




# 2019-20 VIRGINIA SCHOLASTIC & COLLEGE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday Night, Saturday and Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

<p><b>Where ?</b></p>	<p>Thomas Jefferson High School (“TJ”), 6560 Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22312</p>
<p><b>Tournament Format and Player Eligibility</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><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></b></p> <p><b>#1. Friday Night Blitz: March 6th.</b> Four (4) double-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. <b>On-site Registration for Blitz opens at 5 PM and closes at 6 PM. Round 1 is at 6:30 PM.</b> Open to any Scholastic or College Player, you do not need to be a Virginia resident to play Blitz. <b>Players must bring a digital chess clock – no analog chess clocks allowed.</b></p> <p><b>#2. The Main Event—2020 VA State Scholastic &amp; College Chess Championships: Saturday and Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>One College Section:</b> All 4 rounds played on <b>Saturday</b>. Time Control is Game-60, delay 10 for all rounds. Players must be enrolled full-time 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, 2019.</li> <li>• <b>Eight (8) Scholastic Sections:</b> K-12 Championship and K-12 Under 1400; K-8 Championship and K-8 Under 1200; K-5 Championship and K-5 Under 1000; and, K-3 Championship and K-3 Under 600. Players can “play up” into a higher section. Time Control: Rds 1-2 (G/60; delay 10), Rds 3-5 (G/90; d10). Scholastic players must be attending a public, private or home school in VA, or be a VA Resident attending school out-of-state. Unrated players may play in any section according to their school grade.</li> </ul> <p><b>#3. Parents and Friends (P&amp;F) Tournament:</b> For <b>adults only</b> (e.g. parents, coaches, family friends and other adult players), no scholastic or college players. 4 rounds of USCF-rated chess, with Rounds 1-2 on Sat. and Rounds 3 and 4 on Sun. G/45 delay 10 for Rd 1; G/60 d10 for Rds 2-4. See below for Registration instructions and Round Times.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Details at <a href="http://www.vachess.org">www.vachess.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Registration &amp; Entry Fees</b></p> 	<p><b>Registration</b> opens Sunday, December 1st at <a href="http://www.vachess.org">www.vachess.org</a>. If you prefer to mail your entry, please do so by Saturday, February 29th. <b>Onsite Registration</b> at TJ from <b>5-9 pm on Friday March 6th. Blitz Registration closes at 6 PM.</b> Entries for <b>P&amp;F</b> will be accepted at the Tournament Directors’ Office 9:30-11am on Saturday. No entries by phone or email.</p> <p><b>Early Entry Fees</b> are \$20 for Blitz, \$50 for the Main Event and \$25 for P&amp;F through midnight on Saturday, Feb 29th. Beginning Sunday, March 1st, entry fees increase to <b>\$30 for Blitz, \$65 for the Main Event and \$35 for P&amp;F</b> through midnight on Thursday March 5th. Starting Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> and on-site fees are <b>\$35 Blitz, \$75 Main, \$35 P&amp;F.</b> Online payments may be made by credit card or PayPal. Mail payments may be made by check or money order. On-site payment by check, cash or credit card.</p> <p><b>To qualify for the Early Entry Fee</b> your payment must be submitted online or post-marked by midnight Saturday February 29th.</p> <p><b>No Main Event registrations or payments will be accepted on-site after 9 PM Friday evening without the express approval of the Chief TD. Main Event Players not paid in full by 9:00 PM on Friday March 6th RISK NOT BEING PAIRED for Round 1.</b></p> <p><b>Blitz Players not paid in full by 6 PM March 6th RISK NOT BEING PAIRED for Round 1 of Blitz.</b></p> <p><b>Team Rooms are available:</b> Details at <a href="http://www.vachess.org">www.vachess.org</a>.</p>
<p><b>Schedule of Events</b></p> 	<p><b>Check-in and Late Registration:</b> 5-9PM Friday, March 6th. <b>DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 4:30 PM!!</b> Check-in is required for players who need to pay fees, sign for their Team Rooms, or who want to enter Blitz (<b>Blitz Registration closes at 6 PM</b>). Arrive at the Registration Desk <b>by 9 PM Friday</b> to pay for the Main Event using cash, check or credit card.</p> <p><b>Blitz Rd 1 @ 6:30 PM</b> Fri. March 6th. Blitz is Game-in-5, no time delay. Bring your digital Chess Clock.</p> <p><b>Main Event,</b> Rds 1-3 on Sat. March 7th @ 9 AM, 12-noon, and 4:30 PM. Rds 4 and 5 on Sun. March 8th @ 8:30 AM and 12:30 PM. Bring your digital Chess Clock.</p> <p><b>P&amp;F Tournament,</b> Rd 1 Sat. at 12:15PM, Rd 2 at 4:45PM; Rd 3 on Sunday at 8:45 AM, Rd 4 at 12:45 PM. Bring your chess set and digital clock!!</p> <p><b>Awards: Blitz Awards—Saturday 10 min before Round 2 (for K-5) and Round 3 (for K-12).</b> P&amp;F Awards handed out immediately after P&amp;F ends. <b>Main Event Awards</b> handed-out by section on Sunday afternoon about 30 minutes after each section’s final round. <i>Over \$4,000 in trophies!!</i></p> <p><b>Chess Sets and Boards:</b> Will be provided. <b>IF YOU OWN A DIGITAL CHESS CLOCK, BRING IT.</b></p>
<p><b>Awards</b></p> 	<p>In the Main Event, Players and Teams who finish in 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Championship Sections earn the title of “2020 Virginia State Champion”. <b>For a list of all prizes, see the tournament web site at <a href="http://www.vachess.org">www.vachess.org</a>.</b></p> <p>If there is a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place in either the K-5, K-8 or K-12 Championship sections with a perfect 5.0 score, there will be an “Armageddon” Blitz Playoff between those tied players based on tie-breaks. <b>The winners of the K5, K-8 and K-12 Championship Sections</b> are eligible to represent Virginia at prestigious National Chess events in late July 2019 as part of the U.S. Open in St. Louis, MO. <b>The top girl in the K-12 Championship Section</b> is eligible to represent VA at the National Girl’s Tournament of Champions in late July during the U.S. Open in St. Louis, MO.</p>
<p><b>Hotels</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See <a href="http://www.vachess.org">www.vachess.org</a> for information about Hotels and Team Rooms.</li> </ul>

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## --- Mail-in Entry Form ---

(Use this form if you cannot access the Internet, or if you do not want to register on-line)

**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 5 below.)

Name of School or College currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Grade in School or College: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Male  Female

Location of School or College (county or city): \_\_\_\_\_

1. **BLITZ:** Section you will enter (select one only):  Not Playing  K-5  K-12  College

2. **MAIN EVENT:** Section you will enter (select one only):  K3 Championship  K3 Under 600  
 K5 CH  K5 U1000  K8 CH  K8 U1200  K12 CH  K12 U1400  College

**Optional 1/2-point bye** (only 4 Rds in College):  No Bye  Rd 1  Rd 2  Rd 3  Rd 4  Rd 5

3. **Parents & Friends (P&F) ENTRY:** Enter **on-line or on-site** only. No mail-in entries for P&F, sorry.

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

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_, Virginia Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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### NOTES:

- Please complete **all information**. **ONE ENTRY FORM PER PLAYER**, you can send multiple entries in the same envelope.
- Player Eligibility:**
  - Blitz:** Open to all scholastic and college students, REGARDLESS OF STATE OF RESIDENCY.
  - Main Event:** Scholastic players must be attending a public, private or home school in VA; or, they can be Virginia Residents who are attending school out-of-state. College Section players must be enrolled full-time in a VA college or university, or be a Virginia Resident attending college elsewhere.
  - Parents & Friends:** No scholastic or college players; Adults only.
- NOTE about the Sections:** The Championship Sections are for players with any US Chess Rating. The "Under" Sections are for players whose US Chess Rating is BELOW the threshold for that section. Unrated players are allowed to play in the Championship or Under sections.
- Early Entry Fees:** Blitz (\$20 per player), Parents & Friends (\$25), Main Event (\$50). If you wait to pay or register on site the entry fees are \$10 to \$25 higher. Mail payments by CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY, payable to "VCF" or "Virginia Chess". **To qualify for the Early Entry Fee Discount**, your payment must be submitted online or post-marked by midnight Saturday February 29<sup>th</sup>.
- All players** must be current members of the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) to play in the Blitz, Main Tournament, or Parents & Friends events. You can join USCF or update your membership at the tournament during On-Site Registration, but it is EASIER and PREFERABLE for you to join or update your membership online at [www.uschess.org](http://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.
- To enter BLITZ**, we must have your payment **by 6PM Friday March 6th**.
- Payment on-site for all events can be made by Cash, Check or Credit Card. Parents & Friends Entry closes at 11 AM on Saturday morning.
- 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 Saturday February 29<sup>th</sup>.**

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- After we receive your entry, we will send you a confirmation email.
- Registrations will be posted on the Tournament Web Site ([www.vachess.org](http://www.vachess.org)) as soon as possible after we receive them. A registration is not "complete" without your payment in full, including USCF membership.
- Main Event Players not paid in full when the Registration Desk closes at 9 PM on Friday March 6th risk not being paired for Round 1 of the Main Tournament. For questions, contact Mike Hoffpauir at [mhoffpauir@aol.com](mailto:mhoffpauir@aol.com) or 757-846-4805.**