

83rd Annual Virginia Closed Chess Championship



TWO TOURNAMENTS: Blitz on Friday Evening, Aug 30th
and the Main Tournament on Saturday through Monday, Aug 31st - Sept 2nd

Virginia Chess Federation Annual General Membership Meeting
Saturday, Aug 31st, 9AM at the tournament site.

WHERE: Hilton Garden Inn Innsbrook, 4050 Cox Rd, Glen Allen, VA. Call the hotel at (804)521-2901. Chess Rate is \$94 per night, plus taxes. You must reserve by Thursday Aug 8th to get this rate!!

ELIGIBILITY: The Main Event is open to *all Virginia residents, military stationed in Virginia, and students attending any Virginia school* or college (must show student ID or other proof of Fall 2019 school enrollment). Blitz is open to any players. Blitz is open to ALL PLAYERS, regardless of state of residence.

REGISTRATION: Online at www.vachess.org. Other options are specified on the website.

FORMAT & PRIZES: 6 Rounds using the Swiss-System format. All 3 Sections will be USCF Rated. **The Main Event, held Saturday – Monday, has 3 Sections: \$5,000 in Cash Prizes based on 90 paid players.** Choose from these 3 Sections based on your playing strength and competitive desires:

- Championship:** 1st-\$900+Champion's Plaque; 2nd-\$650; 3rd-\$450; Top Expert and Top Class A, \$200 each + Trophy.
- Amateur (Under 1800):** 1st-\$600+Champion's Plaque; 2nd-\$400; 3rd-\$300; Top Class C & Class D, \$125 each + Trophy.
- Under-1200 & Unrated:** 1st-\$400+Trophy; 2nd-\$300; 3rd-\$200; Top Unrated-\$100; Trophies to Top U-1000, U-800, and U600. Unrated winning a place prize is limited to \$250.

BYE REQUESTS: Up to two (2) Half-Point byes are available, but they must be "locked in" no later than 30 minutes before the start of Round 2. See Event Schedule below.

EVENT SCHEDULE: There are *two event Schedules*—a “Long” schedule that starts on Saturday at 1PM, and a “Short” schedule that starts at 5PM on Saturday.

Option 1: Long Schedule: Time Control is 30/90, SD/1, d5 (e.g. 30 moves in the first 90 minutes per player, then complete the game in 1 hour per player, with a 5-second time delay throughout the game).

- Saturday: Rd 1 at 1PM; Rd 2 at 7PM. Your optional 1 or 2 Half-point Byes for Rounds 2-6 must be locked in by 6:30 PM
- Sunday: Rd 3 at 11AM; Rd 4 at 5PM
- Monday: Rd 5 at 9:30AM, Rd 6 at 3:30PM

Option 2: Short Schedule: Time Control is G/60, d5 (e.g. 60 minutes per player, with 5-second time delay)

- Saturday: Rd 1 at 5PM; Rd 2 at 8PM. Your optional 1 or 2 Half-point Byes for Rounds 2-6 must be locked in by 7:30 PM Saturday evening
- Sunday and Monday ... All games are played with the players in the Long Schedule

ENTRY FEES: *Main Event is \$85 if paid online by Saturday Aug 24th*; increases **to \$100** starting Sunday Aug 25th and at the tournament site on Friday and Saturday.

FRIDAY NIGHT BLITZ ON AUG 30TH: 4 or 5 Rounds, depending on the number of players who enter. Time Control is Game in 5 minutes, with no time delay. You play 2 games each Round, one as Black and one as White. Entry Fee is \$35 by Saturday Aug 25th, \$45 thereafter and on-site.

WHAT TO BRING: Please bring your Chess Set, **Chess Clock** (delay capable), and your favorite score book.

QUESTIONS: Contact the Organizer and Chief TD, Mike Hoffpaur at 757-846-4805 (Cell or Text)