

2019 North American Junior (U20) Championships

Invitation and Regulations



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1. INVITATION

The Charlotte Chess Center (USA) invites juniors from the federations of Canada, Mexico, and the United States to participate in the **2019 North American Junior (U20) Championships** (Open and Girls). The event will take place at the beautiful Charlotte Chess Center, in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA from Tuesday, June 25 (arrival) to Sunday, June 30 (round 9, departure). This is an official continental championship event awarding FIDE titles and norms, and is event is sanctioned by FIDE, the US Chess Federation, and the Confederation of Chess for Americas (CCA, Confederación de Ajedrez de América).

2. PARTICIPATION

2a. Eligibility

This is an open event for all players who meet the eligibility and age requirements. There is no maximum number of players from CAN, MEX, and USA federations. This event has 2 sections: Open and Girls. Both sections are open to players from Canada, Mexico, and the United States who are under 20 years old (19 and younger) as of January 1, 2019 (must be born in 1999 or after). The Open section is open to boys and girls. Players must have a FIDE ID Number registered under CAN, MEX, or USA. Players from these countries who do not have a FIDE ID Number can contact their [federation's rating officer](#) to have one created. This tournament is both FIDE and USCF rated; all players must also have a [US Chess membership](#).

2b. Personal Rights Players

The gold medalists from the 2018 North American Junior U20 Championships (Open and Girls) may register as official players. Official players receive a \$100 discount on the entry fee. Official players shall also receive shared (double) room complimentary from the organizers. Official players must register and have the fees fully paid the organizer by June 1. Official players registering after this deadline will be treated as ordinary players and will not receive conditions.

3. ENTRY FEES

3a. Entry Fee and Payment Notes

- All registration is done directly between the player and the organizer
- It is not necessary to contact your federation to have them register players and send fees
- All fees are in US Dollars (USD \$)
- There are no refunds for withdrawn players after June 1
- The fees include the organizer fee, entry fee, FIDE fee, and CCA fee
- There are no fees for accompanying persons, parents, heads of delegation
- Players are not considered registered until all fees have been paid

3b. Entry Fee Schedule

- Entry Fee: \$240 paid online at www.charlottechesscenter.org/najunior by June 1
- Official players may register for \$140 by June 1
- Registration after June 1: \$280
- On-site registration Tuesday, June 25: \$300. No registration after June 25.

4. TRAVEL

Transportation is not provided by the organizers. The Charlotte-Douglas International Airport (CLT) is 16 miles from the tournament venue. Taxis and rideshare services are readily available from the airport.

5. ACCOMMODATION

Hotel accommodation is not organized through the organizers. Players must make their own accommodations. There are many hotels near the tournament venue, including:

5a. Extended Stay America Charlotte-Pineville

- Address: 8405 Pineville-Matthew Road, Charlotte, NC 28226
- Phone Number: +1 866 238 4218
- Distance from playing venue: 0.2 miles (walking distance)

5b. Extended Stay America Charlotte-Pineville – Park Road

- Address: 10930 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28226
- Phone Number: +1 704 341 0929
- Distance from playing venue: 0.5 miles

5c. Comfort Suites Pineville

- Address: 10415 Centrum Parkway, Pineville, NC 28134
- Phone Number: +1 704 540 0069
- Distance from playing venue: 0.8 miles

5d. Four Points by Sheraton Charlotte-Pineville

- 9705 Leitner Street, Pineville, NC 28134
- Phone Number: +1 704 540 8500
- Distance from playing venue: 1.1 miles

6. SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 25	Suggested Arrival Date Last Day of Registration
Wednesday, June 26	12:30pm – Opening Ceremony / Players Meeting 1:00pm – Round 1 7:00pm – Round 2
Thursday, June 27	12:00pm – Round 3 6:00pm – Round 4
Friday, June 28	12:00pm – Round 5 6:00pm – Round 6
Saturday, June 29	12:00pm – Round 7 6:00pm – Round 8
Sunday, June 30	10:00am – Round 9 3:00 – Closing Ceremony DEPARTURE

7. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

7a. Organization Team – IA, IO Grant Oen and Peter Giannatos in cooperation with the Charlotte Chess Center.

7b. Arbiter Team – Chief Arbiter: IA, IO Grant Oen; Deputy Chief Arbiter: NA Peter Giannatos. The appeals committee and additional arbiters will be announced at the players meeting.

7c. Ratings – The tournament will use June 2019 FIDE ratings for pairings. USA players with no FIDE rating will have a tournament rating calculated by the formula: $(USCF \text{ rating} + 350) / 1.16$. Both sections are FIDE and USCF rated. All players must have a valid [US Chess membership](#).

7d. Time Control – 90 minutes per player for the entire game, plus 30 second increment per move from move 1.

7e. Rounds – Both sections have 9 rounds paired using June FIDE pairings. No half-point byes are permitted, only zero point byes.

- 7f. Default (forfeit) time – A player will forfeit the game if he/she is not present at the board within 1 hour (60 minutes) after the start of the round
- 7g. Equipment – All equipment (boards, sets, clocks, scoresheets) are provided for all games.
- 7h. Pairings and Standings – pairings & standings will be posted online: www.chessstream.com
- 7i. Tiebreaks – Ties will be broken in accordance with FIDE and CCA regulations and official tiebreaks. Medals and FIDE Direct Titles and norms will be decided on tiebreaks if necessary.
1. Direct Encounter (applies only if all tied players have played each other)
 2. The greater number of wins
 3. The greater number of games with black (excluding unplayed games)
 4. Buchholz cut 1
 5. Buchholz
 6. Sonneborn-Berger
 7. By age in favor of the younger player

8. Awards and Titles

- 8a. FIDE Direct Titles and Norms – all titles and norms subject to FIDE regulations.
- Open Section Gold Medal = IM title and GM norm
 - If there is a tie for first place, the top 3 players on tiebreaks receive the IM title, with first place on tiebreaks also receiving a GM norm
 - Open Section Silver Medal = FM title and IM norm
 - Open Section Bronze Medal = FM title and IM norm
 - Girls Section Gold Medal = WIM title and WGM norm
 - If there is a tie for first place, the top 3 players on tiebreaks receive the WIM title, with first place on tiebreaks also receiving a WGM norm
 - Girls Section Silver Medal = WFM title and WIM norm
 - Girls Section Bronze Medal = WFM title and WIM norm
- 8b. Medals – Gold, silver, bronze medals will be given to the top three players in each section.
- 8c. Personal Rights – Subject to FIDE and CCA approval, the gold medalist in each section will receive Personal Rights (official player) status at the 2020 North American Junior U20 Championship and the 2020 Pan-American Junior U20 Championship.

9. VISAS

Invitation letters for visa purposes can be provided by the organizers. It is suggested to request invitation letters as soon as possible.

10. VENUE (PLAYING HALL)

Charlotte Chess Center

10700 Kettering Drive, Suite E, Charlotte, North Carolina 28226 USA

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www.charlottechesscenter.org

Free Parking

Free Internet

Many food options within walking distance

11. CONTACT INFORMATION

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