

PREPARING FOR INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EVENTS



OVERVIEW

- **US Chess delegations officially travel to these events:**
 - **World Youth**
 - **World Cadet**
 - **PanAmerican Youth**
- **US Chess registers all players for these 3 events**
 - **Collects information**
 - **Forwards fees**
 - **Assigns coaches**



2020 INT'L EVENTS

- **Pan Am Youth** (all ages U18)
July 25 - Aug 2, Florianopolis, Brazil
 - **World Youth** (U14, U16, U18)
September 7-20, Mamaia, Romania
 - **World Cadet** (U12, U10, U8)
October 18-31, Batumi, Georgia
 - **2020 North American Youth** (all ages u18)
Aug 25-30, Chicago, USA
naycc2020.com
- **There are two divisions within each age group:**
 - **Open**
 - **Girls**
 - **Players compete in groups based on their age as of January 1st, 2020**



2020 PAN AM YOUTH

- U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, Open and Girls
- July 25 – August 2
- Florianopolis, Brazil
- Registration Period: One month ending approx. 2 weeks prior to organizer's deadline
- US Chess Registration: Will be online via announcement on US Chess Online



2020 WORLD YOUTH

- U14, U16, U18, each Open and Girls
- September 7-20
- Mamaia, Romania
- Registration Deadline: One month ending approx. 2 weeks prior to organizer's deadline
- US Chess Registration: Will be online via announcement on US Chess Online



2020 WORLD CADET

- U8, U10, U12, each Open and Girls
- October 18-31
- Batumi, Georgia
- Registration Deadline: One month ending approx. 2 weeks prior to organizer's deadline
- US Chess Registration: Will be online via announcement on US Chess Online

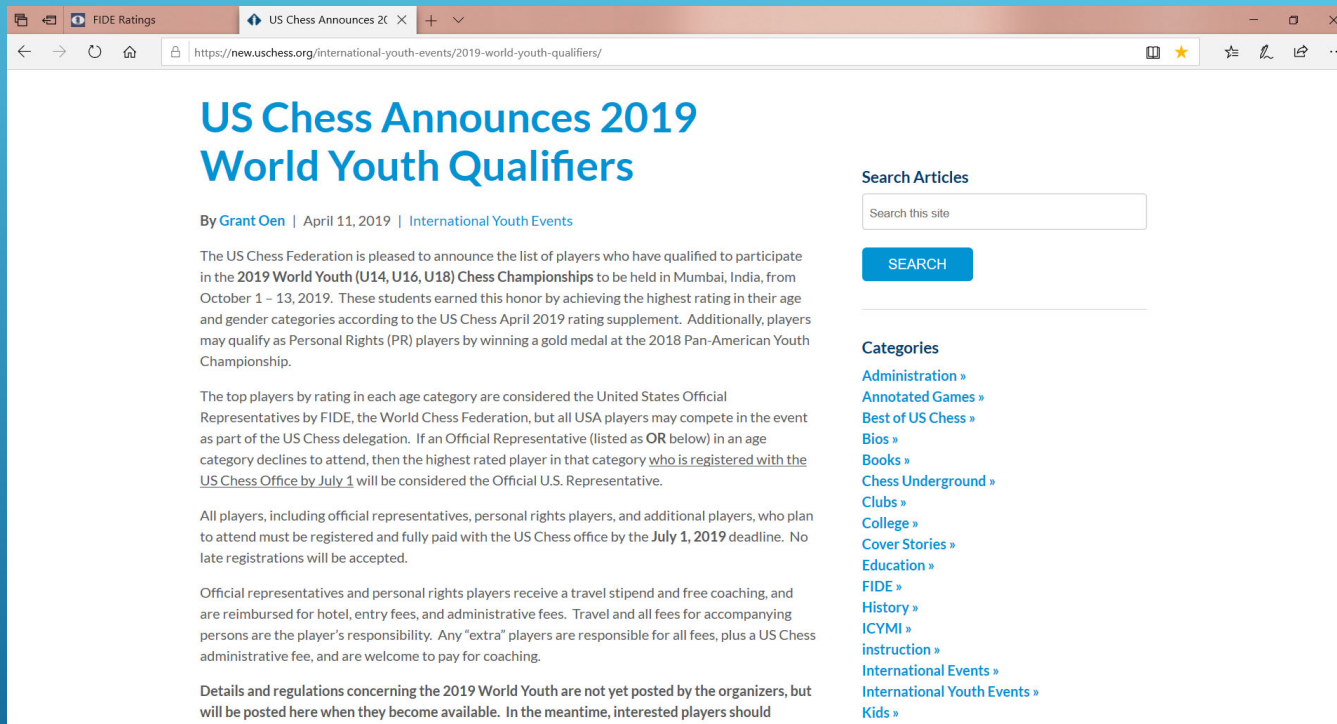


2020 NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH

- U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18, each Open and Girls
- August 25-30
- Chicago, USA
- REGISTER DIRECTLY WITH THE ORGANIZERS! naycc2020.com
- US Chess Representative: Highest rated player on February rating list who registers by deadline



US CHESS ANNOUNCEMENT



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following content:

- Browser tabs: "FIDE Ratings" and "US Chess Announces 2019 World Youth Qualifiers".
- Address bar: <https://new.uschess.org/international-youth-events/2019-world-youth-qualifiers/>
- Article Title:

US Chess Announces 2019 World Youth Qualifiers
- Author/Date: **By Grant Oen** | April 11, 2019 | [International Youth Events](#)
- Text: "The US Chess Federation is pleased to announce the list of players who have qualified to participate in the **2019 World Youth (U14, U16, U18) Chess Championships** to be held in Mumbai, India, from October 1 – 13, 2019. These students earned this honor by achieving the highest rating in their age and gender categories according to the US Chess April 2019 rating supplement. Additionally, players may qualify as Personal Rights (PR) players by winning a gold medal at the 2018 Pan-American Youth Championship."
- Text: "The top players by rating in each age category are considered the United States Official Representatives by FIDE, the World Chess Federation, but all USA players may compete in the event as part of the US Chess delegation. If an Official Representative (listed as **OR** below) in an age category declines to attend, then the highest rated player in that category who is registered with the US Chess Office by July 1 will be considered the Official U.S. Representative."
- Text: "All players, including official representatives, personal rights players, and additional players, who plan to attend must be registered and fully paid with the US Chess office by the **July 1, 2019** deadline. No late registrations will be accepted."
- Text: "Official representatives and personal rights players receive a travel stipend and free coaching, and are reimbursed for hotel, entry fees, and administrative fees. Travel and all fees for accompanying persons are the player's responsibility. Any "extra" players are responsible for all fees, plus a US Chess administrative fee, and are welcome to pay for coaching."
- Text: "Details and regulations concerning the 2019 World Youth are not yet posted by the organizers, but will be posted here when they become available. In the meantime, interested players should..."
- Search Articles: A search box with the placeholder "Search this site" and a blue "SEARCH" button.
- Categories: A list of category links with right-pointing chevrons:
 - [Administration »](#)
 - [Annotated Games »](#)
 - [Best of US Chess »](#)
 - [Bios »](#)
 - [Books »](#)
 - [Chess Underground »](#)
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COACHES

- Coaches determined after registration deadline based on number of registrations
- Experienced international coaches
- High level players
- Approximately 1 coach to every 5 players
- What do they do?
 - Opening preparation, specific to opponent
 - Game review and analysis
 - Onsite support
- Coaches set schedule with players for event



GM ROBERT HESS

What is best about an international event is that it is a valuable learning experience. We gain insights into a foreign culture, we listen to a new language, our palates evolve. We respect new customs and question our previous understanding.

Regarding the chess itself, GM Hess reminds us that even though “chess is chess, no matter where it is played,” you will encounter players who approach the game “from a completely different school of thought.” Don’t allow your results at one of these events stand as a sign of what the future holds for your child.



WGM TATEV ABRAHAMYAN

Tatev echoes Robert's need to embrace different cultures/traditions/cuisines and to prepare your children for those exciting differences.

“It's an 11-round tournament, which might be new to a lot of players. It's a marathon and they need to save their energy and not collapse in the later rounds. The rounds start at 3pm, so it's important to get a lot of rest and eat twice before the game.”

“It's a huge event and the first round can be chaotic. Stay calm and let the Head of Delegation handle things.”

Although Tatev has “very mixed feelings” about separating the girls and boys, she says “I think this is something that the girls and their parents will enjoy.”



ADVICE FROM TEAM USA COACHES

IM Armen Ambarsumian gives this *technical advice*

The players in the Pan Ams will play more gambits, and will typically play more aggressively – focusing on tactics and plans that involve attacking your king. At the World Youth & World Cadet, the players, especially on the higher boards, are more likely to play a solid opening and rely on strategic chess.

FM Aviv Friedman gives this *practical advice*

Yes, all the events are open, but most countries are just bringing their top players, so the competition is very tough. If your child is not a top-ranked player in their division, maybe another event is a better investment of your time and finances. That being said, the PanAm's are a good starter event as far as international play is concerned.

If you should choose to go, remember that it is a long, grueling event, and that it is often the player with the best stamina who has the best results! Rest and a healthy diet are very important, but it certainly won't hurt to know your openings and study a lot of tactics!



NM MICHAEL KHODARKOVSKY

Chess Preparation

Don't worry about the openings of your potential opponents – prepare your own openings in advance, and share that prep with the coach who you will be working with at the event.

More importantly, work on tactics and standard endings.

FIDE Rules have some important differences from US Chess rules:

- All FIDE events are increment, not delay
- No electronic devices in playing hall – all written notation

Logistics

PanAm's are roughly in the same time zone, but plan to arrive 2-3 days early for other events.

Be aware that provided meals might not meet your tastes, so budget for extra food/snacks/beverages.



TRAVEL ADVICE

- Do not forget your prescriptions
- Always have food you like on hand (snacks)
 - Dietary – Vegetarian, Kosher, etc.?
 - Religious – Is there a house of worship?
 - Convenience – Will there be Wi-Fi or other amenities?
- Housing – Will it work for you?
- Prepare for jet lag
- Experience the local culture



EXPENSES

- US Chess Administrative Fees
- FIDE and Organizer Fees
- Hotel costs: Per person, includes meals
- Travel costs



CURRENT US CHESS COSTS

- Admin fee: \$400 (applies to most invited/regular players)
- Coaching fee (optional): \$1400
- Official Representatives (OR) and Personal Rights (PR) players are exempt from the admin fee, hotel fees, coaching fees, and receive a travel stipend from US Chess
- Organizer charges include Hotel Fees, Entry Fees, Organizer Fees, Transportation Fees



PLAYER STATUS CATEGORIES

- **Official Representatives (OR) and Personal Rights (PR)**
 - Determined by February rating list or earned in other world/national events
 - Financial assistance and coaching provided
 - All PRs are at subject to the organizer's regulations!
- **Invited Players/Qualifiers**
 - Based on meeting minimum rating and activity (30 games)
 - If maximum set by organizers, Invited Players take priority over Regular Players
 - No financial assistance
- **Regular Players**
 - So long as no maximum set by organizers
 - No financial assistance



SUGGESTIONS FROM US CHESS

- Know the deadlines!!
- Update passports
 - Apply for Visas
- Plan to arrive early
- Contact your school (approved absences)
- Know the FIDE rules
- Learn about the area of the event
- Begin fundraising!



QUESTIONS?

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Disclaimer!

Changes to the invitational event requirements are coming and should be posted on the US Chess website by January 1, 2020.

