



The Virginia Chess Federation (VCF) proudly Presents the ...
2020-21 State Scholastic Invitational Tournament (SSIT)
Saturday & Sunday, May 22-23, 2021 – Dulles, VA

Topic	Information
Event Format & Schedule  	<p>Format: 5-rounds with up to 40 players competing in each of four (4) Sections—K-3, K-5, K-8, and K-12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturday, May 22nd: Rounds 1-3 at 9am, 1pm and 5pm. • Sunday, May 23rd: (Updated) Rounds 4 and 5 at 10am and 2:30pm. <p>Time Control: Rounds 1 and 2, G/75+10. Rounds 3 through 5, G/90+10.</p> <p>Pairings: This is an individual tournament. Team codes will not be used to restrict players from playing a schoolmate in any round. The Chief TD will pair players using the higher of their over-the-board and online ratings for slow (regular) time controls as shown in the May 2021 US Chess Rating Supplement. This rule also applies to any awards that are based on players' ratings.</p>
Event Location	<p>Tournament Site: Washington Dulles Airport Marriott, 45020 Aviation Drive, Dulles, VA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you want to book a room, you need to reserve your room no later than Sunday, May 9th, to get the “group rate” of \$115 (+taxes). Contact the hotel directly to reserve your room by calling (703) 471-9500. Mention that you are part of the “<i>Virginia Chess Federation Group</i>.” • We strongly recommend you get a hotel room because space to hangout between rounds (e.g. a skittles room) is limited. • At the present time, the hotel’s restaurant is closed and there is a limited “snack bar.” We recommend you are prepared to bring your own snacks, food, and drink.
Awards	<p>VCF will present awards at the conclusion of the tournament on Sunday evening. Awardees must be present to receive their prizes or have arranged for someone else to pick-up their awards.</p> <p>Tiebreaks: Standard US Chess Federation tiebreaks will be applied to award all prizes. Players tied for 1st place will be recognized as “Co-State Champions.”</p>
Eligibility	<p>This event is an Invitational Tournament. You must be invited to play, there are no “Walk-in Registrations” or “On-site sign-ups” available.</p>
What to do	<p>Get signed up for the tournament at www.vachess.org. Registration is only for invited players.</p>
What to Bring	<p>Please bring your Increment-capable Chess Clock, notation book, and pencils. We have a limited supply of clocks available, so it is best if you bring your own.</p> <p>VCF will provide all chess sets.</p>
COVID-19 Precautions	<p>The VCF will observe and enforce all hotel, local, state, and federal precautions for COVID-19. At the present time, this means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everyone must wear a face mask at all times in the hotel. • Chess pieces and clocks will be sanitized between rounds. If you use your own clock, you will be required to sanitize it at the start of the round. • There will be hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes at every board. • The VCF reserves the right to conduct “forehead temperature checks” of any and all players. • The hotel establishes the maximum on the number of people allowed in each playing room, we will abide by that policy. NO SPECTATORS allowed in the playing room during the games.
Questions	<p>Contact Mike Hoffpauir, VA Chess Federation ... mhoffpauir@aol.com</p>
BREAKING NEWS	<p>There will be an optional Blitz Tournament held on Friday evening at 6:30pm. This will be open to ALL SCHOLASTIC PLAYERS, not just the SSIT participants.</p>