




The 2009 VA State Scholastic & Collegiate Chess & Blitz Chess Championships

Friday Night, Saturday and Sunday, March 13th - 15th

<p>Place</p>	<p>Monticello High School, 1400 Independence Way, Charlottesville, VA 22902</p>
<p>Tournament Format and Player Eligibility</p>	<p><u>New format for this year: TWO TOURNAMENTS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>(New for 2009!!) State Scholastic Blitz Championships: Friday night</u>, March 13th. Two (2) Sections to choose from (K-5 and K-12). You can “play up” into a higher section. Five (5) Rounds of Blitz. Time control is Game-in-5, and each player plays 2 games against the same opponent. USCF Scholastic Blitz Rules (http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2006/blitzrules.pdf). See below for awards. Same eligibility rules as Main Event (see next paragraph). <u>Main Event—State Scholastic Chess Championships: Saturday and Sunday</u>, March 14th & 15th. Five (5) Sections--K-3, K-5, K-8, K-12 and Collegiate. 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. VA Residents attending college out-of-the-state also may participate. Titled GM or IM collegiate players cannot be more than 25 years old as of September 1, 2008.
<p>Registration</p> 	<p><u>Advance Registration:</u> Online at www.vachess.org BEGINNING December 15th. Advance entry fee is \$10 for Blitz and \$25 for the Main Event. Mail Your Payment or pay it at the Registration Desk on FRIDAY evening, March 13th.</p> <p><u>Late Registration:</u> On-site only at Monticello High School, Friday March 13th from 5-9PM. Late Entry Fee for Blitz is \$15, and \$40 for the Main Event. Blitz Registration closes at 7PM sharp! <u>No Main Event registrations after 9PM Friday evening.</u> No entries by phone or email.</p> <p>Players not paid in full by 9PM March 13th WILL NOT BE PAIRED for Round 1 of the tournament.</p> <p><u>Team Rooms:</u> Will be available on a first-come, first-served basis for school teams with 10 or more players. Team Rooms are for Saturday and Sunday only. \$75 room deposit required to reserve ... <u>must be mailed by March 9th</u>.</p>
<p>Event Schedule</p> 	<p><u>Check-in and Late Registration:</u> 5-9PM on Friday, March 13th. Check-in is only for players that need to pay fees. Arrive at the Registration Desk by 9PM Friday to pay or register late. Payments by cash or check only, no credit cards. Blitz Registration closes at 7PM sharp!</p> <p><u>Round Times:</u> Blitz begins at 7:30PM Friday evening March 13th. For the Main Event, Rounds 1-4 are on Saturday March 14th @ 9AM, 12-noon, 3PM, and 6PM. Rounds 5 and 6 on Sunday March 15th @ 8:30AM and 12-noon.</p> <p><u>Time Controls:</u> Blitz, Game-in-5. Main Event--Rds 1-3 (Game-60), Rds 4-6 (Game-90).</p> <p><u>Awards Ceremonies:</u> Blitz—Saturday, 5:45PM. Main Event—Sunday, by section as soon as possible after each section’s final round.</p> <p><u>Chess Sets and Boards:</u> Will be provided. <u>IF YOU OWN A CHESS CLOCK, BRING IT.</u></p>
<p>Awards</p> 	<p>Players finishing in 1st Place in their section earn the title of “<i>2009 VA State Champion</i>”</p> <p><u>Blitz Prizes:</u> Trophies. At least 1st-5th Place for both Individuals and Teams, maybe more.</p> <p><u>Scholastic Sections Prizes:</u> Team and Individual trophies, tailored to number of entries.</p> <p><u>Collegiate Section Prizes:</u> Trophies, plus cash awards based on the number of entries.</p> <p><u>Winner of the K-12 Section</u> is eligible to represent Virginia at the prestigious Denker Tournament of High School Champions. <u>The top-finishing girl in K-12</u> is eligible to represent the state at the Susan Polgar Invitational for Girls. These tournaments usually are in August.</p>
<p>Hotel Information</p>	<p>No hotels are within walking-distance. We have <u>discounted rooms</u> available at these hotels. Follow the instructions below to make your reservations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Quality Inn-University</u>, 1600 Emmet Street, Charlottesville, VA. \$76.49 per night. Call the hotel directly at 434-971-3746 and tell the attendant you want to make your reservation as part of the <u>Virginia Chess group block of rooms</u>. Reserve by Feb 13, 2009. Be sure to specify which nights you want to stay. <u>Super 8-Charlottesville</u>, 390 Greenbrier Drive, Charlottesville, VA. \$71.70 - \$80.10 per night. Call 800-854-9518 and provide the Reservation Assistant with <u>Conf No 58116745</u>. Reserve by Feb 13, 2009.
<p>Questions</p>	<p><u>See the tournament web site:</u> www.vachess.org for more details.</p> <p><u>If you have additional questions:</u> Contact <u>Mike Hoffpauir</u> at 757-846-4805 (cell), 757-867-8592 (home), or by email to mhoffpauir@aol.com. <u>Do not contact the school for info.</u></p>