

2020-2021 Pan-American Intercollegiate Online Chess Championships

Request for Proposals

Event scheduling

- Dates: January 3-6, 2021
- Format: 9-round Swiss System with team pairings
- Four-board teams, with player eligibility and team composition as determined by event rules.
- Time control: Game in 30 minutes, with 10 seconds increment per move starting at move one.
- All games will be rated by US Chess
- FIDE rules will be in effect (although the event will not be rated by FIDE).
- All scheduled sessions to be held online.
- Schedule:
 - Online coaches and captains meeting January 3, starting 4pm Eastern
 - Rounds 1-3 January 4, starting times 12pm, 3:30pm, 7pm Eastern
 - Rounds 4-6 January 5, starting times 12pm, 3:30pm, 7pm Eastern
 - Rounds 7-9 January 6, starting times 12pm, 3:30pm, 7pm Eastern

Online requirements

- The successful bid will comply fully with Chapter 10 of the US Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess.
- The successful bid will specify which online server will host the event.
- A server which has had its fair play algorithm endorsed by US Chess is preferred, though a bid with a viable server will be considered.
- The successful bid will detail the intended fair play methodology to be employed, including security measures such as video cameras.

Eligibility information

- Open to any college in North or South America.
- USA-flagged players must be current members of US Chess through at least January 2021.
- Foreign-flagged players do not need to be current members of US Chess to participate.
- Player eligibility will be determined in accordance with the event rules as set by the College Chess Committee and ratified by the Executive Board.
- Issues or questions regarding player eligibility not covered by the event rules will be resolved by the College Chess Committee.

Financial considerations

- The successful bid will detail all aspects of the financial arrangements for the event. This includes, but is not limited to, setting of entry fees and entry fee deadlines, awards of any kind, and any proposed revenue sharing with US Chess.
- Payment of expenses for the event will be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder. This includes, but is not limited to, US Chess rating fees, awards/prizes including distribution, and staff compensation.

Registration information

- The successful bidder will manage all team registrations, including any online registration.
- Registration deadline: December 28, 2020, 6pm Eastern.

- No new team registrations may be accepted after this deadline.
- Any team with unpaid fees may be dropped after this deadline.
- Registered teams may change their composition after this deadline.
- Deadline for roster changes: December 30, 2020, 6pm Eastern.
- Players who need or wish to join US Chess prior to the event must purchase their memberships directly through US Chess.

Staff requirements

- The successful bid will detail the staffing plan for the event.
- The successful bid will identify the principal organizer, the chief tournament director, and the intended staff structure for the event, including any hierarchical details.
- The chief tournament director must be an International Arbiter with FIDE and must also be a National Tournament Director with US Chess.
- The chief tournament director must have prior experience running an online event.
- All other tournament directors must be at least National Arbiters with FIDE.

Other details

- The title of the event is “2020-2021 Pan-American Intercollegiate Online Chess Championships”.
- This will be considered a US Chess national championship event.
- The event rules will be posted at USChess.org only. The winning bidder may post links to the rules on the organizer’s or event’s website but may not have a separate copy of the rules document.
- The official language for the event will be English.

Bidding process

- This is a sealed-bid process. No information about any bid, including the identity of the bidder, is revealed to any other bidder, or any entity other than relevant US Chess staff.
- Only the first submission from a bidder will be considered.
- The successful bidder will be determined by US Chess.
- Bids must be received no later than October 30, 2020, at 6pm Eastern.
- The final bid decision will be rendered no later than November 2, 2020, at 6pm Eastern.
- For any communications or submissions to US Chess, the timestamp on the communication will determine the official time.

Questions about this bid

- Please direct all questions to eventbids@uschess.org. Members of the US Chess College Chess Committee **ARE NOT AUTHORIZED** to answer questions about this bid or the bidding process.

How to submit your bid

- Email: eventbids@uschess.org.
- Please **DO NOT** send copies to other US Chess email addresses or any member of the US Chess College Chess Committee.
- Mail: US Chess, c/o 2020-2021 Pan-Ams, PO Box 3967, Crossville TN 38557-3967.
- You are free to use either method. Your bid must be received by US Chess no later than October 30, 2020, at 6pm Eastern.