

# 2022-23 Northern Virginia Open

*Friday – Sunday, Jan 6-8 or Saturday – Sunday Jan 7-8, Virginia*

**A Heritage Event!**

**US Chess Junior Grand Prix!**

US CHESS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 40

**A VCF Cup Event – Some Sections FIDE Rated**

**Hotel & Playing Site:** Washington Dulles Airport Marriott Hotel, 45020 Aviation Dr., Dulles, VA 20166; [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com), 703-471-9500, Chess Rate for lodging is \$109 plus taxes. **Reserve by Fri. 12/16** (Dec 16th) at 703-471-9500 and mention the “Virginia Chess Federation” Group Name.

**Format:** 5 Rounds, Swiss System (*this is not an elimination tournament*). Championship and Amateur (Under 1800) Sections are FIDE and US Chess rated. The Novice Section (Under 1200) is US Chess rated only.

**Sections:** Three (3) Sections.

- **Championship:** Minimum rating 1600, FIDE and US Chess rated; 60-min. default/no show rule in effect. **Round 1 at 7:30 pm Friday.**

- **Amateur (Under 1800):** FIDE and US Chess rated; 60-min. default/no-show rule in effect. Unrated players welcome (see Note below). **Round 1 at 7:30 pm Friday.**

- **Novice (Under 1200):** US Chess rated; default/no-show time is 60-minutes. **Games on Saturday and Sunday only**, no games on Friday. **Round 1 at 10 am Saturday.**

- NOTE: Unrated players must play in the Amateur or Novice Section, limited to \$300 Place Prize in the Amateur Section, \$250 place prize in the Novice Section. A player without a US Chess rating but has a rating in another US Chess-recognized rating system (e.g., FIDE, Canada, most European and Asian countries) is NOT Unrated.

**Schedule - Championship & Amateur Sections: FIDE Rules.** FIDE and US Chess rated, there is a 60-minute default/no-show rule.

- Round 1: Friday, Jan 6th, 7:30 pm. Time Control is Game-90 with 30-sec time increment from move one.
- Round 2: Saturday, Jan 7th, 10 am. Time Control is 40/90, SD/30, with 30-sec time increment from move one.
- Round 3: Saturday, Jan 7th, 4:30 pm. Same time control as Round 2. This time control will be used for the remaining rounds.
- Round 4: Sunday, Jan 8th, 10 am.
- Round 5: Sunday, Jan 8th, 4:30 pm.

**Schedule - Novice Section: US Chess Rules.** US Chess rated, default/no-show rule is 60-minutes.

- Friday, Jan 6th: **NO GAMES on Friday in this section.**
- Round 1: Saturday, Jan 7th, 10 am. Time Control is G/60, with 10-sec time increment from move one.
- Round 2: Saturday, Jan 7th, 2 pm. Same Time Control as Round 1.
- Round 3: Saturday, Jan 7th, 6 pm. Same Time Control as Rounds 1 and 2.
- Round 4: Sunday, Jan 8th, 10 am. Time Control is G/90, with 10-sec time increment from move one.
- Round 5: Sunday, Jan 8th, 2:30 pm. Same Time Control as Round 4.

**Ratings for Sectioning and Prizes:** For section determination and prizes we will use the higher of a player’s Over-the-Board Regular and Online Regular ratings from the January 2023 US Chess Rating Supplement. Established ratings override provisional ratings. Players without US Chess ratings, but who have ratings in other recognized systems (FIDE, Canada, Europe, Asia, etc.), will have those ratings converted to a US Chess equivalent for sectioning and prize purposes.

**Pairings:** Players will be paired using their US Chess or equivalent converted ratings (see above).

### **Prizes:**

- **Championship:** 1st – 3rd Places \$790 + Plaque, \$535, \$355; Top Expert \$225; Top A \$205; Top Upset Rds 1-5 \$140. Plaque to 1st Place.
- **Amateur (Under 1800):** 1st – 3rd Places \$560 + Plaque, \$390, \$260; Top C \$190, Top D \$180; Top Upset Rds 1-5 \$130. Plaque to 1st Place.
- **Novice (Under 1200):** 1st -3rd Places \$400, \$300, \$200; Top U1000 \$160; Top U800 \$150; Top Unrated not winning a place prize \$105; Top Upset Rds 1-5 \$125. Trophies to 2nd U1000, 2nd U800, 1st and 2nd U600, and 2nd Unrated.

### **On-Line Registration & Fees:**

- \$110 through New Years Eve, Saturday Dec 31st
- \$125 starting New Years Day, Sunday Jan 1st
- \$140 starting Thursday Jan 5th and at the tournament site
- VA Chess Federation will retain \$5 from players who withdraw before Round 1

[Click here to Register](#)

### **Mail-in Entries:** [Click here](#) for the mail-in Entry Form.

- Check payable to VA Chess Federation or “VCF”
- Due to the Christmas mailing season, ***please mail your entry by MONDAY, Dec 26th*** to Mike Hoffpaur, ATTN: VA Open, 405 Hounds Chase, Yorktown, VA 23693-3356

### **On-Site Registration:** At the hotel

- Friday, Jan 6th, 3 pm to 6:45 pm. Championship and Amateur entries received after 6:45 pm will be paired for Round 2 on Saturday.
- Saturday, Jan 7th, 7:30 – 9:15 am. Novice Section entries received after 9:15 am will be paired for Round 2. Championship and Amateur Section players who did not enter in time for Round 1 can enter on Saturday morning and receive a Half-point Bye.

### **Optional Half-Point Byes & Re-Entry:**

- One half-point bye allowed per player in any round. Must declare during Registration or 30 min before the start of Rounds 1 and 2. Requests made later than 30 minutes before Round 2 count as Zero-point Byes.
- Players who lose in Round 1 can Re-Enter the tournament for \$45 after Round 1, player gets a half-point Bye.

### **Membership Requirements:**

- All players must be US Chess members in good standing except Foreign GM/WGM, IM/WIM. Check, join, or renew your membership at [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org).
- Players who are Virginia residents must be members of the VA Chess Federation. Join at [www.vachess.org](http://www.vachess.org) as part of the tournament entry process or join later at [www.vachess.org](http://www.vachess.org).

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