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2018 World Chess Championship

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2018

World Chess Championship

NOVEMBER 9-28, 2018

The College, Southampton Row,
Holborn, London, England.

Official Event website:

www.worldchess.com

The governing body is FIDE,

www.fide.com/fide/fide-world-chess-federation.html

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Participants



GM FABIANO CARUANA

American Fabiano Caruana is 26 years old. He earned the right to challenge Carlsen by winning the Candidates Tournament. He was born in Miami, Florida, and spent his younger years in Brooklyn, New York, before moving to Italy in 2005 and representing the Italian Chess Federation. He then moved to St. Louis, Missouri in 2015 and began representing the US Chess Federation.

GM MAGNUS CARLSEN

The 27-year-old Norwegian world champion (he will turn 28 two days after the championship) has acquired the nickname the “Mozart of Chess.” This will be the fourth time that he is playing for the title after winning it in 2013 by beating GM Vishwanathan (Vishy) Anand of India. He defended his title in 2014 against Anand and in 2016 against Russian Sergey Karjakin. Carlsen became a Grandmaster at the age of 13, one of the youngest ever. TIME Magazine named him one of the 100 most influential people in the world.



American World Championship History

The last American to compete for the world championship was GM Gata Kamsky, who lost a match to GM Anatoly Karpov in 1996. Bobby Fischer was the last American to win the unified world championship title when he defeated Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union in 1972. Fischer held the title until 1975 when he chose not to play against his challenger Karpov.

Broadcast

US Chess recommends that interested spectators follow the action via the Internet broadcast at uschesschamps.com from the Saint Louis Chess Club: The broadcast team of GM Yasser Seirawan, Woman Grandmaster Jennifer Shahade (who is also the Senior Digital Editor for US Chess), and GM Maurice Ashley will provide detailed analysis of the day's match starting at 11 a.m. CST and run through the end of play.

US Chess Statement

Carol Meyer, the Executive Director of US Chess, says, "Caruana's qualification for the world championship is the result of his tireless preparation and the growing infrastructure that supports chess in the United States. US Chess will be cheering Fabiano on as he goes head-to-head with World Champion Carlsen."

Contact

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