



AUGUST 25 - 30, 2020

Hilton Chicago

720 S. Michigan Ave

Chicago, Illinois, USA 60605

INVITATION



NORTH AMERICAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, USA 2020

DATES:

From Tuesday August 25th to Sunday August 30th, 2020

LOCATION:

Hilton Chicago – 720 S Michigan Ave, Chicago, Illinois, USA 60605

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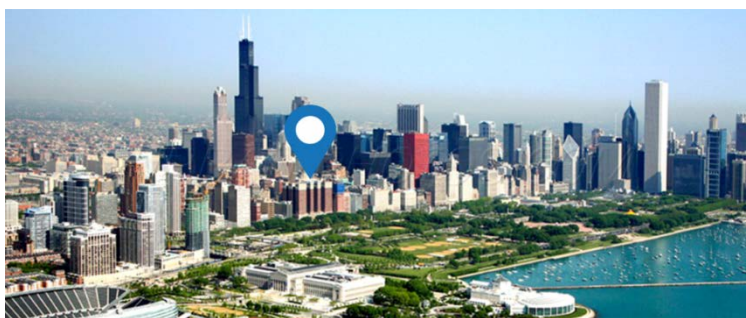
Renaissance Knights Chess Foundation, International Chess School, US Chess Federation, and FIDE Americas, are pleased to invite players under 18 years old from the USA, Mexico, Canada, Bahamas and Bermuda to participate in the 17th Annual North American Youth Chess Championship, in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

This is the first time the event is being held in Chicago – **one of the world's greatest cities unlike any other.** Chicago has

architectural marvels, world-class museums, dynamic

entertainment, award-winning dining scene, and it is the perfect place for an all-ages adventure, where you can

scale an outdoor rock wall, cruise along the lake, or tour an underground coal mine.



CATEGORIES:

Category	Sections	Born in year
Under 8	Open Girls	2012 or later
Under 10	Open Girls	2010 or later
Under 12	Open Girls	2008 or later
Under 14	Open Girls	2006 or later
Under 16	Open Girls	2004 or later
Under 18	Open Girls	2002 or later

International Master IM, Women International Master WIM, FIDE Master FM and Candidate Master CM titles are being awarded, over 9 rounds.

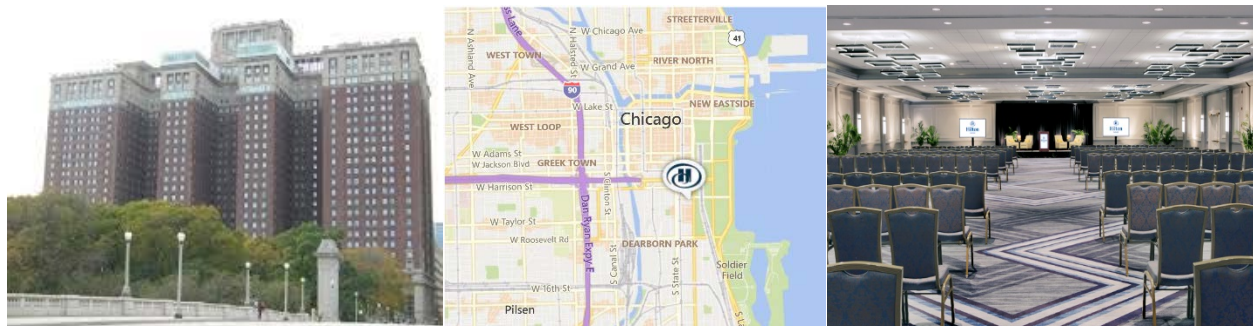


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VENUE / OFFICIAL HOTEL:

The event will take place in the “Continental Ballroom” of the Hilton Chicago - a centrally located luxury hotel in the heart of Chicago that overlooks Grant Park, Lake Michigan, and the Museum Campus. The Hilton Chicago is the only hotel in Chicago that has standard two double bed accommodations paired with two full bathrooms.

Hotel Rate: \$165 single/double, \$189 triple, \$214 quad. Online reservations link at <http://www.naycc2020.com>. Deadline for reservation is August 4, 2020 (limited number of rooms at this rate).



PARTICIPANTS:

Tournament is open to all players representing national chess federations in North America. Each Federation can register an unlimited number of players.

Players may register individually by providing their FIDE ID or ID of their respective national federation. You can register at the website <http://www.naycc2020.com>, or by email info@naycc2020.com.

Each Federation can register one official player in each category and gender (U-8, U-10, U-12, U-14, U-16, U-18), up to a maximum of 12 official players and one representative of the federation.

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Only the official representatives of each country will be provided free accommodation in shared double occupancy at the official hotels for 5 nights starting August 25. Those who wish single occupancy may pay the difference. The deadline for the Federations to send the list of official players is June 25th, 2020.

Those who wish single occupancy may pay the difference. No other expenses are the responsibility of the organizers of the event. International participants are requested to carry sufficient medical cover and inform the organizers of any pre-existing medical conditions in advance.



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SCHEDULE:

August 25: Blitz 5:00pm

August 26: Opening Ceremony - 9am, Rd 1 - 10am, Rd 2 - 4pm

August 27: Rd 3 - 10am, Rd 4 - 4pm

August 28: Rd 5 - 10am, Rd 6 - 4pm

August 29: Rd 7 - 10am, Rd 8 - 4pm

August 30: Rd 9 - 10am, Closing Ceremony 3pm

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION:

Advance Registration:

- You can register at the site <http://www.naycc2020.com>
- or by email info@naycc2020.com

Onsite Registration:

- August 25, 1:00 – 7:00pm
- August 26 starting at 8:00am - will be paired for the second round

Tournament Entry Fee: (includes \$25 for FIDE America fee)

- \$150.00 thru May 31
- \$175.00 thru Jun 30
- \$200.00 thru Jul 3
- \$225.00 thru Aug 23
- \$250.00 onsite

Blitz Entry Fee:

- \$25 by 7/31, \$30 after/on-site
- Onsite registration 1:00 - 4:00pm

USCF Membership is required for USA Players

TITLES / PRIZES TO BE AWARDED:

- **U18:** Gold (1st on tiebreaks) = IM/WIM title; Silver & Bronze = FM/WFM title, plus IM/WIM norm if tied for first
- **U16:** Gold (1st on tiebreaks) = IM/WIM title; Silver & Bronze = CM/WCM title, or FM/WFM title if tied for first
- **U14 & U12:** Gold (1st on tiebreaks) = FM/WFM title; Silver & Bronze = CM/WCM title
- **U8 & U10:** Gold, Silver & Bronze (on tiebreaks) = CM/WCM title
- **Trophies:** 1 - 10 place players on tiebreaks in each section



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TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

- **FORMAT:** 9-round Swiss using the Swiss Manager program. The format may be modified to Round Robin if the number of players in the category requires it.
- **TIME CONTROL:** Game 90 minutes plus 30 seconds increment.
- **FORFIET:** 30 min. after the start of the round. The player will be withdrawn from the event, unless notification of continuatiuon is made before the round ends.
- **REGULATIONS:** The current FIDE Chess Laws apply and Regional Youth Chess Festivals Regulations on the website of the CCA www.fideamerica.com.
- **TOURNAMENT CHECK-IN:** Tuesday August 25, 1:00 – 7:00 PM and Wednesday, August 26 starting at 8:00 AM at Hilton Chicago near the Tournament hall.
- **PLEASE CARRY PROOF OF BIRTH-DATE.** Playing up permitted under FIDE Rules.
- **RATINGS AND RANKINGS OF PLAYERS:** For pairing purposes we will only be considering the latest and highest rating, including USCF, Canadian, Mexican rating and FIDE ratings. FIDE rules apply. This is a FIDE and USCF rated event
- **BYES:** No half-points byes, only zero-point byes.
- **TIE-BREAKS:**
 - a. Direct encounter (head-to-head)
 - b. Median Buchholz 2 (Modified median)
 - c. Sonneborn-Berger
 - d. The greater number of games won
 - e. The greater number of games played with black pieces (unplayed games shall be counted as played with the white pieces)
 - f. Age will be in favor of the youngest competitor
 - g. Coin toss

APPEALS COMMITTEE:

The Appeals Committee shall be formed prior to the start of the 1st round. Appeals must be submitted in writing within two (2) hours of the completion of the round and shall be accompanied by a deposit of \$100. If successful, the deposit shall be returned.

INFORMATION AND CONTACT:

- Organizer David Heiser at info@naycc2020.com
- Official website: www.naycc2020.com

