitz & Bug Registration closes at 5:15 PM sharp!). Arrive at the Registration Desk by 9 PM Friday to pay. Cash, check or credit card accepted at the tournament site.</p> <p>Round Times: Blitz & Bughouse Rd 1 @ 6 PM Fri. March 10th. For the Main Event, Rds 1-4 are on Sat. March 11th @ 9AM, 12-noon, 3 PM, and 6 PM. Rds 5 and 6 on Sun. March 12th @ 8:30 AM and 12-noon. For the P&F Tournament, Rd 1 Sat. at 12:30PM, Rd 2 at 3:30PM; Rd 3 at 6:30PM; Rd 4 Sun. at 9AM.</p> <p>Time Controls: Blitz & Bughouse, Game-in-5, no time delay. Main Event--Rds 1-3 (G/60; delay 5), Rds 4-6 (G/90; delay 5). P&F is G/45 delay 5 for Rds 1-3 and G/60 delay 5 for Rd 4.</p> <p>Awards Ceremonies: Blitz & Bughouse Awards—Saturday before Rounds 3 and 4. P&F Awards handed out before start of Round 6 in the main tournament. Main Event Awards handed-out by section on Sunday afternoon as soon as possible after each section's final round.</p> <p>Chess Sets and Boards: Will be provided. IF YOU OWN A CHESS CLOCK, BRING IT.</p>
<p>Awards</p> 	<p>In the Main Event, Players and Teams who finish in 1st Place earn the title of “2017 VA 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 Section with a perfect 6.0 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 Sections are eligible to represent VA at prestigious National Chess events in late July 2017 as part of the U.S. Open (being held in Norfolk in 2017). The top girl in K-12 is eligible to represent VA at the National Girl's Tournament of Champions in late July during the U.S. Open.</p>
<p>Hotel Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Tournament Hotel: The Holiday Inn Virginia Beach – Norfolk Hotel & Conference Center. • Advance Reservation Period: January 2nd – February 7th, for \$109 plus taxes. • On February 8th, the chess rate may no longer be available ... don't press your luck! • Reserve your rooms at www.vachess.org, or call the hotel directly to make your bookings!!
<p>Questions</p>	<p>See the Tournament Home Page at www.vachess.org for more information and directions to the site.</p> <p>Additional questions? Contact Mike Hoffpaur at 757-846-4805 or email to mhoffpaur@aol.com. Please do not contact the hotel to ask questions about the Tournament!</p>

2017 VA State Scholastic & College Chess Championships 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 4 below.)

Name of School or College currently attending: _____

Current Grade in School or College: _____

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

1. **MAIN EVENT ENTRY:** Section this player will enter (circle one): K-3 K-5 K-8 K-12 College
One optional half-point bye per player, 4 Rounds in College): Rd 1 Rd 2 Rd 3 Rd 4 Rd 5 Rd 6

2. **BLITZ:** Section you want to enter (circle one): K-5 K-12 College (no Byes in Blitz)

3. **BUGHOUSE:** Section you want to enter (circle one): K-5 K-12 (no Byes in Bughouse)
Partner's Name: _____; Partner's School: _____

4. **Parents & Friends (P&F) ENTRY:** **No MAIL IN ENTRIES for P&F, sorry.** Enter on-line or on-site only.

5. **Mailing Address for the person entering the tournament:**

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 Rules:**
 - a. **Blitz & Bughouse:** 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. College Section players must be enrolled 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. **Early Entry Fees:** Blitz or Bughouse (\$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".
4. **All players** must be current members of the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) to play Blitz, the Main Tournament, or the Parents & Friends event. USCF membership is NOT required for Bughouse. 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.
5. **To enter BLITZ or Bughouse**, we must have your payment **by 5:15PM Friday March 10th**.
6. Payment on site for all events can be made by Cash, Check or Credit Card. Parents & Friends Entry closes at 11AM on Saturday morning.
7. 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 Monday March 6th.**

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8. After we receive your entry, we will send you a confirmation email, or give you a phone call.
9. 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.
10. **Main Event Players not paid in full when the Registration Desk closes at 9 PM on Friday March 10th risk not being paired for Round 1 of the Main Tournament.**
11. **Questions?** Contact Mike Hoffpauir at mhoffpauir@aol.com or by phone at 757-846-4805.