

2020 North American Junior (U20) Championships

Invitation and Regulations



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1. INVITATION

The Charlotte Chess Center invites all junior chess players from Canada, Mexico, and the United States to participate in the **2020 North American Junior (U20) Championships** (Open and Girls). The event will take place at the Holiday Inn Charlotte University Hotel in Charlotte, NC, USA from Saturday, December 19 to Wednesday, December 23, 2020. This is an official continental championship awarding FIDE titles and norms. This event is sanctioned by FIDE, US Chess, and the Confederation of Chess for Americas. The Charlotte Chess Center organized the 2019 North American Junior Championship, the largest North American Junior in history.

2. PARTICIPATION

2a. Eligibility

This is an open event for all players who meet the eligibility and age requirements. This event has 2 sections: Open U20 and Girls U20. Players must be under 20 years old (19 and younger) as of January 1, 2020 (must be born in 2000 or after). The Open U20 section is open to boys and girls. Players must have a FIDE ID Number registered under CAN, MEX, or USA. There is no maximum number of players from these federations. Players from these countries who do not have a FIDE ID Number can contact their [federation's rating officer](#) to have one created. This tournament is both FIDE and USCF rated; all players must also have a [US Chess membership](#).

2b. Official Players

The gold medalists from the 2019 North American Junior U20 Championships may register as official players in the same section, if still eligible by age. Each federation (CAN, MEX, USA) may also register one official player in each section. Official players receive a \$100 entry fee discount. Official players also receive shared (double) room complimentary from the organizers. Official players must register and have the fees fully paid by November 20. Official players registering after this deadline will be treated as ordinary players and will not receive conditions.

3. ENTRY FEES

3a. Entry Fee and Payment Notes

- All registration is done directly between the player and the organizer
- It is not necessary to contact your federation to have them register players and send fees
- All fees are in US Dollars (USD \$)
- All refunds for withdrawals prior to November 20 are subject to a 5% service fee
- There are no refunds for withdrawn players after November 20
- The entry fee includes the organizer fee, entry fee, FIDE fee, and CCA fee
- There are no fees for accompanying persons, parents, heads of delegation
- Players are not considered registered until all fees have been paid

3b. Entry Fee Schedule

- Entry Fee: \$260 paid online at www.charlottechesscenter.org/najunior by November 20
- Official players (2b) may register for \$160 by November 20
- Registration between November 21 – December 10: \$280
- Registration between December 11 - 18. \$300. No registration after December 18.
- \$15 entry fee discount to players staying at the official hotel (Holiday Inn)

4. TRAVEL

Transportation is not provided by the organizers. The Charlotte International Airport (CLT) is 15 miles from the tournament venue. Taxis and rideshare services are available from CLT.

5. ACCOMMODATION

All players should make their own accommodations at the official hotel.

Holiday Inn Charlotte University Hotel

- Same hotel as the venue/playing hall
- 8520 University Executive Park Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262, +1 704 319 5184
- \$15 entry fee discount to players staying at the official hotel
- Booking link: see www.charlottechesscenter.org/najunior
- Free parking, free wi-fi, many food options within walking distance

6. SCHEDULE

Friday, December 18	Suggested Arrival Date ; Last day to register
Saturday, December 19	12:30pm – Players Meeting (<i>required</i>) 1:00pm – Round 1 7:00pm – Round 2
Sunday, December 20	12:00pm – Round 3 6:00pm – Round 4
Monday, December 21	12:00pm – Round 5 6:00pm – Round 6
Tuesday, December 22	12:00pm – Round 7 6:00pm – Round 8
Wednesday, December 23	10:00am – Round 9; DEPARTURE

7. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

7a. Organization Team – IA, IO Grant Oen and FA Peter Giannatos in cooperation with the Charlotte Chess Center.

7b. Arbiter Team – Chief Arbiter: IA, IO Grant Oen; Deputy Chief Arbiter: FA Peter Giannatos. The appeals committee and additional arbiters will be announced at the players meeting.

7c. Ratings – The tournament will use December 2020 FIDE ratings for pairings. USA players with no FIDE rating will have their USCF rating used for the tournament. Both sections are FIDE and USCF rated. All players must have a valid [US Chess membership](#).

7d. Time Control – 90 minutes per player for the entire game, plus 30 second increment per move from move 1.

7e. Rounds – Both sections have 9 rounds paired using FIDE swiss pairing rules and FIDE ratings for pairings. No half-point byes are permitted, only zero-point byes.

7f. Default (forfeit) time – A player will forfeit the game if they are not present at the board within 1 hour (60 minutes) after the start of the round.

7g. Equipment – All equipment (boards, sets, clocks, scoresheets) are provided for all games.

7h. Pairings and Standings – pairings & standings will be posted online: www.chessstream.com

7i. Tiebreaks – Ties will be broken in accordance with FIDE and CCA regulations and official tiebreaks. Medals and FIDE Direct Titles and norms will be decided on tiebreaks if necessary.

1. Direct Encounter (applies only if all tied players have played each other)
2. Greater number of wins
3. Greater number of games with black (excluding unplayed games)
4. Buchholz cut 1
5. Buchholz
6. Sonneborn-Berger
7. By age in favor of the younger player

8. AWARDS AND TITLES

8a. FIDE Direct Titles and Norms – all titles and norms are subject to FIDE regulations.

- Open Section Gold Medal = IM title and GM norm
 - If there is a tie for first place, the top 3 players on tiebreaks receive the IM title, with first place on tiebreaks also receiving a GM norm
- Open Section Silver Medal = FM title and IM norm
- Open Section Bronze Medal = FM title and IM norm
- Girls Section Gold Medal = WIM title and WGM norm
 - If there is a tie for first place, the top 3 players on tiebreaks receive the WIM title, with first place on tiebreaks also receiving a WGM norm
- Girls Section Silver Medal = WFM title and WIM norm
- Girls Section Bronze Medal = WFM title and WIM norm

8b. Medals – Gold, silver, bronze medals will be given to the top three players in each section.

8c. Personal Rights – The gold medalist in each section will receive official player status at the 2021 North American Junior Championship and the 2021 Pan-American Junior Championship.

9. VISAS

Invitation letters for visa purposes can be provided by the organizers if requested early.

10. CONTACT INFORMATION

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