


# 2012 Virginia State Scholastic & Collegiate Chess & Blitz Chess Championships

Friday Night, Saturday and Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>

<p><b>Place</b></p>	<p>The Best Western "Tysons Westpark Hotel", 8401 Westpark Drive, McLean, VA</p>
<p><b>Tournament Format and Player Eligibility</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TWO TOURNAMENTS</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>State Scholastic Friday Night Blitz:</b> Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Five (5) Rounds, with play in 3 Sections (K-5, K-12, and College). Time control is Game-in-5, and each player plays 2 games against the same opponent. Go to <a href="http://www.vachess.org">www.vachess.org</a> and select "Blitz Rules" to read the rules for Blitz. See below for awards. <b>Register by 5:30PM, Round 1 at 6PM. Open to any Scholastic or Collegiate Player, YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A VIRGINIA RESIDENT TO PLAY.</b> Players <b>must bring a chess clock.</b></li> <li><b>Main Event—State Scholastic Chess Championships: Saturday and Sunday,</b> March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Five (5) Sections--K-3, K-5, K-8, K-12 and College. Six (6) Rounds of chess. Players can "play up" into a higher section. Scholastic players must be attending a public, private or home school in VA. Collegiate Section players must be enrolled in a VA college or university, or be a Virginia Resident attending college elsewhere. Titled GM or IM collegiate players cannot be more than 25 years old as of September 1, 2011. See <a href="http://www.vachess.org">www.vachess.org</a> for the full rules.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Registration</b></p> 	<p><b>Advance Registration:</b> Open now at <a href="http://www.vachess.org">www.vachess.org</a>. Advance entry is <b>\$10 for Blitz</b> and <b>\$30 for the Main Event</b>. Three ways to Pay: 1) <b>Use PayPal</b> when you register online, 2) <b>mail</b> your payment to the address on the next page, or 3) <b>pay at the Registration Desk</b> on FRIDAY evening, March 16<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>If you prefer to register by US Mail,</b> see the next page of this flyer. If you use US Postal Service, please send your registration by Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> to ensure we receive it on time!!</p> <p><b>Late Registration:</b> On-site only at the Tysons Westpark Hotel on Friday March 16<sup>th</sup> from 3PM to 9PM. Late Entry Fee for Blitz is \$15, and \$40 for the Main Event. Blitz Registration closes at 5:30PM!</p> <p><b>No Main Event registrations after 9PM Friday evening.</b> Entries will not be accepted by phone or email.</p> <p><b>Players not paid in full by 9PM March 16<sup>th</sup> RISK NOT BEING PAIRED for Round 1.</b></p>
<p><b>Event Schedule</b></p> 	<p><b>Check-in and Late Registration:</b> 3-9PM on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Check-in is only for players that need to pay fees, or who want to enter Blitz (<b>Blitz Registration closes at 5:30PM</b>). Arrive at the Registration Desk by 9PM Friday to pay or register late. Payments by cash or check only, no credit cards.</p> <p><b>Round Times:</b> Blitz begins at 6 PM Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>. For the Main Event, Rounds 1-4 are on Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9AM, 12-noon, 3PM, and 6PM. Rounds 5 and 6 on Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30AM and 12-noon.</p> <p><b>Time Controls:</b> Blitz, Game-in-5. Main Event--Rds 1-3 (Game-60), Rds 4-6 (Game-90).</p> <p><b>Awards Ceremonies: Blitz Awards—Sunday, 8:20AM.</b></p> <p><b>Main Event Awards</b> will be by section as soon as possible after each section's final round.</p> <p><b>Chess Sets and Boards:</b> Will be provided. <b>IF YOU OWN A CHESS CLOCK, BRING IT.</b></p>
<p><b>Awards</b></p> 	<p>Players finishing in 1st Place in their section earn the title of "<b>2012 VA State Champion</b>"</p> <p><b>Blitz Prizes:</b> In the K-5 and K-12 Blitz Sections, trophies for 1<sup>st</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> place Individuals and 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> place teams. In the College Blitz Section, 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place individual and team trophies.</p> <p><b>Scholastics Main Event:</b> Team and Individual trophies, see <i>tournament web site</i>.</p> <p><b>Collegiate Main Event:</b> Trophies plus cash awards based on the number of entries.</p> <p><b>Winner of the K-12 Section</b> is eligible to represent VA at the prestigious Denker Tournament of High School Champions in August 2012. <b>The top-finishing girl in K-12</b> is eligible to represent VA in either the 2012 All Girls National Chess Championships in April 2012 or the annual US Girls Junior Open at the US Open in August 2012. Winner of the K-8 Section can represent VA at the USCF's new Barber Tournament of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Champions held in August at the US Open.</p>
<p><b>Hotel Information</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have negotiated several hotel deals, see <a href="http://www.vachess.org">www.vachess.org</a> for details. Rooms are available at the Best Western Tysons Westpark Hotel, call 703-734-2800 and ask for the Virginia Chess Championships Group Rate (\$89.99 for a double-double rooms).</li> </ul>
<p><b>Questions</b></p>	<p><b>See the Home page at <a href="http://www.vachess.org">www.vachess.org</a></b> for more information and directions to the site.</p> <p><b>If you have additional questions:</b> Contact <b>Mike Hoffpauir</b> at 757-846-4805 (cell), 757-867-8592 (home), or by email to <a href="mailto:mhoffpauir@aol.com">mhoffpauir@aol.com</a>.</p>

