

Quads at the Meadowdale Public Library

Saturday, October 4, 2025, with Round 1 at 9:30 am

Place: Meadowdale Public Library, 4301 Meadowdale Blvd, North Chesterfield, VA. This is a beautiful facility and fantastic venue for this chess tournament!

Registration: www.vachess.org, or onsite at the library starting at 8:30 am on Saturday.

Round 1: At 9:30 am. **Registration closes at 9:15** if you want to play in Round 1 of the Quads tournament.

Format: Quads, with **3 rounds** of play. This means that after we receive all entries, we rank-order the players from highest-rated to lowest-rated based on their October 2025 US Chess rating using the higher of each player's over-the-board and online regular ratings. Next, we divide the players into groups of 4 players (hence the name "Quads"), with the top 4 players forming Quad-1, the next 4 players forming Quad-2, etc. Within each Quad, each player plays a game against the other 3 players. [Click here](#) to read about the Quads format. Please know that it is very unsportsmanlike to "withdraw" from a Quad.

Time Control: Game-60 with 5 seconds of Time Delay per move for all 3 rounds. We have clocks for all players to use, but you are welcome to bring your own!

Schedule: Rounds at 9:30 am, 12-noon, and 2:45 pm. Games in any Quad can start earlier if both players in a pairing agree to start early. The pairings for all 3 rounds are published at the same time as Round 1.

Eligibility:

- Quads are open to all adult players (with or without a US Chess rating).
- Scholastic-age players (e.g., in grades K-12) may play in the Quads tournament if they have had an over-the-board or online US Chess Regular Rating of **at least 1200** in any US Chess Rating Supplement or after any US Chess rated tournament in the past year (since October 2024).
- US Chess Federation membership **is required** for all Quad participants.

Entry Fee: \$35 in advance, \$40 starting Thursday, October 2nd and at the tournament site. We will retain \$5 from your entry if you enter and then withdraw before Round 1.

Prizes: 1st Place (\$85), 2nd Place (\$55) in each Quad. If the lowest Quad has more than 4 players, the prize fund will increase for that section and may include a 3rd place cash prize.

Chess Notation: Is **REQUIRED** for all players. We will provide "score sheets," but please bring your preferred pens or pencils. US Chess-approved electronic notation devices are authorized. Check with the Chief TD if you are not sure if yours can be used.

Chess Sets and Chess Clocks: We will provide chess sets and chess clocks for all players, but players may also use their own equipment. If you use your own clock, it must be capable of being set for the proper time control.

PRE-TOURNAMENT ZOOM MEETING. We will schedule a pre-tournament information meeting on Zoom. We plan to hold the meeting on Thursday, October 2nd at either 7 or 7:30 pm. Watch the VA Chess Federation website (www.vachess.org) for information.

Organized by the Virginia Chess Federation: Mike Hoffpauir, National Tournament Director; mhoffpauir@aol.com, 757-846-4805

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