



OFFICIAL EVENT REGULATIONS

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The United States Chess Federation (US Chess), in partnership with the Confederation of Chess for Americas (CCA), the International Chess Federation (FIDE), and Rosen Shingle Creek, presents these Official Event Regulations for the 2024 Pan-American Youth Chess Championships.

These Regulations may be reproduced in multiple languages. However, the English version is considered the official version.



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1 INVITATION & PLAYING VENUE

The United States Chess Federation (US Chess), in partnership with the Confederation of Chess for Americas (CCA), International Chess Federation (FIDE), and Rosen Shingle Creek, cordially invite all CCA member federations to the XXXIV Pan-American Youth Chess Championships (Pan-Ams), July 15-20, 2024, in Orlando, Florida, USA.

Hotel and Playing Venue: Rosen Shingle Creek, 9939 Universal Boulevard, Orlando Florida 32819, USA.

2 US CHESS SAFE PLAY POLICY

US Chess shall enforce its Safe Play Policy for the Pan-Ams. All arbiters and staff hired by US Chess shall be fully certified under the Safe Play Policy, which may be reviewed on the US Chess website at <https://new.uschess.org/sites/default/files/media/documents/final-us-chess-safe-play-policy-approved-12-28-23.pdf>.

3 GENERAL CONDITIONS

The Pan-Ams shall follow the rules and regulations written in this invitation. In case of any omissions, the “Regulations for the Pan-American Youth Chess Championship” shall be in effect. These regulations can be found on the CCA website. The English version is at <https://fideamerica.net/site/en/regulaciones-generales-para-competiciones/>.

4 PLAYING VENUE / PLAYING HALL

The Playing Venue is defined as the entire convention center of Rosen Shingle Creek. The Playing Hall is defined as the combined room of Sebastian J/K/L in the convention center of Rosen Shingle Creek.

5 REGISTRATION & ACCOMMODATION

All hotel reservations at Rosen Shingle Creek shall be coordinated through US Chess.

Players under 18 years of age as of July 14, 2024, must be accompanied by a responsible adult. The national federation must designate who the responsible adult is for every such member of their delegation who is under 18.

Each attendee must register through their national federation. Individual registration is not permitted, unless an exception is sent to the organizers in writing by the CCA President. Paragraph 5.6.4 remains in full effect, even for such an exception.



5.1 REGISTRATION FEES

Each member federation must submit complete information for each member of their federation, including the payment amount according to the level and length of accommodation, based on the tables below.

Registration fees include:

- A choice of:
 - Six nights of hotel accommodation at Rosen Shingle Creek (check in July 14, check out July 20).
 - Six nights of hotel accommodation at Rosen Shingle Creek (check in July 15, check out July 21).
- Buffet breakfast and lunch, served in the Playing Venue by the chefs of Rosen Shingle Creek, from July 15, 2024, to July 20, 2024.
- Entry to the 2024 Pan-Ams (if a participant).
- Entry to the 2024 Pan-Am Blitz tournament (if a participant).
- Custom badge, which shall determine access to the Playing Hall, parts of the Playing Venue (particularly the dining hall), and availability of “show your badge” promotions at Rosen Shingle Creek and the Orlando area.

The following registration fees apply.

<i>OCCUPANCY</i>	<i>DURATION</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
Single	6 nights	\$2,600 USD/person
Double	6 nights	\$1,500 USD/person
Triple	6 nights	\$1,300 USD/person
Quadruple	6 nights	\$1,100 USD/person

5.2 PRE- OR POST-EVENT ACCOMMODATION

The following hotel rates apply to the “shoulder nights” of July 11-13 and July 20-22. These rates apply to sleeping accommodation only. These rates are for people who wish to stay in the Orlando area before and/or after the event. These nights do not include meals.

<i>OCCUPANCY</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
Single	\$240 USD/person/night
Double	\$120 USD/person/night
Triple	\$80 USD/person/night
Quadruple	\$60 USD/person/night

5.3 ACCOMMODATION FOR SEVEN NIGHTS

Official Representatives (OR), Personal Rights (PR) players, and Heads of Delegation (HOD) will receive seven nights' accommodation, as defined in paragraphs 5.7.1, 5.7.2, and 5.7.5 respectively.

All other registrants who wish to stay seven nights (check-in July 14, check-out July 21) should register for a six-night stay for the nights of July 14 through July 19 as indicated in paragraph 5.1 and add a "shoulder night" of July 20 as indicated in paragraph 5.2.

5.4 SPECIAL REGISTRATION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

5.4.1 DEFINITION OF LOCAL RESIDENT

A "local resident" is defined as a member of the USA delegation who lives in Orange County, Florida as of the date of registration. Proof of residency may be required by US Chess.

5.4.2 FEES AND BENEFITS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS

A local resident shall pay a registration fee of \$1,150 USD.

Local resident players shall receive all benefits according to their applicable status (see paragraph 5.7), except there shall be no sleeping accommodation at Rosen Shingle Creek.

Local resident non-players who wish to register as Accompanying Persons and receive the benefits of this designation (see paragraph 5.7.4) shall pay the \$1,150 USD registration fee.

5.5 DATA FOR REGISTRATION

Each Federation is responsible for registering each member of their delegation. This information shall be used to generate your federation's invoice, so PLEASE be accurate.

The following information must be provided for each delegation member:

- Attendee type (OR, PR, AR, AP, HOD) – see paragraph 5.7
- Name
- Date of Birth
- FIDE ID (required for all except AP members of delegation)
- National ID and rating (if applicable)
- Event (if applicable, please select the appropriate event from paragraph 6.5)
- Blitz event ("yes" if participating, "no" if not)
- Arrival date
- Arrival time
- Airline & Flight Number for arrival



- Room type (single, double, triple, quadruple)
- Check-in date (include early shoulder nights if desired)
- Check-out date (include later shoulder nights if desired)
- Roommate(s)
- Full name of responsible adult (if delegation member is under 18)

5.6 REGISTRATION SUBMISSION & PAYMENT

5.6.1 REGISTRATION THROUGH FEDERATIONS

All attendees to the 2024 Pan-Ams must register through their CCA member federation. No direct individual registration is permitted, unless an exception is sent to the organizers in writing by the CCA President. Paragraph 5.6.4 remains in full effect, even for such an exception.

The federation must send complete information for all registrants to US Chess. Registration may be emailed to PanAmYouth2024@uschess.org. There is an Excel template on the website that federations may use to submit their registrations.

5.6.2 PAYMENTS FOR ALL FEDERATIONS OTHER THAN USA

5.6.2.1 INTERNATIONAL BANK TRANSFER

Each national federation must send to the Organizer the data requested in paragraph 5.5.

Once this information is received, US Chess shall send an invoice to the National Federation with the International Bank Transfer details included. Then, the Federation shall make the necessary bank transfer, including any fees required by the bank.

Finally, the National Federation shall send the voucher of the bank transfer as proof of remittance.

5.6.2.2 PAYMENT WITH CREDIT CARD

Federations wishing to pay by credit card may contact US Chess at: PanAmYouth2024@uschess.org.

5.6.3 PAYMENTS FOR USA DELEGATION

Those individuals wishing to be part of the USA delegation should review the announcement on the [US Chess website](#) for more information on their specific registration procedure.

5.6.4 DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES

The deadline for final payment of all registrations is 6:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday, July 1, 2024. No refunds shall be possible after this deadline. **There shall be NO EXCEPTIONS.**



Federations are **strongly encouraged** to submit their registration lists for review no later than May 24, 2024. This shall give US Chess time to verify the submitted data and prepare an invoice, which the federation requires to remit final payment. A federation **may** choose to submit a list of registrations after May 24; however, the July 1 deadline for payment shall be **strictly** enforced.

5.6.5 ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Single occupancy shall be assigned a single room. Double, triple, and quadruple occupancies shall be assigned a double room.
- If a player wishes to participate in the Blitz tournament, this must be indicated at the time of registration. There is no additional charge for the Blitz tournament.
- Multiple minors can be lodged in a room together. In that case, the federation must identify the adult who shall check these minors into their hotel room.

5.7 CLASSIFICATION OF ATTENDEES

CCA member federations may register the following attendees.

5.7.1 OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE (OR) PLAYERS

Every CCA member federation may name one (1) Official Representative (OR) for each of the 12 events of the Pan-Ams.

Each OR shall receive complimentary room and board from US Chess. Room shall be equivalent to half of a double occupancy room for seven nights, from July 14 through 21. Board shall include a buffet breakfast and lunch, served July 15 through 20 inclusive by the chefs of Rosen Shingle Creek, as well as six \$30 vouchers to help defray the cost of dinner. The vouchers may be presented to any restaurant on the premises of Rosen Shingle Creek. Please note that OR players are automatically registered for seven nights' stay.

Each OR shall also receive a players' badge, which shall be necessary for access to the playing hall and any "show-your-badge" promotions offered in connection with the tournament, and complimentary entry to the 2024 Pan-American Youth Blitz Championships. (Participation in the Blitz is optional.)

Transportation to and from the hotel shall be the responsibility of the OR. Dinner for the nights of July 15 through 20 inclusive, as well as any meals prior to July 15 or after July 20, shall be the responsibility of the OR.

5.7.2 PERSONAL RIGHTS (PR) PLAYERS

Every CCA member federation may name as a Personal Rights (PR) player, any player who won a gold medal at the 2023 Pan-Ams, 2023 North American Youth Championships, 2023 CAC Youth Championships, or 2023 South American Youth Championships, and who is still eligible for the 2024 Pan-Ams.



Each PR shall receive complimentary room and board from US Chess. Room shall be equivalent to half of a double occupancy room for seven nights, from July 14 through 21. Board shall include a buffet breakfast and lunch, served July 15 through 20 inclusive by the chefs of Rosen Shingle Creek, as well as six \$30 vouchers to help defray the cost of dinner. The vouchers may be presented to any restaurant on the premises of Rosen Shingle Creek. Please note that PR players are automatically registered for seven nights' stay.

Each PR shall also receive a players' badge, which shall be necessary for access to the playing hall and any "show-your-badge" promotions offered in connection with the tournament, and complimentary entry to the 2024 Pan-American Youth Blitz Championships. (Participation in the Blitz is optional.)

Transportation to and from the hotel shall be the responsibility of the PR. Dinner for the nights of July 15 through 20 inclusive, as well as any meals prior to July 15 or after July 20, shall be the responsibility of the OR.

5.7.3 ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVE (AR) PLAYERS

Every CCA member federation may name as many Additional Representative (AR) players as it wishes. AR players are responsible for all their own costs during the competition. AR registration shall include a room for six nights, per paragraph 6.1, and board. Board shall include a buffet breakfast and lunch, served July 15 through 20 inclusive by the chefs of Rosen Shingle Creek. An AR who wishes to stay for a seventh night shall need to add a room night, per paragraph 6.2.

Each AR shall also receive a players' badge, which is necessary for access to the playing hall and any "show-your-badge" promotions offered in connection with the tournament, and complimentary entry to the 2024 Pan-American Youth Blitz Championships. (Participation in the Blitz is optional.)

Transportation to and from the hotel shall be the responsibility of the AR. Dinner for the nights of July 15 through 20 inclusive, as well as any meals prior to July 15 or after July 20, shall be the responsibility of the AR.

5.7.4 ACCOMPANYING PERSONS (AP)

Every CCA member federation may name as many Accompanying Persons (AP) as it wishes. AP attendees are responsible for all their own costs during the competition. AP registration shall include a room for six nights, per paragraph 5.1, and board. Board shall include a buffet breakfast and lunch, served July 15 through 20 inclusive by the chefs of Rosen Shingle Creek. Each AP shall also receive a non-players' tournament badge, which does NOT provide access to the playing hall but is necessary for any "show-your-badge" promotions offered in connection with the tournament. An AP who wishes to stay for a seventh night shall need to add a room night, per paragraph 5.2.

5.7.5 HEAD OF DELEGATION (HOD)

Every CCA member federation must register a Head of Delegation (HOD). The HOD must represent the member federation in technical meetings. The HOD shall be the member federation's primary liaison to





the organizers and the arbiters. The HOD is also responsible for ensuring the proper conduct of the entire delegation from their federation.

Each HOD shall receive complimentary room and board from US Chess. Room shall be equivalent to 100% of a single occupancy room for seven nights, from July 14 through 21. Board shall include a buffet breakfast and lunch, served July 15 through 20 inclusive by the chefs of Rosen Shingle Creek, as well as six \$30 vouchers to help defray the cost of dinner. The vouchers may be presented to any restaurant on the premises of Rosen Shingle Creek. Each HOD shall receive a HOD badge, which is necessary for access to the playing hall and any “show-your-badge” promotions offered in connection with the tournament. Please note that HODs are automatically registered for seven nights’ stay.

Transportation to and from the hotel shall be the responsibility of the HOD. Dinner for the nights of July 15 through 20 inclusive, as well as any meals prior to July 15 or after July 20, shall be the responsibility of the HOD.

5.7.6 BADGE POLICY

US Chess shall provide a name badge for every registrant. Badges shall indicate player, arbiter, official, or accompanying person status. The badge status shall determine the level of access to various parts of the playing venue. The replacement cost for a lost or damaged badge is \$75 USD.

Badges shall be collected by the HOD for each federation’s delegation, either on the evening of July 14 or at the technical meeting on July 15.

5.7.7 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Every OR, PR, and AR player must have either a parent, legal guardian, or designated responsible adult traveling with them to the event. The HOD must know who is responsible for every player in their delegation. If the parent or legal guardian of a player is not present, the HOD must have a written authorization for a designated responsible adult, signed by the parent or legal guardian of the player, and be prepared to produce it upon request of US Chess or the arbiters.

Every person in the delegation of a member federation must also have travel insurance, covering at least the dates of the stay at the hotel. Either digital or hard copy documentation should be kept at hand. The Head of Delegation should be able to produce this for any member of their delegation upon request of the organizers.

Any member of any delegation unable to produce an authorization and/or proof of travel insurance upon request is subject to immediate removal from the playing venue, without refund.



5.8 ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS

The following information is provided to assist attendees with common issues encountered, particularly when traveling internationally for chess tournaments.

5.8.1 ELECTRICAL REQUIREMENTS

The United States operates on a 120V supply voltage and 60Hz. You may wish to bring an appropriate electrical converter.

5.8.2 WEATHER

Typically, Orlando in the month of July has a high of 92°F (33°C) and a low of 75°F (23°C). High humidity should be expected during the morning and afternoon.

5.8.3 ACTIVITIES

Rosen Shingle Creek offers many activities on site. There are several outdoor swimming pools, a video game arcade, a golf course, a spa, and numerous restaurants and stores.

The city of Orlando has many additional tourist attractions. Those include, but are not limited to, Universal Studios Florida, ICON Park, Walt Disney World Resort, and many more. Any partnerships or discounts available for Orlando visitor attractions shall be advertised on the event website.

5.9 VISAS

Many non-U.S. citizens need a visa to enter the United States. We recommend checking <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html> to determine whether you need a visa. Processing times are often extensive, so you should start the process immediately if necessary. If a registrant needs a visa letter, please contact US Chess at: PanAmYouth2024@uschess.org.

6 EVENT FORMAT

6.1 SCHEDULE

All times are Eastern Daylight Time (UTC-06:00). Times are in 12-hour format.

Date	Activity	Time
Sunday, July 14	Arrival	All day
	Credentials pick-up	5:00 p.m.
Monday, July 15	Technical Meeting	10:00 a.m.
	Opening Ceremony	3:30 p.m.
	Round 1	4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, July 16	Round 2	9:30 a.m.
	Round 3	4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, July 17	Round 4	9:30 a.m.
	Round 5	4:00 p.m.
Thursday, July 18	Round 6	9:30 a.m.
	Blitz Tournament (optional)	4:00 p.m.
Friday, July 19	Round 7	9:30 a.m.
	Round 8	4:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 20	Round 9	9:00 a.m.
	Closing Ceremony / Awards	3:00 p.m.
	Departure	All day

6.2 RULES

Except as otherwise specified in these Regulations, the [FIDE Laws of Chess](#) shall serve as the rules. In the event of any inadvertent conflict with these Regulations, the FIDE Laws of Chess are controlling.

6.3 DEFAULT TIME

The default time shall be thirty (30) minutes from the official start time of each round. The expectation is that each round shall commence at the scheduled time. No round shall begin before the scheduled time.

6.4 TIME CONTROL

All events shall have a time control of 90 minutes with an additional 30 seconds per move from move one.

6.5 EVENTS

There shall be twelve (12) events of the Pan-Ams, to be held simultaneously. The Open events are open to all age-eligible participants, irrespective of gender. The Girls events are open to all age-eligible female participants.

Event	Open to
Under 8 Open	All players born after December 31, 2015
Under 8 Girls	All girls born after December 31, 2015
Under 10 Open	All players born after December 31, 2013
Under 10 Girls	All girls born after December 31, 2013
Under 12 Open	All players born after December 31, 2011
Under 12 Girls	All girls born after December 31, 2011
Under 14 Open	All players born after December 31, 2009
Under 14 Girls	All girls born after December 31, 2009
Under 16 Open	All players born after December 31, 2007
Under 16 Girls	All girls born after December 31, 2007
Under 18 Open	All players born after December 31, 2005
Under 18 Girls	All girls born after December 31, 2005

6.6 TOURNAMENT PAIRINGS

All events in paragraph 6.5 shall be paired using Swiss Manager. The pairing system shall be the FIDE Dutch System.

If an event does not have sufficient players to permit legal pairings over nine rounds, the format of that event may be changed to ensure legal pairings for all rounds.

6.7 TIEBREAK SYSTEM

The tiebreaks indicated below shall be applied in the order shown, to resolve any ties for awards.

1. Direct encounter.
2. Buchholz Cut 1
3. Buchholz
4. Greater number of games with black
5. Greater number of wins
6. Sonneborn Berger
7. Coin toss

6.8 TOURNAMENT ORGANIZATION

6.8.1 TOURNAMENT AUTHORITY

Chief Organizer: IA Boyd Reed, USA
Deputy Chief Organizer: IA Brian Yang, USA
Chief Arbiter: IA Boyd Reed, USA
Deputy Chief Arbiter: IA Michael Hoffpauir, USA

6.8.2 APPEALS COMMITTEE

The appeals committee members shall be announced during the Technical Meeting. It shall be composed of 3 members and up to 2 alternate members.

6.8.3 APPEALS PROCESS

Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, no later than 1 hour after the end of the round in which the dispute occurred. The appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100 (one hundred US dollars). If the appeal is found to have merit, and therefore not to be frivolous, the deposit shall be returned to the complainant in full.

6.8.4 PAIRING SOFTWARE & PUBLISHING

Swiss Manager software shall be used to pair all events. Results shall be published on: <https://chess-results.com> at the end of each round. Pairings shall be published on the same site, and also posted at the playing venue, before each round.

6.8.5 PHOTOGRAPHY & MEDIA

Photography before the round shall be permitted for all people in the Playing Hall.

Photography during the round shall be authorized in the Playing Hall in accordance with FIDE regulations to duly accredited people.

Media access requests must be made in writing to the Chief Organizer no later than June 24, 2024.

6.9 AWARDS

6.9.1 PAN-AM YOUTH PRIZES

Custom medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each event.

Custom trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place countries by accumulating points for each event, as follows:

1st - 3 points

2nd - 2 points

3rd - 1 point

6.9.2 DIRECT TITLES & TITLE NORMS

Medalists (and ties, as indicated) of the events qualify for the following direct titles or norms. This is per [section B.01, Tables 1.23a and 1.23b, of the FIDE Handbook](#) (effective January 1, 2024).

<i>OPEN EVENT</i>	<i>IM</i>	<i>FM</i>	<i>CM</i>
Under 18 Open	Gold – title 1st equal – norm	Silver & Bronze – title	
Under 16 Open	Gold – norm	1st equal – title	Silver & Bronze – title
Under 14 Open		Gold – title	Silver & Bronze – title
Under 12 Open		Gold – title	Silver & Bronze – title
Under 10 Open			Gold, Silver & Bronze – title
Under 8 Open			Gold, Silver & Bronze – title

<i>GIRLS EVENT</i>	<i>WIM</i>	<i>WFM</i>	<i>WCM</i>
Under 18 Girls	Gold – title 1st equal – norm	Silver & Bronze – title	
Under 16 Girls	Gold – norm	1st equal – title	Silver & Bronze – title
Under 14 Girls		Gold – title	Silver & Bronze – title
Under 12 Girls		Gold – title	Silver & Bronze – title
Under 10 Girls			Gold, Silver & Bronze – title
Under 8 Girls			Gold, Silver & Bronze – title

7 BLITZ TOURNAMENT

7.1 EVENTS

The Blitz tournament shall have the same events as outlined in paragraph 6.5. Participants in the Blitz tournament shall play the event with the same age and gender as their main tournament registration.

7.2 FORMAT & TIME CONTROL

The format shall be a five-round double Swiss, where each player shall play two games each round (one as White, one as Black) against their opponent. The time control shall be G/3+2, or game in three minutes with a two-second increment, beginning on move one.

7.3 SCHEDULE

Round 1 of the Blitz tournament shall commence at 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, Thursday, July 18. Rounds 2 through 5 shall be played on an “ASAP” basis, where pairings for the next round shall be posted as soon as possible after the completion of the prior round. Players should not leave the playing venue for any reason.

7.4 RULES

Appendix B of the [FIDE Laws of Chess](#) shall serve as the rules.

7.5 BLITZ AWARDS

Custom medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each event.



8 TRANSPORT FROM & TO AIRPORT

Transportation to and from Orlando International Airport (MCO) is the responsibility of each attendee.

9 TOURNAMENT WEBSITE & CONTACT INFORMATION

Website: <https://new.uschess.org/pan-american-youth-championships-xxxiv>

Email: PanAmYouth2024@uschess.org

10 CHANGES TO EVENT REGULATIONS

Any changes to these regulations shall be documented in this section. Previous versions of the regulations shall be archived on the event website.

Version	Release date	Notes
1	February 15, 2024	Initial version
2	February 26, 2024	Added CCA President exceptions to Paragraphs 5 and 5.6.1

