




The Virginia Chess
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2018 Virginia Scholastic & College Chess Championships

Friday Night, Saturday and Sunday, March 2nd – 4th, 2018

<p>Place</p>	<p>William Fleming High School; 3649 Ferncliff Ave NW, Roanoke, VA</p>
<p>Tournament Format and Player Eligibility</p>	<p><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 2nd. Four rounds in 3 Sections (K-5, K-12, and College). Time control is Game-in-5, no time delay, with 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—2018 VA State Scholastic & College Chess Championships: Sat and Sun. March 3rd and 4th. Five (5) Sections--K-3, K-5, K-8, K-12 and College. College plays 4 rounds, all on Saturday, the Scholastic Sections play 6 Rounds on (4 on Sat & 2 on Sun. 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. College Section players must be enrolled 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, 2017.</p> <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 1-3 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 & Entry Fees</p> 	<p>Registration opens online on Friday December 15th at www.vachess.org and will be open until 7:00 AM Friday MORNING March 2. If you prefer to mail your entry, please do so by Monday, February 26th. Onsite Registration is available at the tournament 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 10:00-11:00 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 Monday, Feb 26. Beginning Tuesday, Feb 27, 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 by midnight Monday Feb 26th, or postmarked by midnight Monday Feb 26th.</p> <p>No Main Event registrations or payments after 9 PM Friday evening without the express approval of the Event Organizer and Chief TD.</p> <p>Main Event Players not paid in full by 9:00 PM March 2nd RISK NOT BEING PAIRED for Round 1. Blitz Players not paid in full by 5:15 PM March 2nd 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: 4-9PM on Friday, March 2nd. Check-in is only for players who need to pay fees, 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>Round Times: Blitz Rd 1 @ 6 PM Fri. March 2nd. For the Main Event, Rds 1-4 are on Sat. March 3rd @ 9AM, 12-noon, 3 PM, and 6 PM. Rds 5 and 6 on Sun. March 4th @ 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 is 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 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 “2018 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 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 Virginia at prestigious National Chess events in late July 2018 as part of the U.S. Open (being held in Madison, WI). 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>Hotels</p>	<p>• See www.vachess.org</p>
<p>Questions</p>	<p>See the Tournament Home Page at www.vachess.org for more information and directions to the site. Additional questions? Contact Mike Hoffpauir at 757-846-4805 or email to mhoffpauir@aol.com.</p>

