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## Welcome to the Final Four!

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## Tournament Rules

### Eligibility

Each player must satisfy the eligibility requirements established by the United States Chess Federation College Chess Committee. The requirements are the same as those for the Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Championship. An eligibility letter on University letterhead must be presented to the tournament director.

### Teams

Each team has four players and up to two alternates. Board order, based on March 2017 ratings (50-point transpositions allowed), is the same as for the Pan-American.

### Scoring

The President's Cup is a Team Round Robin scored by total individual points. In the event of a tie, the teams are declared co-champions.

The following tie-breaking systems are for sole possession of the President's Cup and will be applied in this order:

1. Total team match wins
2. Head-to-head outcome
3. Armageddon, or a 5-4 minute shootout: White must win with 5 minutes, and Black must win or draw with 4 minutes. There is no delay or increment time. Winner of a coin toss chooses color. Each team selects one team member to represent them.

### Team rosters

Official team rosters must be presented to the tournament director the Friday before pairings. Team lineup for each round must be submitted to the tournament director at least one hour prior to the beginning of the round. Otherwise, the initial roster for round one, or a prior round's lineup, is used for rounds two and three.

### Pairings

The team pairings/seeds are predetermined by March 2017 USCF ratings. There will be a drawing for Round 1 and Round 3 colors on Board 1 at the Friday meeting before the tournament.

Rd 1: 1 vs. 4; 2 vs. 3

Rd 2: 1 vs. 3; 2 vs. 4

Rd 3: 1 vs. 2; 3 vs. 4

### Official Time Controls

Game 90 with a 30-second increment each move.

## Schedule of Play

### Friday, March 24:

Opening Ceremony at the Two Sigma Headquarters

**Saturday, March 25:** Rounds begin at the Marshall Chess Club/Round 1 at 10 AM and Round 2 at 5 PM.

### Sunday, March 26:

Round 3 at 9 AM/Presentation of the President's Cup to the 2017 US Collegiate National Champion

## Tournament Roster

Board	Player	FIDE Title	FIDE Rating	USCF Rating
<b>The University of Texas at Dallas</b>				
1	Gil Popilski	GM	2551	2648
2	Denis Kadric	GM	2556	2600
3	David Berczes	GM	2493	2584
4	Holden Hernandez	GM	2501	2578
1st Alt	Dani Raznikov	GM	2512	2577
2nd Alt	Angel Arribas	GM	2511	2562
<b>Webster University</b>				
1	Liem Le	GM	2718	2774
2	Ray Robson	GM	2675	2751
3	Alex Shimanov	GM	2642	2715
4	Vasif Durarbayli	GM	2616	2706
1st Alt	Illia Nyznyk	GM	2616	2577
2nd Alt	Priyadharshan Kannappan	GM	2527	2610
<b>Texas Tech University</b>				
1	Andrey Baryshpolets	GM	2571	2657
2	Sergei Matsenko	IM	2522	2576
3	Pavlo Vorontsov	IM	2474	2596
4	Luis Torres	IM	2323	2356
1st Alt	Iryna Andrenko	WIM	2149	2270
2nd Alt	Claudia Munoz	CM	1857	2082
<b>St. Louis University</b>				
1	Dariusz Piotr Swiercz	GM	2646	2738
2	Yaroslav Zhrebukh	GM	2617	2695
3	Francesco Rambaldi	GM	2556	2614
4	Cemil Can "JJ" Ali Marandi	IM	2495	2583
1st Alt	Nozima Aripova		1759	1908



### The University of Texas at Dallas

**Location:** Richardson, Texas  
**Established:** 1969  
**Mascot:** Temoc

The University of Texas at Dallas is an innovative institution in the heart of North Texas. Growing since its founding in 1969 to include 138 degree programs, the University offers cutting-edge curricula serving a variety of undergraduate and graduate student interests.

Joining the faculty's Nobel laureate and six members of the National Academies are 550 tenured and tenure-track professors hailing from the world's best colleges, including Harvard, MIT, Cambridge and Columbia University. Students, meanwhile, are well-prepared to succeed in higher education: In 2015, 33 percent of freshmen ranked in the top 10 percent of their high school classes, and 64 percent ranked in the top 25 percent.

The UT Dallas Chess Team has won national and international titles and regularly represents the University in the Pan American Intercollegiate Championship, the National Collegiate Chess League team championship and the Final Four of Chess. The team competes internationally in annual Internet matches with the University of Belgrade and has traveled to Beijing and Havana for exhibition matches.

### The University of Texas at Dallas Chess Team



**Grandmaster**  
**Gil Popilski**  
USCF Rating: 2648  
FIDE Rating: 2551  
Home Country: Israel  
Major: Computer Science, sophomore  
Hobby: reading



**Grandmaster**  
**Denis Kadric**  
USCF Rating: 2600  
FIDE Rating: 2556  
Home Country: Bosnia & Herzegovina  
Major: Accounting, junior  
Hobby: listening to music



**Grandmaster**  
**David Berczes**  
USCF Rating: 2584  
FIDE Rating: 2493  
Home Country: Hungary  
Major: Finance, senior  
Hobby: cooking & working out



**Grandmaster**  
**Holden Hernandez**  
USCF Rating: 2578  
FIDE Rating: 2501  
Home Country: Cuba  
Major: Computer Science, graduate student  
Hobby: hiking & racquetball



**Grandmaster**  
**Dani Raznikov**  
USCF Rating: 2577  
FIDE Rating: 2512  
Home Country: Israel  
Major: Software Engineering, sophomore  
Hobby: scuba diving



**Grandmaster**  
**Angel Arribas**  
USCF Rating: 2562  
FIDE Rating: 2511  
Home Country: Spain  
Major: Software Engineering, freshman  
Hobby: ice hockey

### The University of Texas at Dallas Chess Staff



**Director**  
**Jim Stallings**



**Assistant Director**  
**Luis Salinas**



**Coach**  
**Rade Milovanovic**

# Webster UNIVERSITY



## Webster University

**Location:** Webster Groves, Missouri  
**Established:** 1915  
**Mascot:** Gorlok

Webster University is a Tier 1, non-profit private university with multiple branch locations across the United States around the world, enrolling more than 22,000 students. The University offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs in a variety of disciplines, including liberal arts, fine and performing arts, teacher education, business, and management.

The Webster University Chess Team is currently ranked number one in Division I College Chess, a position it has held since the team's inception in 2012. The team has won two world championships, 30 national championships, and 3 state titles.

## Webster University Chess Team



**Grandmaster  
& Team Captain  
Liem Le**

USCF Rating: 2774  
 FIDE Rating: 2718  
 Home Country: Vietnam  
 Major: Finance  
 & Management, senior  
 Hobby: sports & reading



**Grandmaster  
& Co-Captain  
Ray Robson**

USCF Rating: 2751  
 FIDE Rating: 2675  
 Home Country: United States  
 Major: International Studies,  
 senior  
 Hobby: tennis, music & reading



**Grandmaster  
Alex Shimanov**

USCF Rating: 2715  
 FIDE Rating: 2642  
 Home Country: Russia  
 Major: Business  
 Administration,  
 graduate student  
 Hobby: ice hockey & poker



**Grandmaster  
Vasif Durarbayli**

USCF Rating: 2706  
 FIDE Rating: 2616  
 Home Country: Azerbaijan  
 Major: Economics with a  
 minor in Spanish, senior  
 Hobby: CrossFit, soccer,  
 ping pong, basketball,  
 reading & languages



**Grandmaster  
Illia Nyzhnyk**

USCF Rating: 2577  
 FIDE Rating: 2616  
 Home Country: Ukraine  
 Major: Computer Science,  
 Junior  
 Hobby: ping pong  
 & movies



**Grandmaster  
Priyadharshan Kannappan**

USCF Rating: 2610  
 FIDE Rating: 2527  
 Home Country: India  
 Major: Management & Leadership,  
 graduate student  
 Hobby: movies, Indian music,  
 politics & reading autobiographies

## Webster University Chess Staff



**Head Coach  
Grandmaster  
Susan Polgar**



**Coach &  
Chief Strategist  
Paul Truong**



**Assistant Coach  
Grandmaster  
Manuel Leon Hoyos**



**Assistant Coach  
Grandmaster  
Ashwin Jararam**



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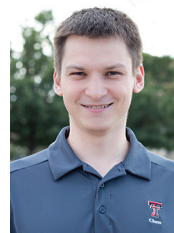
**Texas Tech University**

**Location:** Lubbock, Texas  
**Established:** 1923  
**Nickname:** Red Raiders

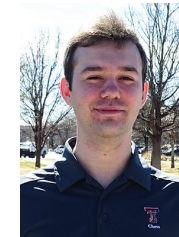
Texas Tech University is a public research university in Lubbock, Texas. The university's student enrollment is the sixth-largest in the state of Texas, as of the Fall 2014 semester. The university shares its campus with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, making it the only campus in Texas to house an undergraduate university, law school, and medical school at the same location. The university offers degrees in more than 150 courses of study through 13 colleges and hosts 60 research centers and institutes. Texas Tech University has awarded over 200,000 degrees since 1927, including over 40,000 graduate and professional degrees.

Since its inception in 2007, the Texas Tech Chess Program has captured more than 10 national titles, as well as regional and state championships. In 2015, Texas Tech won the Pan-American Championship and has qualified for the Final Four for the fourth consecutive year.

**Texas Tech University Chess Team**



**Grandmaster**  
**Andrey Baryshpolets**  
USCF Rating: 2657  
FIDE Rating: 2571  
Home Country: Ukraine  
Major: Economics, doctoral student  
Hobby: soccer, tennis, skiing & traveling



**International Master**  
**Sergei Matsenko**  
USCF Rating: 2507  
FIDE Rating: 2522  
Home Country: Russia  
Major: Interdisciplinary Studies, graduate student  
Hobby: sports & reading



**International Master**  
**Pavlo Vorontsov**  
USCF Rating: 2596  
FIDE Rating: 2474  
Home Country: Ukraine  
Major: Computer Science, sophomore  
Hobby: sports, reading, math & computer programming



**International Master**  
**Luis Torres**  
USCF Rating: 2356  
FIDE Rating: 2323  
Home Country: Mexico  
Major: Mechanical Engineering, senior  
Hobby: sports, video games & math



**Woman International Master**  
**Iryna Andrenko**  
USCF Rating: 2270  
FIDE Rating: 2149  
Home Country: Ukraine  
Major: Plant & Soil Sciences, graduate student  
Hobby: traveling, sports & gardening



**Woman Candidate Master**  
**Claudia Munoz**  
USCF Rating: 2082  
FIDE Rating: 1857  
Home Country: United States  
Major: Mathematics, freshman  
Hobby: church & spending time with family

**Texas Tech University Chess Staff**



**Head Coach & Program Director**  
**Grandmaster**  
**Alex Onischuk**



**Outreach/Unit Coordinator**  
**Opal Gonzales**



**Associate Vice President, Division of Institutional Diversity, Equity, and Community Engagement**  
**Dr. Paul Frazier**



### St. Louis University

**Location:** St. Louis, Missouri  
**Established:** 1818  
**Nickname:** Billikens

Founded in 1818, Saint Louis University is one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious Catholic universities. SLU, which also has a campus in Madrid, Spain, is recognized for world-class academics, life-changing research, compassionate health care, and a strong commitment to faith and service.

Guided by its enduring Jesuit mission, the University offers its nearly 13,000 students a highly rigorous and deeply transformative education that helps them develop into bold, confident leaders. Rated among the nation's top 100 research universities, SLU boasts more than 20 graduate and undergraduate programs ranked among the top 100 in the country by U.S. News & World Report.

Academically, ethics, spirituality and compassion take center stage, while outside the classroom, members of the SLU community provide more than 1.6 million service hours each year — just one reason the University is consistently known as a character-building college. In fact, more than 80 of SLU's courses integrate service into academics.

The Chess Team at St. Louis University was established in the fall of 2015, and this will be the team's first appearance at the Final Four Chess Tournament.

### Saint Louis University Chess Team



**Grandmaster**  
**Dariusz Piotr Swiercz**

USCF Rating: 2738  
FIDE Rating: 2646  
Home Country: Poland  
Major: Business, junior  
Hobby: working out & running



**Grandmaster**  
**Yaroslav Zherebukh**

USCF Rating: 2695  
FIDE Rating: 2617  
Home Country: Ukraine  
Major: Applied Financial Economics, graduate student  
Hobby: philosophy



**Grandmaster**  
**Francesco Rambaldi**

USCF Rating: 2614  
FIDE Rating: 2556  
Home Country: Italy  
Major: Economics, freshman  
Hobby: reading & sports



**International Master**  
**Cemil Can "JJ" Ali Marandi**

USCF Rating: 2583  
FIDE Rating: 2495  
Home Country: Turkey  
Major: Computer Science, freshman  
Hobby: writing code



**Nozima Aripova**

USCF Rating: 1908  
FIDE Rating: 1759  
Home Country: Uzbekistan  
Major: Biology, junior  
Hobby: knitting & yoga

### Saint Louis University Chess Staff



**Head Coach & Director**  
**Alejandro Ramirez**



**Assistant to the Vice President of Enrollment and Retention for Diversity Engagements**  
**William Perkins**



## About the Sponsors



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## About The Marshall Chess Club

*Grandmaster Frank J. Marshall* founded the historic Marshall Chess Club in 1915. The club was incorporated in 1922, and it has been headquartered at 23 West 10th Street in New York City since 1931. The building, a beautiful brownstone on one of the most beautiful blocks in the city, was built in 1832, and it was purchased for Marshall by a group of wealthy patrons.

Frank James Marshall was born in New York on August 10, 1877. In 1895, the Marshall family moved to Montreal where Frank joined the Montreal Chess Club, quickly established a reputation among the leadings players of Montreal by winning the club's championship.

In 1896, Marshall and his family returned to New York. Marshall immediately joined the Manhattan and Brooklyn Chess Clubs and soon became one of the leading players in metropolitan chess circles. In 1897, he won the junior championship of the New York Chess Association — a considerable feat for being nineteen years old. In 1899, he won the championship of the Brooklyn Chess Club.

In the 1900 International Masters Tournament, Marshall met the leading masters of the world for the first time, tying Géza Maróczy for third and fourth prizes and defeating both Emanuel Lasker and Harry Nelson Pillsbury in his individual games with these titans of chess. In 1904, Marshall divided first prize with Zwiderski at Monte Carlo. Then, he won first prize without the loss of a single game in the international tournament at Cambridge Springs, Pennsylvania. A tournament was arranged at St. Louis, Missouri, and when Pillsbury decided that he was too ill to compete, the tournament committee announced that the winner would be recognized as U.S. Chess Champion. Marshall won the event, but he did not officially accept the title until 1909, when he won a match with Jackson W. Showalter (the champion before Pillsbury). He held the title until 1936. What was true then is true now: many of the country's top players are members, both adults and fast-rising young players.

## About the Organizers



*Mark Herman, Tournament Organizer*

Herman is an avid chess player with 35+ years of design experience, resulting in over 65 published game designs. He has worked in all dimensions of the gaming field, including serving as CEO of Victory Games, a design/publishing company, consultant, and head of Modeling, Simulation and Wargaming for Booz Allen Hamilton. He is an original thinker and innovator in game design and systems across all manual, PC and mobile platforms. This is his seventh year organizing the Chess Final Four tournament.



*Mike Hoffpauir, Tournament Director/Arbiter*

Hoffpauir has been directing chess tournaments since 2000, having learned the ropes under the scrutinizing tutelage of Senior Tournament Director Gus Gosselin of Massachusetts, NTDs Mike Atkins and Ernest Schlich from Virginia, and NTD Francisco Guadalupe from Texas.

This year's President's Cup is Mike's 7th Final 4. Mike also has directed at other national level tournaments for several years, having served as a Section Chief, Floor Chief or Chief Tournament Director (TD) at the U.S. Open, the SuperNationals, National K12 Grade Championships, National High School Championships, National Junior High Championships, and the National Elementary Championships. In 2014 Mike earned his FIDE Arbiter title. Mike retired from the U.S. Army in 2005 after 27 years of service and has been a Defense Consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton ever since.



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