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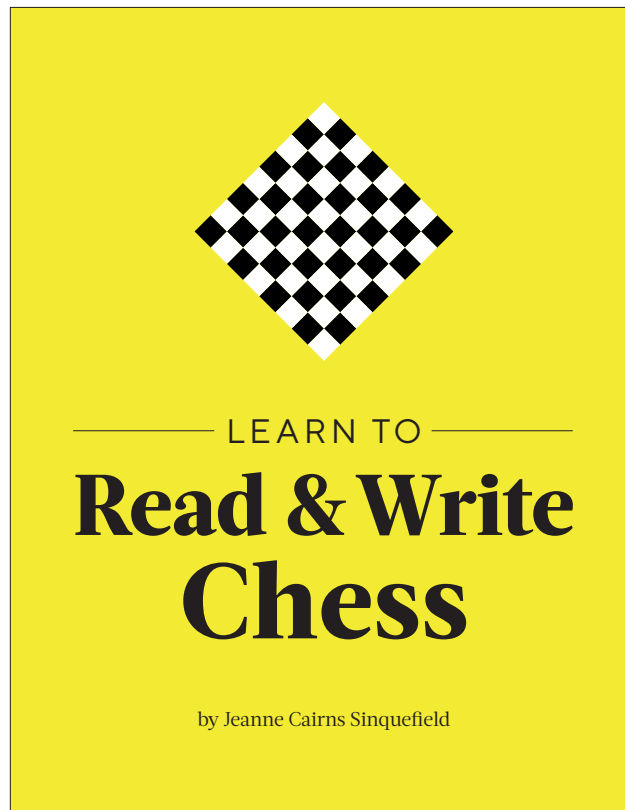
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- b) Increase spatial awareness to recognize patterns
- c) Develop memorization skills and strategies for problem solving ”

—Karen Wulff, Retired second grade teacher

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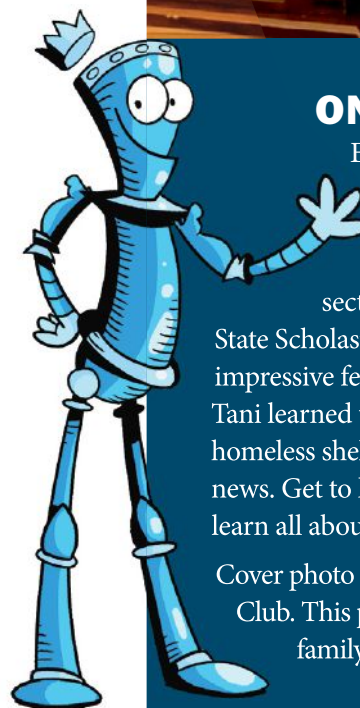
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ON THE COVER

Eight-year old Tanitoluwa Adewumi (or “Tani” for short) wowed the chess world after winning the K-3 section at the 2019 New York State Scholastic Championships. It was an impressive feat, but when word got out that Tani learned to play chess while living in a homeless shelter, the story hit mainstream news. Get to know Tani this month and learn all about his dreams and sacrifices.

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MEET THE CREW:

THIS MONTH'S CONTRIBUTORS

DR. ALEXEY ROOT, WIM

Alexey learned to play chess from her dad when she was five. He let her win, which she liked. When she was nine, her dad drove Alexey to the Lincoln Chess Club, where she learned rules that her dad did not know, such as *en passant*. In 1989, Alexey won the U.S. Women's Chess Championship. She earned her Ph.D. in education from UCLA in 1999. Since the fall of 1999, Alexey has been a lecturer at The University of Texas at Dallas and has written seven books, including *Prepare With Chess Strategy*. For more about Alexey, see My First Move in the October 2018 *Chess Life Kids*.



JAMAAL ABDUL-ALIM

Jamaal Abdul-Alim is an award-winning journalist based in Washington, D.C. You can often find him in DuPont Circle, a chess hotspot in the nation's capital. Jamaal writes and edits stories about a wide variety of topics—everything from street crime to extraterrestrial life. His travels have taken him around the world: from India, where he covered the 50th World Junior Chess Championship, to the ancient city of Mecca, where he performed the pilgrimage called hajj in 1998. He was the 2013 Chess Journalist of the Year and won the 2017 award from the Chess Journalists of America for a series about chess inventions that ranged from wacky to cool.



MEET THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Carol Meyer is the Executive Director for US Chess. Her role is one of the most important ones in our organization. Meyer, along with our Executive Board, is responsible for implementing the US Chess mission to “Empower people, enrich lives, and enhance communities through chess.” That means that US Chess, under Meyer’s leadership, is working hard to make sure that chess is inclusive and available to everyone, and that chess is used as a vehicle to make the world a better place.

Meyer came to US Chess in 2017 after a nationwide search that attracted more than 100 applicants! She has more than 20 years of experience in executive planning, administration, marketing, and communications, all in the non-profit sector. Her resume also includes an MBA with honors from Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina.





CAN DO IT!

BY SIM JON EDWARDS
10TH U.S. CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CHAMPION

How time flies! It was all the way back in 1956 that Bobby Fischer defeated Donald Byrne in what many people dubbed the Game of the Century. The final checkmate involved a swarm of knights, bishops, and rooks.

In honor of that game, we have six puzzles in this quiz. They are all mates in three or four moves and so, you need to take extra time when you solve them. Know that all of these quizzes end in a mate delivered by a rook. Armed with that cool clue, I know that You Can Do It!

Don't forget
to check
your
answers!
You can do it!



Answers on page 26

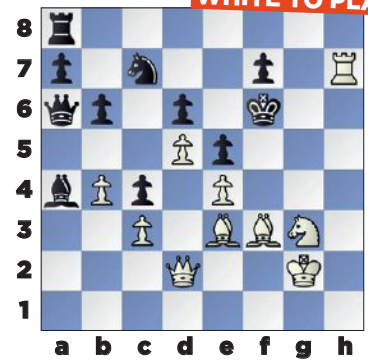
QUIZ #3

WHITE TO PLAY



QUIZ #4

WHITE TO PLAY



QUIZ #5

WHITE TO PLAY



QUIZ #1

BLACK TO PLAY



QUIZ #2

BLACK TO PLAY



QUIZ #6

BLACK TO PLAY



IT'S YOUR MOVE!



JEOPARDY! GENIUS

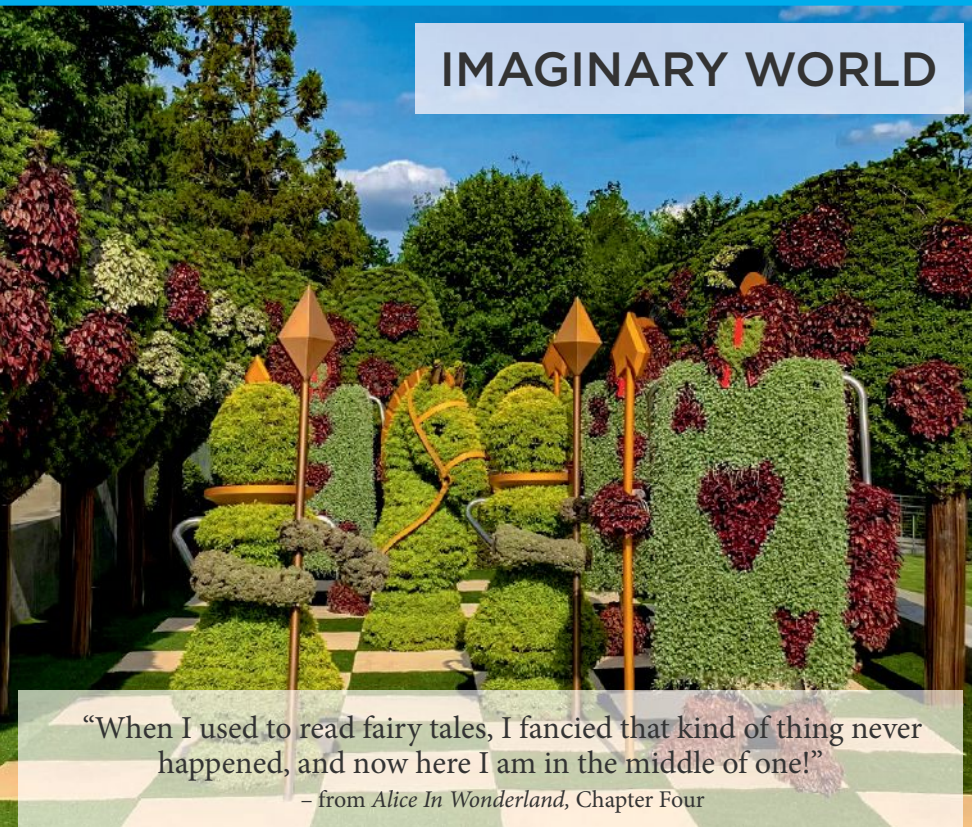
Congratulations to Avi Gupta, a Portland, Oregon chess player who recently won the 2019 JEOPARDY! Teen Tournament and claimed the \$100,000 grand prize. He told *Chess Life Kids* that chess honed his skills and helped him win. “Playing chess helped me develop the analytical and problem-solving skills that are vital to success on JEOPARDY!” *Photo courtesy of Jeopardy Productions, Inc.*



TEST YOUR SKILLS!

Want to be like Avi? Try solving this month's puzzle! We've given you clues in four categories (all answers are in this month's issue). You respond in the form of a question. The higher the points, the harder the clue. To get you started, here's the answer to A1: Who is Robert Hess?

IMAGINARY WORLD



If you happen to be in Atlanta, Georgia, be sure to visit the beautiful Atlanta Botanical Garden. Through October 27, their special exhibit, *Imaginary Worlds: Alice's Wonderland*, whisks you to a magical place where characters and creatures from Lewis Carroll's beloved book, *Alice in Wonderland*, spring to life, sculpted from thousands of plants. Look for the giant White Rabbit, towering at more than 27 feet tall, floating inside an upside-down umbrella in the Skyline Garden pond. And especially don't miss the expansive chessboard on the Skyline lawn, bordered by nine heart “trees,” each more than 12 feet tall, with a giant Cheshire Cat poised nearby. Alice herself is tucked away in the Garden—maybe you can find her!

The Atlanta Botanical Garden is located at 1345 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, adjacent to Piedmont Park in Midtown. Hours are from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, with extended hours on Thursdays. For more information, call (404) 876-5859 or visit their website at atlantabg.org.

Photo courtesy of Atlanta Botanical Garden.

“When I used to read fairy tales, I fancied that kind of thing never happened, and now here I am in the middle of one!”

— from *Alice In Wonderland*, Chapter Four

WHAT'S THE QUESTION?

PEOPLE	GAME STRATEGY	PLACES	HISTORY
10 POINTS A1	10 POINTS B1	10 POINTS C1	10 POINTS D1
20 POINTS A2	20 POINTS B2	20 POINTS C2	20 POINTS D2
30 POINTS A3	30 POINTS B3	30 POINTS C3	30 POINTS D3
40 POINTS A4	40 POINTS B4	40 POINTS C4	40 POINTS D4
50 POINTS A5	50 POINTS B5	50 POINTS C5	50 POINTS D5

CLUES

A1. A grandmaster who loves to learn new things.

B1. Chess variant allowing clock move.

C1. The city where an eight-year old watched the U.S. Chess Championships.

D1. Youngest GM in history (12 years, 7 months).

A2. He came to the United States from Nigeria.

B2. These pieces working together can be an awesome force.

C2. The city where a popular chess commentator was born and raised.

D2. This famous match was played in 1956.

A3. World champion who played the Game of the Century.

B3. This piece of equipment requires that you move first, then record your move.

C3. The Dalton School is in this New York borough.

D3. Youngest world champion in history (age 22).

A4. Onlooker who offers advice or comments.

B4. A tactical motif where bishops cross.

C4. A giant plant chess board is in this city.

D4. She played her first tournament in 1975.

A5. He edited the Rulebook.

B5. It begins 1. e4 c5 2. Nc3.

C5. Host city for the 2018 National Elementary Championship.

D5. 1948 match that featured a criss-cross mate.

Check your answers! Solutions on page 26.

CHESS KIDS

ACROSS THE

BOARD

BY AL LAWRENCE

Celebrating Chess Life Kids
from across the country.



Nate Shuman

New York, New York

“I’M IN CHARGE OF
THE TROOPS!”

Nate loves the competitive side of chess. “I think of the game as a battle and I am in charge of placing my troops where I want them to go. Chess is my mind sport!”

At The Dalton School in Manhattan, where Nate goes to school, students have no problem finding a chess partner. “Chess is part of the K-2 curriculum, so it’s pretty cool that the entire school knows how to play,” Nate said. The school is a national powerhouse, winning more than two dozen U.S. championships. Nate, a rising eighth grader, is an important part of the team.

Nate at the 2015 New York State Scholastic Championships. He finished third in the junior high section even though he was then only in the 3rd grade!



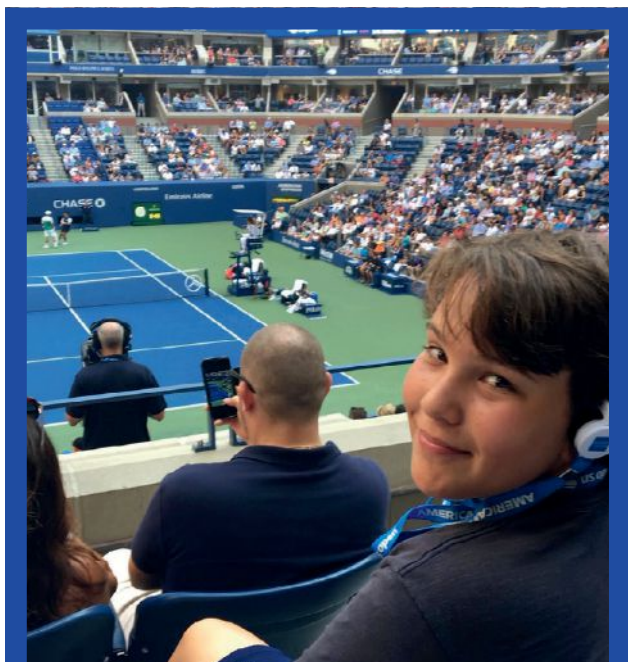
He helped his school to 13 top-three finishes and nine national championship team titles. At the 2018 National Elementary (K-6) Championship in Nashville, Tennessee, Nate became the national K-6 champion. Later that year, at the 2018 National K-12 Grade Championships in Orlando, Florida, he

became seventh grade co-champion. In 2016, he was fifth grade co-champ. He likes the feeling of “hard work paying off and getting introduced onstage as national champion.”

Although he has many other interests, Nate studies chess hard. He even trains with Grandmaster Maxim Dlugy. “He’s a former world number-one blitz player,” Nate said, “so playing five-minute chess with him during our lessons is a lot of fun!” Dlugy said Nate could go on to be a great player.

Nate loves math and likes to play a lot of sports. “My main sport now is tennis—I really enjoy playing and competing.” Nate is learning to control his heartbeat with meditation and biofeedback. “They help me to develop focus and to relieve stress. They’re especially helpful with chess. I strongly suggest trying it!”

Nate’s been invited to the All-America Team several times and played in the World Youth and Cadet Championships. He’s played in South Africa, Greece, Sicily, and India. “Chess has taught me so many life lessons that I could not get from any other thing I do. If it wasn’t for chess, I would not have made so many good friends of different ages from so many different places.”



Above: Nate loves tennis. He got to attend the 2018 U.S. Open Tennis Championship. Below: Nate with World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen in 2016 at a private showing of the film *the Queen of Katwe*. Left: Nate and his sister Ana with another “Magnus,” their great Dane. The family also has three more dogs—a dachshund, a French bulldog, and a chihuahua. They also have two cats and four birds. “We have a pretty busy household!”



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AVOID THE by Bruce Pandolfini TRAP!

CRISS-CROSS Mate

Also known as Boden's Mate

This column teaches you openings by helping you learn to avoid opening traps. Set up your board and pieces and play through the game below. Have paper and pen by your side. When you reach a question, write down your answer. After you are done with all 10 questions, check your answers on page 26. Total your points and see how you did against the scoring scale at the end!

Two bishops working together can be an awesome force. Sometimes they are used to guard consecutive diagonals aimed at the enemy king or at a particular sector in the opponent's camp. On other occasions their power is felt as they attack along crossing diagonals. In both cases, mating attacks can pop up seemingly out of nowhere, even in the opening phase. One such tactical motif, where the bishops cross to deliver mate, is known simply as the criss-cross mate. It typically comes about by a sham sacrifice of the queen to draw away a pawn that shields the opposing king. The following short game illustrates this thematic pattern.

1. e4

This move can easily lead to an open game.

1. ... e6

The French Defense. Black now has support for the counterattacking move ... d7-d5.

Q1) After 1. ... e7-e6, what is often Black's biggest problem? (10 points)

2. d4

Naturally, White assumes an ideal pawn center.

Q2) In order to complete development, how many more pawns must White move? (10 points)

2. ... d5

Black strikes back in the center, threatening the e4-pawn.

Q3) What are the four most common ways to answer 2. ... d7-d5? (10 points)

3. Nc3

White defends the e4-pawn and develops a knight.

3. ... Bb4

This is the Winawer Variation. Black pins the c3-knight.



Q4) Does the move 3. ... Bf8-b4 threaten anything? (10 points)

4. Bd3

White defends the e4-pawn with development, but 4. e4-e5 makes more sense.

Q5) How can Black now seize the initiative? (10 points)

4. ... Bxc3+

Black creates doubled pawns, but this is an unnecessary trade.

Q6) For the doubled pawns, what advantage does White gain? (10 points)

5. bxc3

After this take-back, there are plusses and minuses for both sides.

5. ... Nd7

The move 5. ... Nd7 is a bit passive.

Q7) Instead of Black's 5. ... Nd7, what idea was more active? (10 points)

6. Qe2

This move is okay, but 6. e4xd5 or 6. e4-e5 were better options.

Q8) What is White threatening? (10 points)

6. ... c6

This defends d5, but trading center pawns was more active.

7. exd5

By fixing the center, White can limit Black's counterplay.

7. ... cxd5

Black's light-square bishop is clearly obstructed by its own pawns.

8. Nf3

By this development, White is now ready to castle.

8. ... Ngf6

A safer move was 8. ... Ne7, blocking the a3-f8 diagonal.

9. Ba3

An obvious choice for a move, since it prevents Black from castling.

9. ... h6?



Q9) Plain and simple, what is White's best move? (10 points)

10. Qxe6+!

No matter how Black replies, it is mate next move (on 10. ... Qe7, White has 11. Qxe7 mate.)

10. ... fxe6 11. Bg6 mate!



A criss-cross mate!

Q10) What was the last move where Black could have avoided the trap? (10 points)

ILLUSTRATIVE GAME:

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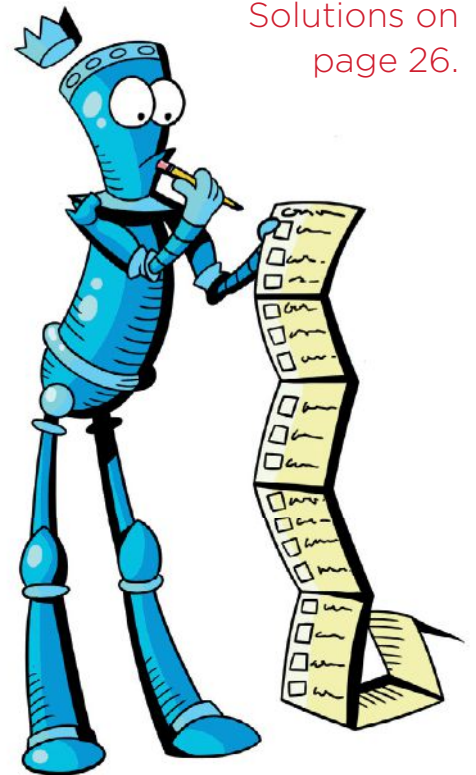
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1. d4 d5 2. e4 dxe4 3. Nc3 Nf6
4. f3 exf3 5. Qxf3 Qxd4 6. Be3
Qe5 7. O-O-O c6 8. h3 Be6 9.
Bd3 Nbd7 10. Nge2 O-O-O 11.
Bf4 Qh5 12. Qxc6+ bxc6 13. Ba6
mate—A criss-cross mate!



Check your answers!
Solutions on
page 26.



How Did You Score?

The score is based on the US Chess rating system and is intended only as a fun way to monitor your progress each issue as you Avoid The Trap!

100: 1800+

90: 1600

80: 1400

70: 1200

60 or lower: 1000



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DREAMS AND SACRIFICE

By Jamaal Abdul-Alim

Of all the lessons you can learn in chess, one of the most important is the concept of a sacrifice.

A sacrifice is a move where you basically “give up” a piece but you have a really good reason to do it—like to improve your position or achieve a checkmate—and it all ends up working out for the best.

That’s why a “correct” sacrifice is actually “no sacrifice at all,” according to a chess master who wrote one of my favorite chess books, *The Tao Of Chess: 200 Principles to Transform Your Game and Your Life*.

“Rather, it is an investment, giving up one thing to obtain something of greater value later on,” the chess master, Peter Kurzdorfer, wrote in the book.

If ever there were a chess kid and family who knew how to sacrifice in a way that changes your game and your life, it would be eight-year-old Tanitoluwa Adewumi—you can call him “Tani” for short—and his mom, Oluwatoyin, and his dad, Kayode.

First and foremost, Tani’s parents sacrificed just to come to the United States. Along with Tani’s older brother, Austin, they fled their home in Nigeria because they believed they might be persecuted for their religion.

When they arrived in New York City, things weren’t easy. They ended up at a homeless shelter.

That’s where Tani made his first sacrifice. Rather than worry about all the stuff he didn’t have, Tani studied chess on the floor of the homeless shelter well into the night, one of his chess coaches from his school told me.

His hard work paid off in a major way.

During his round four game at the New York State Scholastic championships this past March, Tani did something completely unexpected—he sacrificed a bishop for a pawn.

His tournament coach, National Master Shawn Martinez, suspected that Tani had just executed a “master



level idea.” But Coach Shawn wasn’t 100 percent certain. So he entered the position into a chess analysis program to be sure.

“I wanted to make sure it was completely accurate,” Coach Shawn explained.

And sure enough, the computer program showed that Tani’s sacrifice had improved his position significantly.

“I was completely mind blown that he found that,” Coach Shawn said.

But what really blew a lot of people’s minds was the fact that Tani went on to become the New York State Champion for his age group—kindergarten through third graders.

When word got out that a boy from a homeless shelter had become the New York State champion, a whole bunch of morning talk shows—such

as “The Today Show”—invited Tani and his family and his coaches to be guests on their programs. They were fascinated that Tani had just learned chess about a year before he became champion.

Then Tani revealed that he’s on a mission to become the world’s youngest grandmaster (GM).

The Saint Louis Chess Club flew Tani and his coaches to St. Louis to see the U.S. Chess Championships and to hang out with all the top grandmasters who were competing.

Even former President Bill Clinton invited Tani to stop by his office in Harlem to chat.

One of Tani’s chess coaches set up a crowdfunding page for Tani and his family. People gave more than \$250,000 (that’s a quarter million

dollars!). Someone else paid a year’s worth of rent on an apartment so that Tani and his family could have a place to stay instead of the homeless shelter.

“The love is deep. The love is real,” one of Tani’s chess coaches said of the outpouring of support.

Tani and his family could have kept the quarter million dollars. But that’s where the concept of sacrifice comes in. Instead of keeping the money for themselves, Tani’s family decided to use the money to set up a foundation in Tani’s name to help other people who are in need. It’s called the Tanitoluwa Adewumi Foundation, Inc.

The thing about a sacrifice is that when you first make it, sometimes it’s not clear if it’s going to work out. It just feels like the right thing to do and so you do it and hope for the best.



This photo: Tani's support system joined him at the U.S. Championships. (L to R) Tani's dad, Kayode; Tani's mom, Oluwatoyin; Tani; Tani's older brother, Austin; and his coaches Angel Lopez, Russell Makofsky, and Shawn Martinez. Below: Tani with 2019 U.S. Chess Champion GM Hikaru Nakamura (L) and U.S. Women's Chess Champion, FM Jennifer Yu. Facing page: Tani gazes at a wall of champions.

A lot of people, including several giants in the world of chess, are hoping for the best for Tani and his plans to become the youngest grandmaster—and potentially even a world champion.

“Whether Tani breaks my record of becoming, at age 22 in 1985, the youngest world champion, I wish him every success,” former world champion Garry Kasparov wrote. “But regardless of whether he succeeds, his achievement has already reached millions of people.”

“There are kids all over the world right now looking at online chess lessons because they want to be like Tani, not Kasparov or Carlsen,”

Kasparov said of himself and current world champion, Magnus Carlsen.

GM Maurice Ashley, a chess commentator also known as America's first African-American grandmaster, said Tani is “an example of what a person can do when you work hard and believe in yourself.”

“No matter what your situation, if you really put your mind to a dream, you can accomplish very big things,” Ashley said. “The fact that he wants to become the youngest GM in history means that he has an amazing fire inside of himself.”

The record for youngest GM is currently held by Sergey Karjakin, who became a GM at 12 years old

and seven months. That gives Tani, who turns nine in September, about another three-and-a-half years. Tani was rated the No. 23 top eight-year-old player in the United States as of May, US Chess records show.

“When you push in life with this kind of passion and energy, other people will notice and will want to give you some of their energy to help,” Ashley continued. “I believe he will go very far in life, whether it's in chess or something else, because he dreams big.”

“Whenever you try to climb a mountain, you can't help but go higher and higher with each step.”



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THE RULES HAVE

BY DR. ALEXEY ROOT, WIM



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THE RULES HAVE CHANGED

Back in 1975, when I played in my first tournament at age nine, I wrote down each of my moves before I played them. My first chess teacher, National Master Loren Schmidt, had advised me to do so. Writing my move first made me think before I played it. Sometimes I erased what I had written, wrote another move, and played my second choice move instead.

But the rules keep changing as how we play our game evolves. To keep up with them, you can refer to the new seventh edition of the *US Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess* (the "Rulebook") or the *2018-19 National Scholastic Chess Tournament Regulations*. In this article, I'm going to highlight rules that are important to most scholastic players.



YES TO "ENDS," NO TO "EDS"

The only electronic device (ED) allowed in the tournament hall is your electronic notation device (END)—and it must not be capable of voice or text communication.

That is, your electronic notation device cannot also function as an electronic device. Examples of EDs include cell phones, tablets, "smart" watches, wireless or wired head/earphones, music playing devices, some cameras or video devices, and voice recorders.

Players should not bring their EDs into the playing area, which includes the tournament hall, seating area, spectator area, and bathrooms. US Chess recommends that players leave their EDs with their parents or coaches. And those parents and coaches may not use EDs in the playing hall. Remember: an electronic notation device can be used during a chess game, but an electronic device cannot.

MOVE FIRST, WRITE LATER

Rule 15A of the Rulebook says, "The player must first make the move, and then record it on the scoresheet." There are only a few exceptions to this rule. In national scholastic tournaments, some sections for younger children allow "write first, move later" when using a paper scoresheet. So be sure to check the *National Scholastic Chess Tournament Regulations* or the tournament program to see if Rule 15A applies to you.

If you are using an electronic scoresheet (also known as an electronic notation device, or END) such as MonRoi Personal Chess Manager or eNotate, you must move first. The specific regulation, subsection 19.1.5.2 from the *2018-19 National Scholastic Chess Tournament Regulations*, says: "In all sections of all National Scholastic Tournaments, players using electronic notation devices must make their move on the board before they enter the move into their device."



TOUCH MOVE

In your chess games with friends, you may have the habit of touching your chess pieces or pawns before selecting one to move. But in a tournament, you must play with "touch-move" rules. If you touch one of your chess pieces or pawns, you have to move it. If you touch one of your opponent's chess pieces or pawns and you can capture it, you have to do so. However, if you see a chess piece or pawn that isn't properly centered on its square, you can fix it. Just say "I adjust," or the French phrase "*J'adoube*," before you center a piece or pawn. When your clock is running, the only things you should say to your opponent are, "I adjust" or "I offer a draw" or "I resign."

ASK A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

When you're at a tournament, you'll most likely hear references to a "TD." That's an abbreviation for "tournament director." Tournament directors are important because they're responsible for making sure tournaments are run correctly and are safe and fair for all. If you have a dispute during your game, stop the game (and clock!) and raise your hand to get a tournament director's attention. Don't ask your opponent, as he or she may not know the right answer. Wait for the tournament director to arrive at your board, and then you may ask your question. Remember:
Raise your hand for the tournament director.



FROM THE RULEBOOK:

"21A. THE CHIEF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR.
Responsible for all play, the tournament director must see that the rules are observed. The director is bound by the official rules of chess, by US Chess tournament rules and code of ethics, and by all US Chess procedures and policies."

Check out Chapter 1, Section 21 for more information on the tournament director's responsibility and role.

WHEN RULES ARE BROKEN

I asked Tim Just, editor of the seventh edition of the *US Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess*, about what happens when you break chess rules.

What happens if you write your move before you play it?

You get a warning the first time. Writing down your move, crossing it out, or erasing it, and then writing another move—over and over—is considered note taking.

What happens if you touch one of your chess pieces but then you don't move it?

You must move it or lose. Your opponent may be awarded two minutes of time.

How are illegal moves dealt with in a regular time control game? In a blitz game? In a bughouse game?

In regular time control games, the position before the illegal move—if it is within 10 moves—is set up and the player must then make a legal move with the same piece or pawn if possible. Two minutes are awarded to the opponent. In blitz, an illegal move loses if claimed before the opponent completes his or her own move. Bughouse is not rated by US Chess so any rules the organizer uses are the ones to follow.

SPECTATOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Parents and coaches are “spectators” at national scholastic chess tournaments. As soon as your tournament game finishes, you become a spectator too. Spectators must not interfere with the players and games. No making faces at players and no whispering about their games! As a spectator, do not be a kibitzer. “Kibitzer” is a Yiddish word for a spectator who looks on and offers advice or comments. Rules for spectator behavior will be posted in multiple places at a national scholastic chess tournament. And check out Appendix E of the *2018-19 National Scholastic Chess Tournament Regulations* to learn more about spectator behavior.



BETWEEN ROUNDS

What should you do when your game ends, since kibitzing is not an option? Leave the playing area and find your parent and coach. Perhaps head to the skittles room to meet other players. Also, read the tournament program. The program at every national scholastic chess tournament lists the round times and special happenings, such as appearances by famous chess players. It has blank score sheets for notating your games. It lists the tournament prizes and past championship winners. Sometimes you’ll find information on local restaurants and attractions, which you might visit between rounds.

BLITZ AND BUGHOUSE

Blitz and bughouse tournaments are usually held at national scholastic chess tournaments on the day before the main event. Blitz tournaments, like the name implies, have fast time controls: five minutes per player. No delay or increment—just five minutes per side on the clock. Touch-move rules also apply in blitz, so be careful!

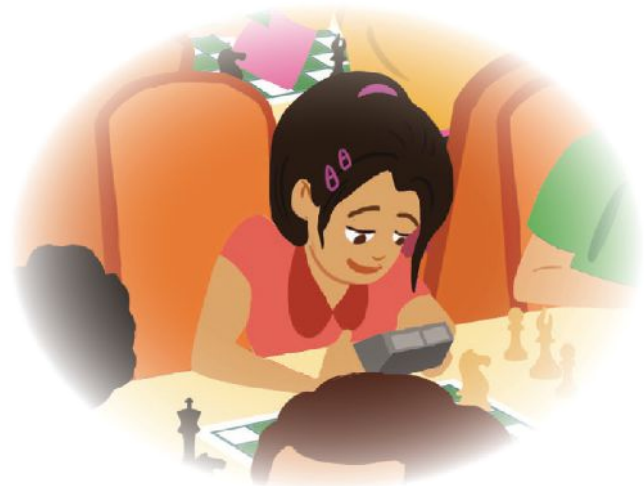
Bughouse—a two-person team variation—is played using “clock move.” Under clock-move rules, you can touch any chess piece you want; your move is not considered final until you hit the button on your clock. That’s one difference between bughouse and regular or blitz chess games. Another difference is talking. In bughouse, you and your partner can talk to each other during the game. You can even give your partner chess advice, such as, “Move your knight to f6!”





FROM THE RULEBOOK:

“20F. ANALYSIS IN THE PLAYING ROOM PROHIBITED. No analysis is permitted in the playing room during play or during adjourned sessions.”



“20A. CONDUCT OF PLAYERS. Players shall participate in the spirit of fair play and good sportsmanship, and must observe the US Chess Code of Ethics.”

Check out Chapter 1, Section 20 for more information on rules for players and spectators. The US Chess Code of Ethics can be found at uschess.org. Click on “About” from the drop down menu at the top, scroll down the page to “More about US Chess,” then select “Code of Ethics.”

These may seem like a bunch of boring rules, but rules are what makes chess fair, which makes it fun, too! Learn the rules and you’ll know exactly what to do at a tournament—which means you can relax and focus on your games.

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ZHAO, SOPHIA ZIYAN	IL	7773	KODIPPARAMBIL, ADVAITH G	IL	4853	WU, ABBIE	OR	4667
ZHAO, MAXWELL ZHIYUAN	IL	7769	PU, MICHAEL	IN	4710	FU, ALLY AOXUE	PA	4512
ARUTLA, ADITYA	CA-N	7091	SAMICH, MATTHEW	KS	2800	LITMANOVICH, JOSHUA	RI	2550
ZHANG, ROGER	NJ	6668	MARJADI, DWINATA R	KY	1960	LIU, CONNOR	SC	2003
ARIVOLI, SADHANA	CA-N	6599	COLLINS, ALONZO	LA	1403	BENGOA, KATSI	TERR	1050
			KUNAMNENI, SUJAY	MA	4275	VADDI, GIRISH	TN	3670
State Leaders	State	Pts.	UDOVENKO, DANIEL A	MD	4682	OBEROI, SHELEV	TX	4874
BORBRIDGE, WALTER	AK	564	CONTI, BRIAN	ME	2100	RAY, UJAN	UT	3587
ENGERISER, WILSON CHARLES	AL	5056	WANG, RYAN R	MI	5451	ZHUANG, KYLE	VA	5934
ZHOU, TRAVIS	AR	1731	NARAYANAN, SAMRUG	MN	3865	COLLINS, ALEXANDER	VT	1930
REMPE, LENNIK	AZ	3718	TATRO, COLE ETHAN	MO	3290	XU, JAYDEN	WA	5090
PULLELA, SRICHARAN	CA-N	5371	SAURAGE, MADISON GRACE	MS	2438	BECKER, ISAIAH	WI	3615
ZHANG, ELLIE	CA-S	3624	FINK, CHRISTIAN PAUL	MT	1750	ROBERTSON, CHAEL	WY	456
IJJU, RITHVIK	CO	1494	RAMESH, RAHUL	NC	5145			
SU, JASMINE ZHIXIN	CT	4280	CARDE, MAX	NE	1239			
STEINER, ADAMSON	DC	4094	TIRUVEEDHULA, SUHAVI	NH	2284			
ZHANG, ALLEN HAO	DE	4407	DESAI, VED	NJ	5273			
CRUZ, JANCARLO	FL	3792	SCOTT, JOHN JULES	NM	2338			
GUO, ARTHUR	GA	4266	WU, SHENLONE	NV	1136			
YAMASAKI, DAWSON Y	HI	1613	CHAN, JADEN J	NY	5528			
RAO, ANJANEYA	IA	4407	SONI, ARJUN GORAKH	OH	3752			
LEFESTE, BRYCE	ID	1630	HUANG, MIRANDA JOY	OK	4792			



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Tournament Life Announcements

AUGUST 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 14

Scholastic Members:

As a service to you, we are listing upcoming National US Chess rated events, and requested events of possible interest to you. You can always log in to www.uschess.org, and click on "Clubs & Tournaments." Then click on "Upcoming Tournaments" for a complete listing of upcoming rated events and details. As always, you can check out the TLA section of *Chess Life*.

Organizers and Tournament Directors:

If you would like your tournament listed here in *Chess Life Kids* for October 2019 (events to be held after October 14), the deadline for submitting your announcements is August 10th. The deadline for the December 2019 issue is October 10th. The processing fee is \$1.00 per line for the first eight lines, \$2.00 for every line thereafter. Send your announcements to Joan DuBois, tda@uschess.org. Display advertising is also available. Advertising rates are posted on the US Chess website, www.uschess.org, or you may email: tda@uschess.org for complete details.

ABBREVIATIONS & TERMS

All tournaments are non-smoking with no computers allowed unless otherwise advertised.

BLZ:	Blitz rated.
QC:	Quick Chess events.
\$\$\$Gtd:	Guaranteed prizes.
\$\$b/x:	Based-on prizes, x = number of entries needed to pay full prize fund. At least 50% of the advertised prize fund of \$501 or more must be awarded.
Bye:	Indicates which rounds players who find it inconvenient to play may take 1/2-point byes instead. For example, Bye 1-3 means 1/2-point byes are available in Rounds 1 through 3.
CC:	Chess club.
dx:	Time delay, x = number of seconds.
+xx:	Time increment, xx = number of seconds added after each move.
EF:	Entry fee.
Ent:	Where to mail entries.
FIDE:	Results submitted to FIDE for possible rating.
G/:	Game in. For instance, G/75 means each side has 75 minutes for the entire game.
GPP:	Grand Prix Points available.
HR:	Hotel rates. For example, 60-65-70-75 means \$60 single, \$65 twin, \$70/3 in room, \$75/4 in room.
JGP:	Junior Grand Prix.
Mem'b req'd:	Membership required; cost follows. Usually refers to state affiliate.
Open:	A section open to all. Often has very strong players, but some eligible for lower sections can play for the learning experience.
Quad:	4-player round robin sections; similar strength players.
RBO:	Rated Beginner's Open.
Rds:	Rounds; scheduled game times follow. For example, 11-5, 9-3 means games begin 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. on the first day, 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. on the second day.
Reg:	Registration at site.
RR:	Round robin (preceded by number of rounds).
SD/:	Sudden-death time control (time for rest of game follows). For example, 30/90, SD/1 means each player must make 30 moves in 90 minutes, then complete the rest of the game in an hour.
SS:	Swiss-System pairings (preceded by number of rounds).
Unr:	Unrated.
W:	Site is accessible to wheelchairs.
WEB:	Tournaments that will use a player's online rating.

NATIONALS

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Aug. 21-25, North Carolina

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 200 (Enhanced)

2019 U.S. Masters Championship

9-SS, 40/90; G/30, inc.30 from move one. Embassy Suites Hotel, 204 Centreport Dr., Greensboro, NC 27409, (336) 668-4535, mention chess tournament (code CCI) for discounted hotel rate of \$104 until Aug. 6, 2019. Reserve hotel online: <http://carolinachessinitiative.com/HotelBookingLink.aspx?TournamentName=USMastersAndNCOpen> One night non-refundable deposit required. GM, IM, WGM, and WIM norms may be possible. 2013-18 tournaments were super-swiss with 20 norms achieved! \$27000 in prizes UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED! \$7000-4000-3000-2000-1500-1000-1000-1000-1000-1000 Class prizes (FIDE): U2500 \$900-600, U2400 \$700-500, U2300 \$600-400, U2200 \$500-300. Eligibility: Must have FIDE or USCF Masters titles; juniors (under age 21) must be previously rated over 2000. EF: All GM's and non-USA IM's free (contact organizer for possible additional conditions). US IMs and NC residents: \$199. Others by Aug. 18: \$249; add \$50 late fee after Aug. 18. No entry fee deduction from any prize. RDS.: Aug 21: 7:00PM then 11-6, 11-6, 11-6, 11-6. HR: \$104 all rooms are suite style. Free made to order breakfast daily, free manager's reception nightly, and free airport shuttle available. Advance Entry: www.carolinachessinitiative.com. Alternately, checks may be sent to: CCI, c/o Walter High, 105 N. Crabtree Kns, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Make checks payable to: Carolinas Chess Initiative (CCI). No onsite entry for round 1 (cutoff for rd. 1 electronic entries is noon Aug. 21). BYES: Invited players with conditions must play all rounds. Three half-point byes allowed for all others, any round; must request prior to rd. 4. INFO: Walter High (Organizer) wmhigh@ncr.com. More info including pre-entry lists available at: carolinachessinitiative.com. FIDE rated. Hotel has a no smoking policy which includes electronic cigarettes. FIDE electronic device rules in effect.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Sept. 27-29 or 28-29, California, Northern

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 80 (Enhanced)

2019 U.S. Class Championship

5SS, 40/120 G/30 d5 (2-day opt rounds 1-2 G/75 d5). SFO Airport Hyatt Regency, 1333 Bayshore Hwy., Burlingame, CA 94010. \$145/night. Info: <http://BayAreaChess.com/events/19/usclass/>. Prize: \$17,000 b/257 (60% Guar). 6 sections. Open (2200+, FIDE): \$3000-1500-700-300 Expert (FIDE): 1,500-700-300-200. A (1800-1999, FIDE): 1,200-550-250-150. B (1600-1799): 1,200-550-250-150. C (1400-1599): 1,000-400-150-100. D(1200-1399): \$1,000-400-150-100. E (under1200): \$700-400-150-100. Unr capped at 300 exc in Open. EF: 129 by 9/19. After 9/19 +25. Play-up +30. Change fee: +20. Rfnd fee 25. GM/IM free by 9/13 (prz-EF). USCF mem req. Reg.: Fr 5-5:30pm, Sa 9-9:30am. Rds.: Fr: 6p, Sa: 11a, 5p Su: 10a 3:30p (2-day Sa 10a 1:30p & merge fr Rd. 3). Rds. 5/6 byes locked bef Rd. 1. Reg. online: <http://BayAreaChess.com/my/usclass>. SIDE EVENT FOR KIDS: For K-12 students rated under 1000: 5SSxG/30 d5; Sections based on rating: 800-999, 600-799, 400-599, 200-399, u200. On-site Reg: Sat 8:30-9am. Rounds: Sat 9:30a, 11a, 12:30p, 2p, 3:30p. Prizes: Trophies to Top 10 players in each section and Top 5 Clubs & Top 5 Schools in each section. Min 2, Top 3 players get for team score. EF: \$49, after 9/22 \$64. Play-up +15. Reg. online: <http://BayAreaChess.com/my/usclasskids>. Sep 19 Supp & TD disc to place players accurately. Bring clocks. Email: ask@BayAreaChess.com. T: 408-409-6596. V.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Dec. 21-22, Wisconsin

2019 U.S. Amateur North Championship

Playing site: Crowne Plaza Milwaukee Airport, 6401 S. 13th St., Milwaukee, WI 53221; 414-764-5300. **This event is held concurrently with the North Central Championship—see Grand Prix.** Three sections: u2200, u1400 (Saturday only), Scholastic u1000 (Saturday only). EF: \$35 by December 9th, \$40 by December 19th, \$50 after December 19th. U2200 Section (Saturday-Sunday): 4SS, G/90, inc/30. Prizes: plaques to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and top u200, top u1900, top u1800, top u1700, top u1600, top u1500, top u1400 Schedule: late registration: 9:30-10:15am on Saturday, rds. Sat: 11am & 4pm, Sun: 10am & 3pm. U1400 Section & U1000 Scholastic (Saturday only): 4SS, G/40 +5 second delay. Rounds: 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm. U1400 Prizes: plaques to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and top u1100, top u1000, top u900, top u800, top Unrated. U1000 Scholastic Prizes: plaques to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, top u900, top u800, top u700, top u600, top u500, top Unrated. Blitz Championship: Saturday at 8:00pm. HR: \$75, mention chess Ent: (include name, contact email and phone number) ViaPayPal (preferred): log in, choose "send money" option selecting to send to abetaneli@hotmail.com, pick "sending to a friend" and enter the appropriate amount. Via mail: checks to WI Chess Academy, 1280 Greenway Terrace #1, Brookfield, WI 53005. All entries confirmed via email. More information: abetaneli@hotmail.com or chris.wainwright3@outlook.com.

GRAND PRIX

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Aug. 17-18, Texas

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)

DCC FIDE Open IX

5SS, G/90 inc/30. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. #C, Richardson, TX 75080. Two sections: Open and Reserve. Open: \$88/75G. FIDE and US Chess rated but uses FIDE rules. Use US Chess ratings and rules for pairings and for awarding prizes. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. Note that Foreign players must disclose their FIDE ID number before 1st round in order to play. Note that USA Players with no FIDE ID must disclose their email address. \$5 \$400-\$200-\$100. EF: 2400 + \$125, 2000-2399 \$90, 1600 - 1999 \$99, U1600 \$125, Senior/Birthday during tournament/Additional Family Member \$55. Dallas Chess Club membership required or pay \$20 non-member fee. Small Minimum prize to the First three GM/IM's who apply. GM/IM must play all rounds to get minimum prize (entry fee may be deducted from prize). Reserve: Open to players rated below

2000 USCF. This section is not Fide Rated but is US Chess rated and uses US Chess rules. Note that this section may be merged with the Open if less than 8 players register. If so then all rules for FIDE section apply. EF: \$40. 10\$ non Dallas Chess Club membership fee. The Reserve give back 10% in prizes and if at least 8 paid entries and if there is a clear winner, then that winner receives free entry to next DCC Fide Open. In the reserve section, Tournament reserves the right to use Fide rules on electronic devices and on starting White's clock at start of a round. Also clocks will be set to 'half at end'. Both: Reg.: Saturday from 9:45-10:15 am. Rds.: Sat 10:45 am-3:10pm-7:16pm, Sun 9:45 am-2:10pm. One half point Bye allowed if requested before end of round 2 and before getting full point bye. Withdrawals and zero point last round byes are not eligible for prizes. Note that house players (if required) must pay \$5 per round and be US Chess members. ENT: Make/mail Checks payable to Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036-4719. Info: 214-632-9000. FIDE.

Aug. 21-25, North Carolina

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 200 (Enhanced)

2019 U.S. Masters Championship

See Nationals.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Aug. 23-25 or 24-25, North Carolina

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 80 (Enhanced)

2019 North Carolina Open

5-SS, G/120 d5; 2-day schedule: Rd. 1: G/90 d5, Embassy Suites Hotel, 204 Centreport Dr., Greensboro, NC 27409, (336) 668-4535, mention chess for \$104 rate (code CCI) until Aug. 6, 2019. Reserve hotel online: <http://carolinachessinitiative.com/HotelBookingLink.aspx?TournamentName=USMastersAndNCOpen> One night non-refundable deposit required. 4 sections: Open, U2000, U1700, U1400, plus Saturday scholastic (U1000) see below. GMs and IMs encouraged to enter concurrent US Masters tournament rather than the NCO. Open section is FIDE rated. \$12000 in total prizes UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEED! Prizes in all 4 sections: \$1,000-500-300-250-150-125-125-100-100-100; Class prizes (U2100, U1850, U1550, U1200): \$151-101 each section. EF: \$89 if received by Aug. 18; \$99 thereafter; RDS.: Round 1: Friday at 7:30 pm or Saturday at 10:00 am (G/90; d/5); then Saturday 2-7, Sunday 9-2. Two half-point byes allowed, must be requested before Rd. 2 is paired. Advance Entry: Online registration available at www.carolinachessinitiative.com. Alternately: mail checks to CCI, c/o Walter High, 105 N. Crabtree Kns, Chapel Hill, NC 27514. Onsite entry: Aug. 23 from 5-7:00 pm and Aug. 24 from 8:00-9:30 am. No smoking including electronic cigarettes. Saturday Scholastic Open to K-12 rated U1000. 4 Rd-SS, G/30 d5. EF: \$20 by Aug. 18, \$25 thereafter. On site entry closes at 10:00 a.m. Rounds: 10:30 am-12:30 pm-1:45 pm-3:00 pm. Trophies: top 5 in three sections. Sections based on rating. INFO: Walter High wmhigh@ncr.com.

A Heritage Event!

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Aug. 29-Sept. 2 (International Section) or Aug. 30 or Aug. 31-Sept. 2, Texas

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 150 (Enhanced)

85th Annual Southwest Open (Includes Southwest Open Individual Collegiate Championships)

9SS International section only or 7SS G/90 with 30 sec inc. Doubletree by Hilton DFW Airport North, 4441 W. John Carpenter Fwy., Irving, TX 75063. Hotel rates: \$99 for 1 person, \$109 for two people, \$119 for 3 people and \$129 for 4 people in a room. Room includes breakfast. Reserve at 972-929-8181 by 8/18 and ask for the chess rate (SOU). After 8/18 the rate may not be honored. Hotel has complimentary hotel shuttle to/from DFW airport. Tournament has 4 Sections and scholastic side events: **International Section:** (This section is Fide Rated and uses Fide Rules. USCF rules used for awarding prizes. GM & IM norms possible! Prizes \$6000 G: \$2400-1200-600-400-250, U2400 \$8800-400. EF: Gms, foreign IMs, 2500 + \$25; Above FIDE 2000 or USCF 2200: \$200 by 8/24 else \$225; Rest \$300 by 8/24 else \$350. FIDE ratings used for EF / pairings / prizes. Tournament will be run using FIDE Rules. Non-USA Federation players must have/provide a FIDE ID number or they cannot play. (New players can get a FIDE ID number from their Country's Federation.) May use accelerated pairings if in the opinion of the Chief Arbiter, IA Francisco Guadalupe, this would improve norm chances. Reg: 8/29 6:00pm - 6:30 pm, Rds.: Thurs. 8/29 at 7:00pm, Fri./8/30 at 1 pm & 7:20 pm, Sat. 8/31 at 2:10 pm & 7:20 pm, Sun. 9/1 at 11:30 am & 12:30 pm, and Mon. 9/2 at 9:20 am & 2:20 pm. Special prizes for collegiate players (which can be won in addition to place or class prize): 1st \$400 + plaque, 2nd \$250 + plaque, 3rd \$150 + plaque and a plaque for highest finishing collegiate U2300 player. U2300 Section: (This section is FIDE rated and uses FIDE rules). USCF rules/ratings used for awarding prizes. USCF ratings used for pairing purposes. Players not at the board within 60 minutes of the start of the round will forfeit game unless arbiter decides to grant more time. Please check tournament website for rules about FIDE registration. \$8 800-400, U2100 \$600-300 base on 200 players in U2300, Reserve and Novice. Plaque for highest Finishing collegiate player. International and scholastic sections do not count toward based on. Reserve Section: U2000. \$8 800-400-200. B 600-300-150, U1600 \$500-250-125 based on 200 players in U2300, Reserve and Novice sections. Plaque to highest finishing collegiate player. International and scholastic sections do not count toward based on. Novice Section: U1400 and Unrated. \$5 \$500-250-125, E \$400-200, U1000 \$300-150 Unrated \$200 base on 200 players in U2300, Reserve and Novice sections. Plaque to highest finishing collegiate player. International and scholastic sections do not count toward based on. All 3 (U2300, Reserve and Novice): Except for approved Electronic scorekeeping devices, no electronics are allowed in the playing area during the round. This includes rest rooms by the playing area. This rule applies to players, parents, coaches. TCA membership required. Other states accepted. EF: \$89 if received by 8/23, else \$99. \$82 Junior(U19) if received by 8/23 else \$90 (juniors count as 90% toward base), Senior (over 65)/Handicap/Additional family participant /Birthday during event/re-entry/Full time College Player, \$55 if received by 8/23 else \$65 (counts 60% toward base). Add \$5 for CC phone entries; pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 8/27/19

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all registration and changes on site only; all changes including withdrawals, \$10 after 8/27/19. 4 day: Reg. Friday 8/30, 6:15 pm-6:50. Rds. Fri.: 7:20, Sat.: 2:10 pm & 7:20, Sun.: 11:30 am & 5:20 pm, Mon.: 9:20 am & 2:20 pm. 3 day: Reg. Sat. 9/1, 8-8:25 am, Rd. 1 at 9 am then merge with 4 day. Foreign Unrated must play in U2300 section. Tournament may use CCA rules for foreign ratings and for minimum ratings. Registrations that do not indicate 4 or 3 day schedule will be put in the 3 day. Up to two 1/2-pt byes available if requested before end of rd. 2, but byes for both rd. 6 AND 7 not permitted. Tournament reserves the right to use an analog clock with equivalent time control under special circumstances (not in U2300 section). Texas Chess Association meeting on Sunday 9/1 at 8:30 am. **K-12 Scholastic on Saturday**, 8/31. 5-SS, G/30, d5, EF: \$31 by 8/23, \$46 thereafter; Pre-reg. requires pre-payment. After 8/28/19 all registration and changes on site only; all changes \$10 after 8/28/19. No refunds after 8/28/19, \$10 handling fee for refunds before 8/29/19. Entries do not count toward base in Under 23, Reserve and Novice. Registration: 9:15-9:45 am, Rd. 1 at 10:20 am, rest ASAP with small lunch break. Sections: **K-12 Championship and K-12 U1000**. Prizes: Trophies to top 12 individuals, five teams in each section. K-12 U1000 also top three unrated. Medals to players who do not win a trophy. All: Ent: Texas Chess Association, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036. Info: Barb Swafford, 214-632-9000, info@dallaschess.com www.dallaschess.com W. FIDE. JGP for Non scholastic side events.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Aug. 31-Sept. 2 or Sept. 1-2, California, Northern

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 80

2019 CalChess State Championship (Labor Day)

6SS, G/120 + 30; (2-day opt rds 1-3 G/61 d5). Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. Park free. **Prize: \$20,000** by 250 (75% Guar). 7 sections. **Master (FIDE rated)** \$2500-1500-800-300-200 U2300 200-100; **Expert** 1500-1000-600-200; **A** 1200-900-500-200; **B** 1200-900-500-200; **C** 1200-900-500-200; **D** 1000-500-300-100; **E/unr** 500-200-100. Unr max \$400 exc in Master. Trophy to top in each section. **EF:** \$125 by 8/29, \$135 after 8/29 & onsite, play up fee \$40/section, re-entry \$60, GMs IMs WGMs WIMs \$0 by 8/21 (EF subtr from prize). \$5 disc to CalChess mems. USCF mem reqd. Refund fee: \$25. **Sched:** Reg: Sat 10-10:30am, Sun 8:30-9am. Rds: Sat/Sun 11 5; Mon 10 3:30 (2-day Sun 9:30 12 2:30 & merge at Rd 4). All compete for the same prizes. 1/2 pt byes: max 2, Rd. 6 req bef Rd. 2 starts. Sept 2019 Supp & TD disc to place players. Bring clocks. **Info/Ent/Flyer/Reg:** BayAreaChess.com/labor or berkeleychessschool.org. E: tournaments@berkeleychessschool.org or events@bayareachess.com; M: BCS, PO Box 10073, Berkeley, CA 94709 or BAC, 2050 Concourse Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. T: 510.843.0150; No Phone entries. W.

A State Championship Event!

Sept. 14, Pennsylvania

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 6

2019 PA State Game/60 Championship

4SS, G/60 d5. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. 3 Sections, \$\$ (695G). **Champ:** EF: \$30 by 9/6, \$40 later. \$200-100, U2000 \$75, U1800 \$50. **Premier:** U1600. EF: \$25 by 9/6, \$35 later. \$90-60, U1400 \$50, U1200 \$40, U1000 \$30. Trophies to Top 2, Top 2 U1400, Top 2 U1200, Top 2 U1000. **Scholastic:** Grades K-12 U900. EF: \$15 by 9/6, \$25 later. Trophies to Top 7, Top 3 U600. **All:** Trophies: Top 2 Schools, Top 2 Clubs. PSCF \$5, OSA. Reg ends 10am. Rds.: 10:30-1-3:15-5:45. Ent/Info: PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freepost St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223, 412-908-0286, martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, W.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Sept. 21-22, Texas

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 20 (Enhanced)

DCC FIDE Open X

5SS, G/90 inc/30. Dallas Chess Club, 200 S. Cottonwood Dr. #C, Richardson, TX 75080. Two sections: Open and Reserve. **Open:** \$\$875G. FIDE and US Chess rated but uses FIDE rules. Use US Chess ratings and rules for pairings and for awarding prizes. Default late forfeiture time is one hour. TD may extend this time at TD's discretion. Note that Foreign players must disclose their FIDE ID number before 1st round in order to play. Note that USA Players with no FIDE ID must disclose their email address. \$\$ \$400-\$200-100. EF: 2400 + \$125, 2000-2399 \$90, 1600-1999 \$99, U1600 \$125, Senior/Birthday during tournament/Additional Family Member \$55. Dallas Chess Club membership required or pay \$20 non-member fee. Small Minimum prize to the First three GM/IM's who apply. GM/IM must play all rounds to get minimum prize (entry fee may be deducted from prize). **Reserve:** Open to players rated below 2000 USCF This section is not FIDE Rated but is US Chess rated and uses US Chess rules. Note that this section may be merged with the Open if less than 8 players register. If so then all rules for FIDE section apply. EF: \$40. 10% non Dallas Chess Club membership fee. The Reserve give back 10% in prizes and if at least 8 paid entries and if there is a clear winner, then that winner receives free entry to next DCC FIDE Open. In the reserve section, Tournament reserves the right to use Fide rules on electronic devices and on starting White's clock at start of a round. Also clocks will be set to 'halt' at end. Both: Reg.: Saturday from 9:45-10:15 am. Rds.: Sat 10:45 am-3:10pm-7:16pm, Sun 9:45 am-2:10pm. One half point Bye allowed if requested before end of round 2 and before getting full point bye. Withdrawals and zero point last round byes are not eligible for prizes. Note that house players (if required) must pay \$5 per round and be US Chess members. ENT: Make/mail checks payable to Dallas Chess Club, C/O Barbara Swafford, 2709 Longhorn Trail, Crowley, TX 76036-4719. Info: 214-632-9000. FIDE.

Sept. 27-29 or 28-29, California, Northern

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 80 (Enhanced)

2019 U.S. Class Championship

See Nationals.

A State Championship Event!

Oct. 13, Pennsylvania

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 6

2019 PA State Action Championship

6SS, G/30 d5. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. 2 Sections: **Championship:** EF: \$25 by

10/5, \$35 later. \$\$ (690G): \$200-100, U2000 \$90, U1800 \$80, U1600 \$70, U1400 \$60, U1200 \$50, U1000 \$40. Trophies: 1-3 U1400, 1-3 U1200, 1-3 U1000. **Scholastic:** Grades K-12 U900. EF: \$15 by 10/5, \$25 later. Trophies to top 7, 1-3 U600. **All:** Trophies: 1-2 Schools, 1-2 Clubs. PSCF \$5, OSA. Reg ends 10am. Rds.: 10:30-Noon-1:15-2:30-3:45-5:15. **Ent/Info:** PSCF, c/o Tom Martinak, 25 Freepost St., Pittsburgh, PA 15223. 412-908-0286, martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com

REGIONAL Alabama

Oct. 12, National Chess Day Rated Beginners Open

Open to players rated less than 1200 and Unrated. Register now as space is limited. **One section:** Dual Rated 5SS, G/25 d5. EF: **Free registration for Moms** of registered players! Dads, kids, and all others \$15 before 10/09. \$20 on site. Trophies and chess clocks for top players in two categories: U1200 and Unrated. On-site registration and check in 9:15-9:30am. Rds.: 1000, 1100, **1200 Free Lunch provided by the Raytheon Corporation**, 1300, 1400, and 1500. Huntsville Public Library, 915 Monroe St., Huntsville, AL 35801. **Ent & Info:** www.huntsvilleccc.com/2019ncdrbo. Additional Inquiries: dahleet@gmail.com, David Hayes: 256.348.0044.

Oct. 12, National Chess Day Scholastic - 10th Annual - A Charity Event!

5SS, TC: G/30 d5. **Brookwood Village**. 780 Brookwood Village, Birmingham, AL 35209. **Rated:** Rook (K-12), **EF: \$20. Not Rated:** Novice (6th-12th) and Primary (K-5th). **EF: \$20**, if mailed by OCT 5th. **Trophy:** 1st-3rd, Medals 4th - 6th. **Late REG:** OCT 12th at 8AM; **Late Fee:** Add \$10 more. **Rds.:** 9-10-11-1-2. Checks payable to: **Caesar Chess**. Proceeds goes to **Children's of Alabama**. ENT: Caesar Chess, LLC, 5184 Caldwell Mill Rd., Suite 204-202, Birmingham, AL 35244. **Info:** CaesarChess@gmail.com; www.AlabamaChess.org.

California, Northern

Aug. 10, Sacramento Kids Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Reg & Reqd. Check-in** 1:30-2p. Games: 2:30-5p. EF: 29, 44 after 8/5. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Aug. 10, Fremont Kids Swiss & Quads (PK-12)

Fremont Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss (4SS, G/30 d5):** Reg.: 9-9:15a. Games: 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 36, 51 after 8/4. **Quads (3RR, G/30 d5):** Reg & Reqd Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. EF: 31, 46 after 8/5. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Aug. 11, San Jose Kids Swiss (PK-12)

2050 Concourse Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss (4SS, G/30 d5):** Reg.: 9-9:15a. Games: 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 36, 51 after 8/7. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Aug. 11, San Ramon Kids Swiss & Quads (PK-12)

Courtyard Marriott, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss (4SS, G/30 d5):** Reg.: 9-9:15a. Games: 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 36, 51 after 8/5. **Quads (3RR, G/30 d5):** Reg & Reqd Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. EF: 31, 46 after 8/5. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Aug. 16-18 or 17-18, 10th Annual Central California Open

See Chess Life or www.chestour.com.

Aug. 18, Foster City Kids Swiss & Quads (PK-12)

Foster City Courtyard Marriott, 550 Shell Blvd., Foster City, CA 94404. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss (4SS, G/30 d5):** Reg.: 9-9:15a. Games: 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 36, 51 after 8/12. **Quads (3RR, G/30 d5):** Reg & Reqd Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. **EF:** 31, 46 after 8/12. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Aug. 24, San Francisco Swiss Blitz - August (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5) (BLZ)

Mechanics' Institute Chess Club, 57 Post Street (4th fl.), San Francisco, CA 94104. 4SS, G/30 d5. **Sections:** 800 +, 500-799, u500. Aug 19 suppl. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 5 each section, medals to others. **Entry:** \$35, play up: \$10, late fee: \$10 after 8/19. **Reg.:** 9-9:45am. **Rounds:** 10-2:30pm. **Blitz:** G/5 d0, Reg.: 3-3:45pm, Rounds: 4-6pm. **Entry:** \$15 Contact: chessroom@millbrary.org, chessclub.org. W.

Aug. 24, Cupertino Kids Swiss & Quads (PK-12)

NEW Venue: Aloft Cupertino, 10165 N. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss (4SS, G/30 d5):** Reg.: 9-9:15a. Games: 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 36, 51 after 8/18. **Quads (3RR, G/30 d5):** Reg & Reqd Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. **EF:** 31, 46 after 8/18. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Aug. 31, CalChess u1300 Scholastic Championship

5SS, G/30 d5. Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Pkwy., Santa Clara, CA 95054. Park free. **Trophies:** Top 20 players with winning record, Top 5 clubs, and Top 5 schools, in each section (min 2/team, top 4 count). Medals to others. K-12 players only. 4 sections based on rating: 1299-1000, 999-700, 699-400, u400. **Sched:** Reg 10-10:30. **Games:** 11-12:30-2-3:30-5. **EF:** \$40 by 8/29, \$50 after 8/29 & onsite, Play up + \$10. Sept 2019 Supp & TD disc to place players. **Info/Ent/Flyer:** www.BayAreaChess.com/laborkids or berkeleychessschool.org. W.

Aug. 31-Sept. 2 or Sept. 1-2, 2019 CalChess State Championship (Labor Day)

See Grand Prix.

Sept. 7, Foster City Kids & Quads (PK-12)

Foster City Courtyard Marriott, 550 Shell Blvd., Foster City, CA 94404. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss (4SS, G/30 d5):** Reg.: 9-9:15a. Games: 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 36, 51 after 9/1. **Quads (3RR, G/30 d5):** Reg & Reqd Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. **EF:** 31, 46 after 9/1. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Sept. 7, Sacramento Kids Quads (PK-12; 3xG/30 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Reg & Reqd. Check-in** 1:30-2p. Games: 2:30-5p. EF: 29, 44 after 9/1. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Sept. 8, San Jose Kids Quads (PK-12)

2050 Concourse Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Quads (3RR, G/30 d5):** Reg & Reqd Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. **EF:** 31, 46 after 9/2. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Sept. 8, San Ramon G/75 (3SS, G/75 d5)

Courtyard Marriott, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583. Rating Min: 1500 +. **Prizes:** \$1,300 b/50. 50% guar. 1900 +: \$200-100-100, u2000 50-50. 1500-1899: \$200-100, u1600 50-50. u1500: \$200-100, u1200 50-50. Sep 19 Supp & TD disc. **Reg:** 8:30-8:45. **Rds.:** 9-12-3. **EF:** 50, Econ 40 w 1/2 prz. after 9/2 + 20, play up + 20, GMs/IMs - \$0 by 8/24. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/grandprix. W.

Sept. 14, Fremont Kids Swiss & Quads (PK-12)

Fremont Marriott, 46100 Landing Pkwy., Fremont, CA 94538. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss (4SS, G/30 d5):** Reg.: 9-9:15a. Games: 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 36, 51 after 9/8. **Quads (3RR, G/30 d5):** Reg & Reqd Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. **EF:** 31, 46 after 9/8. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Sept. 15, Cupertino Swiss Blitz - September - (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5) (BLZ)

Juniper Cupertino, 10050 S. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. 4SS, G/30 d5. **Sections:** 800 +, 500-799, u500. Sep 19 suppl. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 5 each section, medals to others. **Entry:** \$35, play up: \$10, late fee: \$10 after 9/10. **Reg.:** 9-9:45am. **Rounds:** 10-2:30pm. **Blitz:** G/5 d0, Reg.: 3-3:45pm, Rounds: 4-6pm. **Entry:** \$15. Contact: chessroom@millbrary.org, chessclub.org. W.

Sept. 15, San Ramon Kids Swiss & Quads (PK-12)

Courtyard Marriott, 18090 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss (4SS, G/30 d5):** Reg.: 9-9:15a. Games: 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 36, 51 after 9/9. **Quads (3RR, G/30 d5):** Reg & Reqd Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. **EF:** 31, 46 after 9/9. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Sept. 21, Cupertino Kids Swiss & Quads (PK-12)

NEW Venue: Aloft Cupertino, 10165 N. De Anza Blvd., Cupertino, CA 95014. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss (4SS, G/30 d5):** Reg.: 9-9:15a. Games: 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 36, 51 after 9/16. **Quads (3RR, G/30 d5):** Reg & Reqd Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. **EF:** 31, 46 after 9/16. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Sept. 22, San Francisco Swiss Blitz - September (PK-12, 4SS, G/30 d5) (BLZ)

West Portal School, 5 Lenox Way, San Francisco, CA 94127. 4SS, G/30 d5. **Sections:** 800 +, 500-799, u500. Sep 19 suppl. **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 5 each section, medals to others. **Entry:** \$35, play up: \$10, late fee: \$10 after 9/17. **Reg.:** 9-9:45am. **Rounds:** 10-2:30pm. **Blitz:** G/5 d0, Reg.: 3-3:45pm, Rounds: 4-6pm. **Entry:** \$15. Contact: chessroom@millbrary.org, chessclub.org. W.

Sept. 22, Foster City Kids Swiss & Quads (PK-12)

Foster City Courtyard Marriott, 550 Shell Blvd., Foster City, CA 94404. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss (4SS, G/30 d5):** Reg.: 9-9:15a. Games: 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 36, 51 after 9/16. **Quads (3RR, G/30 d5):** Reg & Reqd Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. **EF:** 31, 46 after 9/16. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Sept. 27-29 or 28-29, 2019 U.S. Class Championship

See Nationals.

Oct. 5, Foster City Kids Swiss & Quads (PK-12)

Foster City Courtyard Marriott, 550 Shell Blvd., Foster City, CA 94404. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Swiss (4SS, G/30 d5):** Reg.: 9-9:15a. Games: 9:30a - 1:30p. **EF:** 36, 51 after 9/30. **Quads (3RR, G/30 d5):** Reg & Reqd Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. **EF:** 31, 46 after 9/30. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

Oct. 6, San Jose Kids Quads (PK-12)

2050 Concourse Drive #42, San Jose, CA 95131. **Trophies:** players w + score, medals to others. **Quads (3RR, G/30 d5):** Reg & Reqd Check-in 1:30-2p. Games: 2:15-5p. **EF:** 31, 46 after 10/1. **Info:** http://BayAreaChess.com/signature. W.

California, Southern

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Aug. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31, Every Saturday & Sunday Chess 4 Juniors

9 separate events- 5SS, G/30 d0. 11514 Santa Monica Blvd. & Butler, LA, 90025, 2nd floor, 4 blocks West of 405. **EF:** \$30 (\$20 LACC mem, No prize 1/2 EF, siblings 1/2, 1 free for new LACC members). **Reg.:** 12-1 pm. **Rds.:** 1pm & asap; done by 4. FREE BUGHOUSE afterwards; **Prizes:** Trophies & medals; All players receive prizes! **Parking:** Free on streets & BoA. Free refreshments. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.LAChessClub.com or Mick@LAChessClub.com. **Register Online:** www.LAChessClub.com for 5% off EF.

Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25, Every Sunday Chess 4 Juniors

4 separate events- 4SS, G/30 d0. 22753 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505. **EF:** \$25 (\$15 SBCC memb, siblings 1/2, 1 free for new SBCC members). **Reg.:** 12-1 pm. **Rds.:** 1pm & asap; done by 4. **Prizes:** Trophies & medals; All players receive prizes! Free refreshments. **Info:** (310) 795-5710 or www.SouthBayChessClub.com or Mick@SouthBayChessClub.com. **Register Online:** www.SouthBayChessClub.com for 5% off EF.

Nov. 1-3 or 2-3, 14th annual Los Angeles Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Connecticut

Sept. 20-22 or 21-22, 10th Annual Hartford Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Nov. 1-3 or 2-3, 5th annual Stamford Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Florida

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Idaho

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Aug. 10-11, August MexInsurance.com at Boise State Student Union

1700 W. University Dr., Boise, ID 83725. Bishop Barnwell Room, Second Floor. SS: 5, **Rds.:** Sat: 9, 12:30, 4; Sun: 9, 12:30. USCF G/90 d5 FIDE: 4+ Qualifying FIDE Rated G/90, +30. **Prizes:** \$130 based on 10 paid entries. **EF:** \$16 - Unrated Free. **Reg.:** chandraalexschessclub.org, George (208) 375-1211, Senior TD and FIDE National Arbitrator George Lundy.

US Chess Junior Grand Prix!

Sept. 21-22, MexInsurance.com September FIDE Invitational
1700 W. University Dr., Boise, ID 83725. **September 21:** Trueblood Room; Second Floor **September 22:** Bishop Barnwell Room, Second Floor; SS: 5, **Rds.:** Sat 9, 12:30, 4; Sun 9, 12:30. USCF G/90 d5 FIDE: 4+ Qualifying FIDE Rated G/90, +30. **Prizes:** \$100 based on 10 paid entries, **EF:** \$16 -

Unrated Free. **Reg.:** chandraalexschessclub.org, George (208) 375-1211. Senior TD and FIDE National Arbitrator George Lundy.

Illinois

Oct. 11-13 or 12-13, 28th annual Midwest Class Championships
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Indiana

Aug. 23-25 or 24-25, 14th annual Indianapolis Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Maryland

Maryland Chess Tournaments

MD Chess runs scholastic tournaments 2 Saturdays per month from September through June & open tournaments 2 Saturdays or weekends per month throughout the year. Visit www.MDChess.org to find tournament announcements, tutors, coaches, & camps; register online for tournaments; & subscribe to scholastic and/or open e-newsletters. MD scholastic players who compete in the Varsity section (exclusively for players rated 1600+) of a MD-Sweet-16 Qualifier can qualify for the \$45,000 scholarship to UMBC awarded annually. The University of Maryland, Baltimore County's chess team is a perennial top-10 contender for the national championship.

Massachusetts

Aug. 14-18, 15-18, 16-18 or 17-18, 49th annual Continental Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Nevada

Dec. 26-30, 26-29 or 27-29, 29th annual North American Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

New Jersey

Aug. 31, New Jersey Scholastic K-8 Championship

5-SS, G/30 d5. Hyatt Morristown, 3 Speedwell Ave., Morristown, NJ 07960. Phone: 973-647-1234, mention NJChess. Free parking, public transportation to NYC, Phil. walking distance, 30 restaurants, shops and parks within 5 minute stroll. **In three sections:** Under 1200, Under 900, Under 600. Trophies to Top Ten in each section. **Registration:** Saturday, August 31st, 11 am - 12 noon. **Rounds:** 12:30 pm, then ASAP. **EF:** \$30 if postmarked by August 25th. \$40 cash at site. \$32 online at njscf.org until midnight 8/30. One 1/2 point bye allowed if requested with entry fee. August Rating Supplement used. **Entries:** to Hal Sprechman,

66 Cromwell Lane, Jackson, NJ 08527. Entries must include section, name, USCF ID and expiration date, mailing address, email address, phone number, and entry fee. Checks made out to NJSCF. Questions to halsprechman@gmail.com, phone: (732) 259-3881. W.

Oct. 13, Westfield Fall Scholastic

Westfield Y, 220 Clark St., Westfield, NJ 07090. K-12. **3 Sections:** Open, U1250, U750. Open: 3-SS. G/40 d5. Rounds: 12:15, 2:00, 3:45 p.m. U1250 & U750: 4-SS. G/25 d5. Rounds: 12:15, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00 p.m. **EF:** \$30, \$25 members. Those registering before 11:50, or lined-up to do so, will be charged \$5 less! **Prizes:** Trophies to Top 5 in each section. Tiebreaks used. See USCF Rule 34E. **Register:** 11:20 a.m.-12:10 p.m. **Info:** westfieldchessclub.org/Events.html, westfieldchessclub@gmail.com

Oct. 25-27 or 26-27, 23rd annual Eastern Chess Congress
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

A State Championship Event!

Nov. 24, New Jersey K-12 Grade Championship

5SS, G/30 d5. Brookdale College, 765 Newman Springs Rd., Lincroft, NJ 07738. Student Life Center, use Parking Lot #7 or #6; 4 miles from Garden State Parkway exit 109. **13 Sections:** Play only in your grade! **Grades K-12:** Trophies to top 10 individuals, top 3 teams - top 3 from each school/grade; 50% of players receive trophy or medal! **Rds.:** 10am and ASAP. **EF:** \$35 by 11/17, \$55 at site. USCF mem req'd. **Reg.:** 8-9:00am After 9:00am 1/2 pt bye rd. 1. **Info:** 732 259-3881, halsprechman@gmail.com **Ent:** Please make checks payable to NJSCF and send to Hal Sprechman, 66 Cromwell Lane, Jackson, NJ 08527. Entries must include name, grade school, date of birth, USCF ID # & expiration, mailing address, phone number & entry fee, please include email address. Register online at: www.njscf.org until 9pm 11/23.

New York

Aug. 30-Sept. 2, Aug. 31-Sept. 2 or Sept. 1-2, 141st annual NY State Championship
Out of state welcome. See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Sept. 28-29, 3rd annual Peter Henner Memorial
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Oct. 19-20, 6th annual Central New York Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Nov. 23-24, 4th annual Schenectady Open at Proctors
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

North Carolina

Aug. 21-25, 2019 U.S. Masters Championship
See Nationals.

Aug. 23-25 or 24-25, 2019 North Carolina Open
See Grand Prix.

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Pennsylvania

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Sept. 14, 2019 PA State Game/60 Championship
See Grand Prix.

Sept. 29, 60th Annual Pittsburgh Chess League
30/90, SD/60 d5. Wm. Pitt Union, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 5th Ave. & Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Monthly 4-player team event from Sept. to Apr. **EF:** \$50/team by 9/26. Rds.: 2pm. **Info:** 412-908-0286, martinak_tom_m@hotmail.com, www.pitt.edu/~schach/W.

Oct. 13, 2019 PA State Action Championship
See Grand Prix.

Nov. 29-Dec. 1 or Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 50th annual National Chess Congress
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Texas

Aug. 17-18, DCC FIDE Open IX
See Grand Prix.

Aug. 29-Sept. 2 (International Section) or Aug. 30 or Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 85th Annual Southwest Open (Includes Southwest Open Individual Collegiate Championships)
See Grand Prix.

Sept. 21-22, DCC FIDE Open X
See Grand Prix.

Virginia

Aug. 23-25 or 24-25, 51st annual Atlantic Open
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Oct. 10-14, 11-14 or 12-14, 11th annual Washington Chess Congress
See *Chess Life* or www.chesstour.com.

Wisconsin

Dec. 21-22, 2019 U.S. Amateur North Championship
See Nationals.

Answers

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Solution #1: 1. ... Qxh2+ 2. Kxh2 Rh5+ 3. Nh4 Rxh4 mate

Solution #2: 1. ... Bd7+ 2. Ka5 (2. Kb4 a5 mate) 2. ... Bc3+ 3. b4 Ra2 mate

Solution #3: 1. Qxh6+ gxh6 2. g7+ Kxg7 3. Nh5+ Kh8 4. Rxh6 mate

Solution #4: 1. Bg5+ Kg6 2. Rh6+ Kg7 3. Bf6+ Kg8 (or 3. ... Kf8) 4. Rh8 mate

Solution #5: 1. Nh6+ gxh6 2. Ne7+ Kh8 3. Qg8+ Bxg8 4. Rxg8 mate

Solution #6: 1. ... Ng3+ 2. Kg1 (2. Nxg3 Qxh2 mate) 2. ... Nh3+ 3. Bxh3 Ne2+ 4. Kh1 Rg1 mate

PAGES 6-7/IT'S YOUR MOVE!

A1. Who is Robert Hess?

B1. What is bughouse?

C1. What is St. Louis?

D1. Who is Sergey Karjakin?

A2. Who is Tani Adewumi?

B2. What are bishops?

C2. What is New York City?

D2. What is the Game of the Century?

A3. Who is Bobby Fischer?

B3. What is an Electronic Recording Device?

C3. What is Manhattan?

D3. Who is Garry Kasparov?

A4. What is a kibitzer?

B4. What is criss-cross mate?

C4. What is Atlanta?

D4. Who is Alexey Root?

A5. Who is Tim Just?

B5. What is a Closed Sicilian?

C5. What is Nashville?

D5. What is Diemer versus Portz?

PAGES 10-11/AVOID THE TRAP

A1) Black's biggest problem tends to be finding a good place for the light-square bishop.

A2) White doesn't have to move any more pawns to complete development.

A3) White usually plays 3. Nb1-c3, 3. e4-e5, 3. e4xd5, or 3. Nb1-d2.

A4) Since the c3-knight is pinned, the e4-pawn is threatened.

A5) Black should trade center pawns (4. ... d5xe4 5. Bd3xe4) and then attack the bishop (5. ... Ng8-f6).

A6) White incurs doubled pawns but gets the two bishops!

A7) Once again, Black could have exchanged center pawns (5. ... d5xe4 6. Bd3xe4) and then developed the king-knight with tempo (6. ... Ng8-f6).

A8) By pinning the e6-pawn, White is threatening take on d5 for free.

A9) White forces mate by 10. Qe2xe6+!

A10) Black's 9th move was the culprit. The advance 9. ... h7-h6 weakened the square g6, and that led to mate.



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MY FIRST MOVE



GM ROBERT HESS

POPULAR CHESS

COMMENTATOR AND

ADVENTUROUS HISTORY BUFF

In this column, we feature advice from your chess heroes and explore what shaped their development when they were *Chess Life Kids* like you!

LEARNING TO PLAY

My dad taught my siblings and me how to play chess when my sister was six, I was five, and my brother was four. He figured it would be a more beneficial pursuit than video games.

“THIS IS IT!”

Winning the 2001 K-3 SuperNationals in Kansas City, Missouri was a really big deal. That year I had won the New York City and state titles, but this was different because it included kids from all around the United States.

THE CHESS HERO'S CHESS HERO

I admire my childhood chess coach, GM Miron Sher. He's very considerate and challenged me to be the best player I could be. He also believed in a well-rounded approach and encouraged me to pursue activities outside of chess. I do not have a hero now, but I'm fortunate to know many of the world's best players.



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FAVORITE OPENINGS

I used to love the Vienna Game (1. e4 e5 2. Nc3) and the Closed Sicilian (1. e4 c5 2. Nc3) as White. I guess I liked my knight on c3! As time went on, opponents were well prepared in these less popular lines and I couldn't rely on outplaying them by pure will. But I also couldn't venture into sharp lines like the Open Sicilian, because I didn't know what to do. Opening theory was my least favorite part; I preferred what I considered the more creative elements of chess. Now I mainly play 1. d4. This way I get to avoid sharp Sicilian theory at all costs!

FAVORITE CHESS BOOKS

When I was a kid, I devoured tactics books. As I improved, the most influential book was *Endgame Strategy* by Mikhail Shereshevsky. As the level of opposition gets tougher, players blunder less frequently. They don't overlook many tactics. Thus, it is essential to truly understand positions so that you can strategically outplay your opponents or fight back in a position that is unfavorable.

PROUDEST CHESS MOMENT TO DATE

The year 2009! I earned my grandmaster title in 2009, then followed it up by winning second place at the 2009 U.S. Championship. I was a junior at Stuyvesant High

School and it was a really busy time with AP classes and college applications on the horizon. That spring, I was able to score my final two grandmaster norms, win the K-12 section in the SuperNationals, and top it all off by placing second in the entire country.

CHESS CAREER

I primarily am a chess commentator these days. I teach privately and also have been privileged to coach the U.S. Women's Olympiad team at the past two Olympiads. I'd definitely like to play more, but it is hard to squeeze in my own games with so many elite chess events popping up that need a commentator.

COMMENTATING VERSUS PLAYING

IM Danny Rensch is a longtime friend of mine, and as *Chess.com* began covering more events he asked me to try it out. GM Maurice Ashley, who provides excellent commentary for the Saint Louis Chess Club, was looking

Photos: Robert frequently does commentary with WGM Tatev Abrahamyan at the Saint Louis Chess Club.



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for a commentator at the 2014 Millionaire Chess Open. As I was playing less frequently and earning my degree at Yale, they both believed in my ability to analyze the games in a way that players of all levels can digest. Commentary is less stressful than playing in tournaments and there's also no losing! I find them fun in different ways, since the responsibility of playing can both be great and frustrating.

OVERCOMING DISAPPOINTMENT

I missed my first international master (IM) norm on my 13th birthday. It was very painful, but it was also a good reminder that there's more to life than a game of chess. Of course, not every result will go your way. But I had (and still have!) a tremendous support system of friends and family. Winning that game might have resulted in me earning the IM title sooner, but there were and are many more important things to me in life.

MAINTAINING ENERGY BY FUELING INTERESTS

I have many interests and I love learning. I'm always reading articles about various subjects and startups. Knowledge fuels me! I actually think that in high school, I was at my best when juggling schoolwork and chess. I even played football for two years in high school. I was happier. I didn't have to pick one over the other. This seems counterintuitive, because how can someone perform at their best when they are preoccupied by something else? I never thought of my other activities as a distraction but as fulfillment. I didn't want to only play chess. I was happy, and this left me with the emotional and mental capacity to succeed at chess.

YOU PROBABLY DON'T KNOW THAT ...

I studied history in college. I find it fascinating to learn about why things are the way they are. History helps bring context to everyday topics. I love to read, which is a big change from when I was a kid and didn't read that much. But books open the world to you. I love sports and used to run a sports journalism site. I also play in dodgeball leagues!

THE BEST ADVICE I'VE RECEIVED

Constantly ask yourself about the entire board. Sometimes pieces seem irrelevant or out of the action, but it is important to keep in mind how they might impact the game later. For example, in a worse bishop endgame with many pawns remaining, it is still useful to remind



yourself that if your opponent's bishop's color does not match the promoting square of a rook pawn, you may be able to sacrifice your bishop if it removes the other pawns. This is just one instance of many.

MY BEST ADVICE

Ignore ratings. People get caught up in ratings, so if their rating is 1500 they feel they have to beat the 1200 sitting across from them. But if you are playing for a result, you aren't playing chess. Chess is an objective game where you must play the best moves. Moreover, as young players improve, they often beat players 300 rating points above them. If you can do it, why can't others do it too? It's more important to focus on learning and appreciating the game. Your rating today doesn't indicate your future level. It's not that you shouldn't celebrate milestones, but if you work hard it's likely you'll get there and then some.



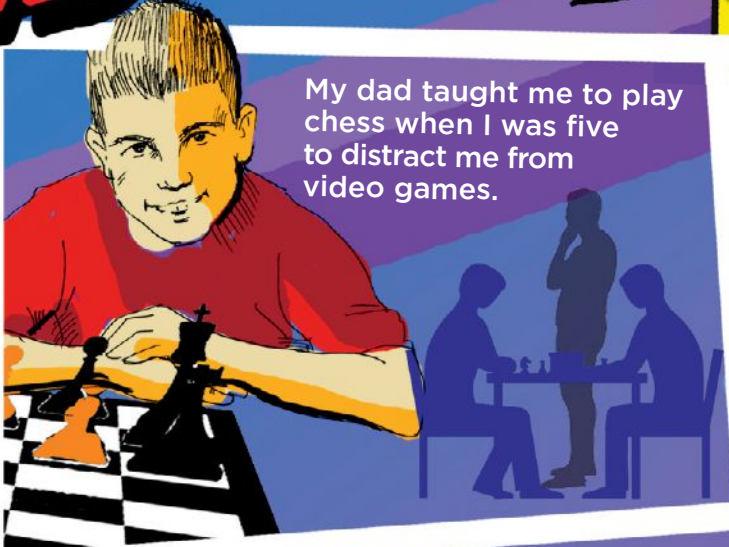
Photos: top, Robert (on the bottom) with his siblings; bottom, Robert at the 2001 SuperNationals in Kansas City, Missouri, where he won the K-3 title.

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CHESS ADVENTURES

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Knowledge Fuels Me!



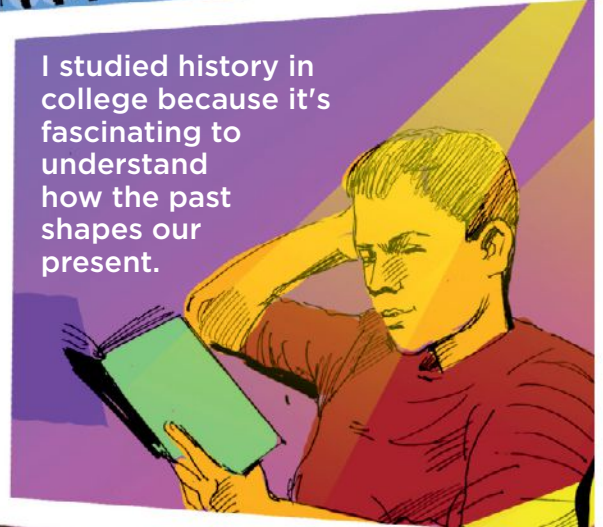
My dad taught me to play chess when I was five to distract me from video games.



As a kid I loved walking all over New York City. I wanted to learn everything about the city!



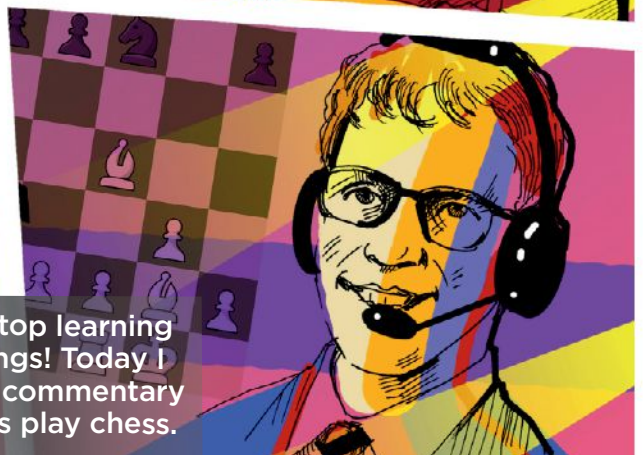
In middle school, I learned the importance of helping others.



I studied history in college because it's fascinating to understand how the past shapes our present.



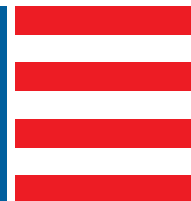
I enjoy staying active, too! It keeps my brain happy.



I never stop learning new things! Today I do chess commentary as well as play chess.



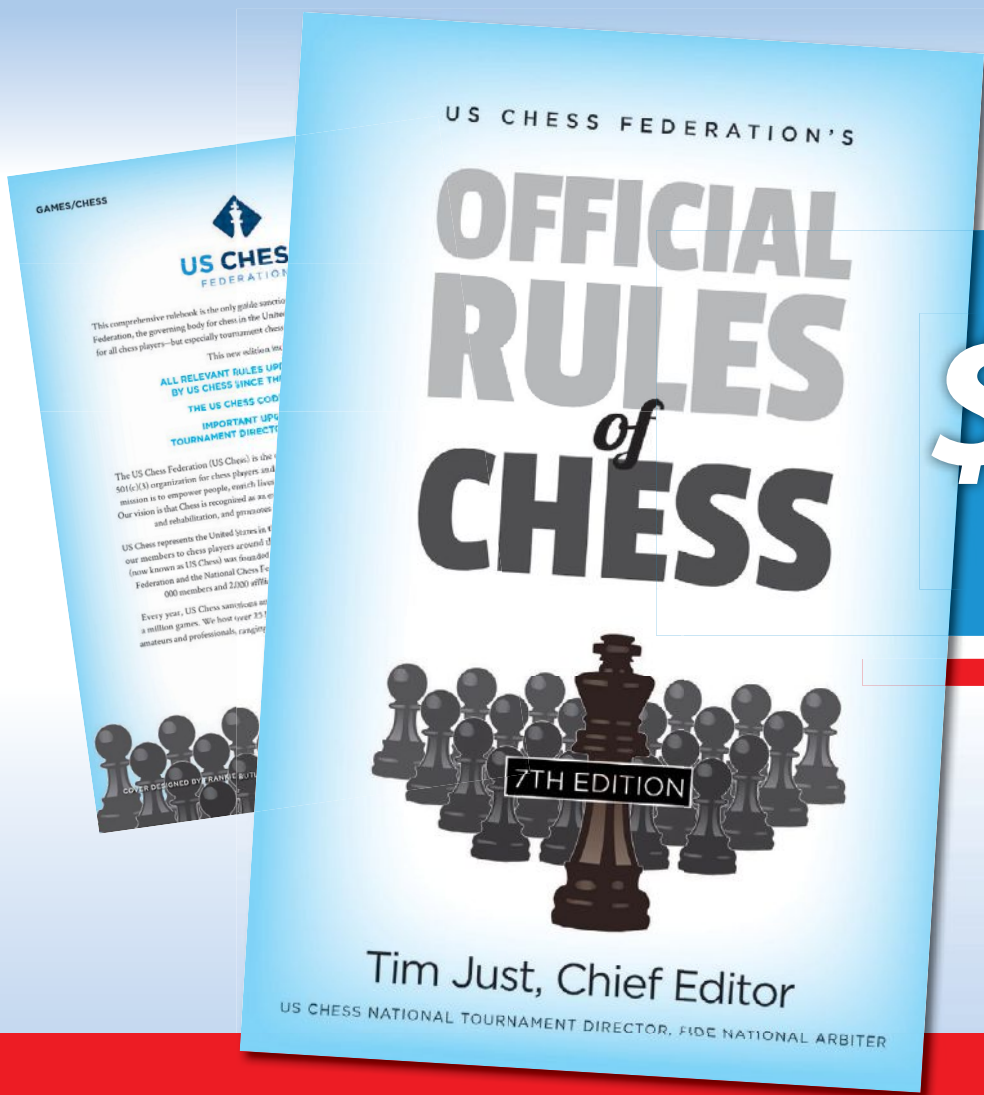
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