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# WELCOME TO GRAPEVINE AND THE 2019 NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL (K-9) CHAMPIONSHIP!

It's my privilege to be part of the team that will make this a quality experience for all players, parents, coaches and spectators.

We're pleased to be partnering again with the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center for this event.

We've assembled a first-rate team of directors, led by NTD Enrique Huerta (chief tournament director), NTD Susan Breeding (floor chief) and NTD Joseph Yun (backroom chief). They will ensure that the tournament is conducted with full observance of all US Chess rules. Kim Cramer and her staff at Chess Control will be happy to assist with any questions you have.

We are happy to have GM Jeffery Xiong, former World Junior Champion, as our Guest Grandmaster. Jeffery is a very popular tournament player who is as well known for his approachability and demeanor as he is for his formidable chess prowess. He will be giving a simultaneous exhibition, a lecture, and *three* "take-on-all-comers" blitz sessions.

We will be broadcasting live analysis of the top boards in the K-9 Championship section on the US Chess Twitch feed. Our analysts are WGM Sabina Foisor (2017 U.S. Women's Champion) and IM John Bartholomew (former National High School Champion and popular Internet chess streamer). This live analysis will occur in rounds five through seven. We welcome you to stop in, watch the analysis, and interact with the analysts. Of course, you can also watch the stream on Twitch at <http://www.twitch.tv/uschess>. When you see Pete Karagianis, Assistant Director of Events, moving around the site, send all compliments and congratulations his way, as he is the driving force behind this new feature.

We are also offering three lectures this weekend by NM Ryan Velez, a member-at-large of the US Chess Executive Board. These lectures are free and highly informational. We encourage you to attend at least one of them.

US Chess wants you to have fun and really enjoy yourselves at this event. Of course, we also want you to do so *safely*. Be aware of your surroundings, and keep in mind that you're sharing space with several thousand people this weekend. Remember, safety is no accident.

Under the strategic direction of our Executive Director, Carol Meyer, we are constantly looking for ways to improve our national events. I welcome any ideas or comments you have in that regard.

Please accept my best wishes for an enjoyable and successful tournament.

Sincerely,



Boyd M. Reed  
Director of Events



**CAROL B. MEYER**  
US Chess Executive Director

Welcome to the 2019 National Junior High (K-9) Chess Championship! You set yourself apart from your peers with your commitment and preparation for this national championship event.

US Chess is celebrating its 80th birthday in 2019. There have been many important milestones since our formation when our two predecessor organizations—the American Chess Federation and the National Chess Federation—merged to unite chess activities in the United States under a single umbrella. Our history has been notable: from Bobby Fischer to Fabiano Caruana, to the explosive growth of scholastic chess, to a resurgence of chess in cities all across the country and a US Chess mission that uses chess to empower people, enrich lives, and enhance communities through chess.

While rated tournament play continues to be cornerstone of what US Chess does, we also are fortunate to be able to grow the game among people who are not presently well-represented within our community. One example: our burgeoning program for girls and women is promoting all-female events throughout the country. With financial support from the Saint Louis Chess Club and other private donors, we are developing programs in partnership with our local affiliates to make chess more accessible and welcoming.

Additionally, we are developing a pilot program to support chess for at-risk youth in Title I middle schools. The chess community has long known the potential of chess to bring important life lessons and skills to people who play the game. We see chess as a tool to transform young players into citizens who believe they can make a difference in their world, no matter where they come from.

In 2018, US Chess held its first annual Senior Tournament of Champions. Organized in the model of other US Chess invitationals like the Denker, Barber, and National Girls Tournament of Champions, this new event saw 41 states (and Washington, DC) send their top senior to play in the inaugural tournament. One participant noted that this event “was a dream come true” and reflects the US Chess commitment to promoting chess as a game for life.

As part of the 80th year celebration, the World Chess Hall of Fame ([worldchesshof.org](http://worldchesshof.org)) in St. Louis, Missouri, is running a special exhibition on US Chess. In addition to the excellent exhibits that regularly rotate through the Hall of Fame, we are proud to partner with the Hall of Fame to bring US Chess history to life for chess enthusiasts. I hope you and your family have a chance to catch the exhibition, scheduled to run into October 2019 at this world-class museum.

The scholastic events would not be possible without the adults who support our players. The dedication by teachers, coaches and volunteers who prepare their students for these events often goes unnoticed. Similarly, the sacrifice made by parents and extended family that allows students to compete is laudable. From all of us at US Chess, thank you for allowing us to be a small part of your player’s chess journey.

Please take advantage of everything here. Visit our exhibitors, the bookstore, grab a commemorative t-shirt, and meet other chess players to enhance your experience. If you see me walking around, please stop me to say hello. One of my greatest joys in this role is interacting with players and their families.

Good luck with your games, make new friends and most of all, have fun while you’re here in Grapevine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carol B. Meyer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol B. Meyer  
US Chess Executive Director

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## SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL MEETING

Parents, coaches, and all scholastic chess enthusiasts are invited to attend the Scholastic Council meeting held at each US Chess scholastic event.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

**2:15 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.**

SAN SABA 3

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# SCHOLASTIC COUNCIL

## BEATRIZ MARINELLO

*Scholastic Council Representative*

Beatriz Marinello is a Chilean-American woman international chess master (WIM), international organizer, and FIDE trainer who has been living in the United States since 1990. She is the first woman to be elected as president of US Chess (2003-2005) and the first woman to be elected as a vice president of the World Chess Federation (2010-present).

Beatriz has established and run numerous scholastic chess programs in New York City (NYC) and continues to teach in NYC schools. She is considered one of the pioneers of the Chess in the Schools program and has been involved in organizing national and international chess championships and charity events, as well as providing services for non-profit organizations. In 2008, Beatriz received the prestigious chess educator of the year award from The University of Texas at Dallas.

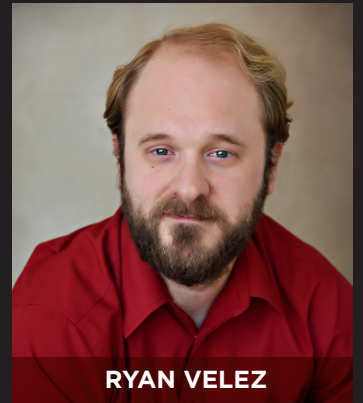
Currently, Beatriz is working on developing new projects for chess as a means for social development on an international level.

Please join Beatriz at the scholastic meeting on Saturday at 2:15 p.m. in San Saba 3.



## EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS WITH RYAN VELEZ

Ryan Velez is a national master, senior level tournament director, chess author, active player, and US Chess Executive Board member. With over 20 years' teaching experience—in classrooms and through private and online lessons—Ryan can speak about getting involved in chess from many different perspectives. Join Ryan for three seminars as he explains some critical ideas about successful chess parenting and what it takes to become successful in scholastic chess.



### MY FIRST TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. | SAN SABA 3

### THE BENEFIT OF CHESS AS AN EDUCATIONAL TOOL

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. | SAN SABA 3

### PREPARING FOR INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. | SAN SABA 3

## THURSDAY APRIL 25

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Chess Control	Tate Pre-function B/C
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Bughouse Tournament	Tate Ballroom
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Blitz Tournament	Tate Ballroom
	Bookstore (Friday-Sunday)	Mesilla 2
	Skittles (Thursday-Sunday)	High Plains
	Skittles, DGT projection (Friday-Sunday)	Texoma
	T-Shirts, Other Vendors (Thursday-Sunday)	Vineyard Pre-function
	Girls Club (Friday-Sunday)	San Saba 4

## FRIDAY APRIL 26

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Chess Control	Tate Pre-function B/C
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Simultaneous Exhibition - GM Jeffery Xiong	High Plains
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	My First Tournament Seminar	San Saba 3
11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Bookstore	Mesilla 2
12:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremony	Tate Ballroom
1:00 p.m. - 5:10 p.m.	Round One	Tate Ballroom
7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Round Two	Tate Ballroom
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	"All Comers" Blitz - GM Jeffery Xiong	Texoma

## SATURDAY APRIL 27

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Chess Control	Tate Pre-function B/C
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Bookstore	Mesilla 2
8:50 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Presentation of Top Five Blitz Individual Winners	Tate Ballroom
9:00 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.	Round Three	Tate Ballroom
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	The Benefit of Chess as an Educational Tool Seminar	San Saba 3
10:30 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.	Round One: Friends and Family	Mesilla 1
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Grandmaster Lecture - GM Jeffery Xiong	San Saba 3
12:30 p.m. - 1:40 p.m.	Round Two: Friends and Family	Mesilla 1
1:50 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Presentation of Top Five Blitz Team Winners	Tate Ballroom
2:00 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.	Round Four	Tate Ballroom
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Scholastic Meeting	San Saba 3
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	"All Comers" Blitz - GM Jeffery Xiong	Texoma
2:30 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.	Round Three: Friends and Family	Mesilla 1
4:30 p.m. - 5:40 p.m.	Round Four: Friends and Family	Mesilla 1
6:50 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Presentation of Top Five Bughouse Teams	Tate Ballroom
7:00 p.m. - 11:10 p.m.	Round Five	Tate Ballroom
7:00 p.m. - 11:10 p.m.	Round Five: Live stream of top boards, K-9/K-8 Championship	San Saba 2



# SUNDAY APRIL 28

8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Chess Control	Tate Pre-function B/C
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Bookstore	Mesilla 2
9:00 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.	Round Six	Tate Ballroom
9:00 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.	Round Six: Live stream of top boards, K-9/K-8 Championship	San Saba 2
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Preparing for International Youth Events Seminar	San Saba 3
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	"All Comers" Blitz - GM Jeffery Xiong	Texoma
2:00 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.	Round Seven	Tate Ballroom
2:00 p.m. - 6:10 p.m.	Round Seven: Live stream of top boards, K-9/K-8 Championship	San Saba 2
Approximately 7:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony	Tate Ballroom

\* End times are approximate

## SAFETY FIRST!

Your well being is a top priority for US Chess. Below we have listed some items that may be of help to the players, parents, coaches, or groups who are participating in the 2019 National Junior High School (K-9) Championship.

### BEFORE YOU ARRIVE:

#### ***Medical and contact information.***

If you are with a group, it's recommended that each participant fill out a medical form listing their parents, coach, or another adult who can allow medical treatment if necessary. All participants should have contact information on them in case of an emergency. Those who are with a group should have contact information for both their parents and the person appointed as chaperone.

### BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT:

#### ***Tour the property.***

After your arrival it's a good idea to tour the property so everyone becomes familiar with the property's layout. Look for your main playing hall, Skittles area, and Chess Control.

### PICK YOUR SPOT:

#### ***Know where to meet.***

Determine where players should meet their groups or adult chaperone(s) after their games are finished. Remember, anyone who is lost should go immediately to Chess Control.

### DURING THE TOURNAMENT:

#### ***Please monitor behavior.***

Hotels as well as tournaments have safety rules that everyone must follow. Running in the halls, climbing on furniture or art work, playing outdoor games inside, such as throwing balls, is usually frowned upon and can result in injury or costly damages.

US Chess wants everyone to have a wonderful experience. You can help keep it positive by following the above recommendations. For more safety tips, see our video on YouTube (search for "Tournament Safety Tips from US Chess").

## NEED TO MISS A ROUND?

If you need to miss a round, please report your absence at least one hour prior to the start of a round. If we don't know and you don't show, you will be dropped from the tournament! Even if late, let us know. It's not any fun getting paired and not having an opponent!

A maximum of one half-point bye is available in the first six rounds if requested by the start of the first round. Zero-point byes shall be available for all rounds and must be requested at least two hours before the start of the round they are requested for.

## INFORMATION



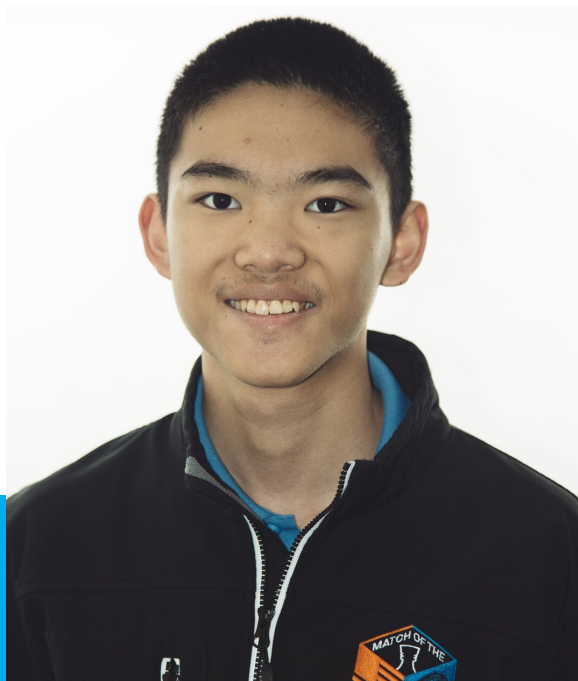
## RESULTS



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# WELCOME GRANDMASTER JEFFERY XIONG

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GM Jeffery Xiong has been a chess superstar ever since he began playing competitively at age seven. In 2010, he won the Under-10 North American Continental Championship, followed by a silver medal in the Under-10 World Championship. In 2016, Jeffery won the U.S. Junior Championship, then continued on to become the 2016 World Junior Champion. He received the US Chess Outstanding Player Achievement Award that same year and became part of the Young Stars program, where he received mentorship from the legendary Garry Kasparov.

Awarded the prestigious Samford Fellowship in 2017, Jeffery is known for his creativity on the board and his maturity in defeat. He is the highest rated junior player in the United States, and the second highest rated junior player in the world.

## “ALL COMERS” BLITZ

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
TEXOMA

## SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.  
HIGH PLAINS

## “ALL COMERS” BLITZ

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.  
TEXOMA

## GRANDMASTER LECTURE

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.  
SAN SABA 3

## “ALL COMERS” BLITZ

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 10:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.  
TEXOMA

## FRIENDS & FAMILY TOURNAMENT

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RATED AND UNRATED SECTIONS. TROPHIES FOR  
EACH CATEGORY OF COMBINED  
PLAYER/STUDENT RESULTS.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

**MESILLA 1**

10:30 A.M., 12:30 P.M., 2:30 P.M., 4:30 P.M.

## BUGHOUSE TOURNAMENT

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25**

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

**TATE BALLROOM**

## BLITZ TOURNAMENT

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25**

5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

**TATE BALLROOM**

# LIVESTREAM HOSTS



**WGM SABINA FOISOR**

WGM Sabina Foisor began participating in chess tournaments at age four. By the time she was 18, she had been crowned a Romanian and European junior chess champion, scored fifth place in the 2007 European Women's Chess Championship, qualified for the 2008 World Women's Chess Championship, and had achieved her woman grandmaster title. Sabina, the 2017 U.S. Women's Champion, has competed in every U.S. Women's Championship since 2009. She also has become a staple of the U.S. Women's international teams for both the World Team Championship and the World Chess Olympiad, having competed in every Olympiad since 2010. Her main chess goal is to become one of the top 20 women players in the world.



**IM JOHN BARTHOLOMEW**

IM John Bartholomew is a professional chess coach from Eagan, Minnesota. He is a former national junior high (2001) and national high school (2002) champion, and he played for several championship teams at The University of Texas at Dallas. John became an international master in 2006 and earned his first grandmaster norm at the Saint Louis Classic in 2013. John works with students around the world, runs a popular YouTube channel of instructional chess videos, and has been described as "probably the most famous YouTuber of them all." He co-founded the chess learning platform *Chessable.com* in 2015, a chess education website dedicated to learning chess openings in a systematic manner.

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## LIVE STREAM OF ROUND FIVE TOP BOARDS, K-9/K-8 CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 7:00 P.M. - 11:10 P.M. | SAN SABA 2

## LIVE STREAM OF ROUND SIX TOP BOARDS, K-9/K-8 CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 9:00 A.M. - 1:10 P.M. | SAN SABA 2

## LIVE STREAM OF ROUND SEVEN TOP BOARDS, K-9/K-8 CHAMPIONSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2:00 P.M. - 6:10 P.M. | SAN SABA 2

# U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN NATIONAL OPEN



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SATURDAY JUNE 15 AT 10:30 P.M.

US Chess & FIDE Blitz Rated

6 Double Rounds ◦ Game/3 + increment 2

*Winner receives the Walter Shawn Browne Cup*



## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP

JUNE 15–16

6 Round Swiss ◦ Game/60 d5

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14 & Under Open and Reserve (*rated under 1000*)

9 & Under Open and Reserve (*rated under 800*)

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THURSDAY 3:00 P.M.

Simul for Kids 14 & under

SATURDAY 6:30 P.M.

## Grandmaster Chess Camp

For All Ages

THURSDAY 10 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

## BLITZ & ACTION TOURNAMENTS

NATIONAL OPEN ACTION QUADS THURSDAY 2:30 P.M.

YOUTH BLITZ (14 & UNDER) FRIDAY 6:30 P.M.

8 PLAYER BLITZ ROUND ROBINS FRIDAY 11:00 P.M.

WALTER BROWNE MEMORIAL BLITZ SATURDAY 10:30 P.M.

8 PLAYER BLITZ ROUND ROBINS SUNDAY 10:30 P.M.

SPIRIT OF CHESS GM INVITATIONAL SUNDAY 10:30 P.M.

## Free Lectures & Analysis

FRIDAY – SUNDAY

## Youth Side Events (age 14 & under)

Trophy Tournament FRIDAY 10:00 A.M.

Youth Blitz FRIDAY 6:30 P.M.

Puzzle Solving Competition SATURDAY 6:00 P.M.

Simul for Kids SATURDAY 6:30 P.M.

## Early Entry Prize Drawing

Every player who enters the National Open or the International Youth Championship is automatically entered in a drawing for prizes worth more than the price of the entry fee. The earlier you enter the more chances you have to win.

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# TOURNAMENT RULES

## 2019 NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL (K-9) CHAMPIONSHIP

*Note: Posted procedures at the tournament site supersede these published procedures.*

This event is sanctioned by the United States Chess Federation and conducted by its rules. The 7th Edition of the *US Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess with Rulebook Changes (2003-2019)* and the US Chess National Scholastic Chess Tournament Regulations, are the basis for all the rules and regulations. The following rules are included here to answer frequently-asked questions, note any changes to the rule book and to remind players of useful information. **They are not intended to supersede or modify the US Chess Rulebook or the US Chess National Scholastic Chess Tournament Regulations.**

### TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS (TDs)

TDs will always be on the tournament floor to assist you in the event of any problem or question. To summon a director, raise your hand and keep it in the air until a TD comes to assist you. Remember that a TD will generally not interfere with your game. **It is up to you to make a claim.** If you think that a TD has ruled incorrectly concerning your game, you should appeal immediately to a higher TD authority.

### CLOCKS AND TIME CONTROLS

The time control for all sections of the National Junior High School (K-9) Championship is game in one hundred twenty (120) minutes with 5-second delay (G/120, d5). **A digital clock with time delay set is preferable to any other clock. Therefore, if White has such a clock available and Black does not, White's clock should be used.**

Analog clocks in the National Junior High School (K-9) Championship should be set at 4:00. The game must be either won or drawn before the flag falls at 6:00. If a time delay clock is used, it must be set with the time delay in force from move one. Digital clocks must be set to produce no sound. If both flags have fallen, the game is a draw, providing one of the players in the game claims the flag-fall before checkmate is played. **The TD will tell you which way to face your clock.** White's clock must be started first, either by Black or by White, and White must make the first move before starting Black's clock.

### START OF THE GAME

White's clock must be started as soon as the TD announces that the round has begun. White's clock is *always* started first, even if Black is not present at the start of the game. If a clock is not

available at the start of a round, any elapsed time before one becomes available will be evenly split between players by the TD. If both players are late for the start of a round, the first to arrive must summon a TD to split the elapsed time before starting the clock.

### RECORDING MOVES

Chess notation is required in all sections of the National Junior High School (K-9) Championship. Each player is required to record the moves, move after move. Neither player is required to keep score if either player has less than five minutes left. **Score sheets must be kept in plain view of the opponent and the TDs.**

### ELECTRONIC RECORDING DEVICES (ERDs)

Only the MonRoi, eNotate, PlyCounter and Chess NoteR are authorized for use at this event. Other privately or commercially available programs or devices are forbidden. Those players using an approved ERD must, at all times, play the intended move on the board first, before recording it on the device. **Further, the ERD must be kept on the table throughout the game; players may not take an ERD outside the tournament hall while a game is in progress. Also, no electronic devices may be taken to the restrooms.** Failure to follow these procedures may result in penalties, if observed by a TD, even without a claim from the opponent.

### TOUCH-MOVE

If you intentionally touch a piece when it is your turn, that piece must be moved if you can do so legally. If you intentionally touch an opponent's piece when it is your turn to move, the opponent's piece must be captured if you can do so legally. You must clearly say, "I adjust" before touching a

piece if you want to adjust that piece on the board. You may do so only when it is your turn. If you accidentally release a piece on an unintended but legal square, you must leave it on that square. You may not touch any pieces on the board when it is not your turn.

### ILLEGAL MOVES

If it is discovered that one of either player's last 10 moves was illegal, the position will be reinstated to what it was before the illegal move, and the game shall continue by applying the touch-move rule to the move replacing the illegal move. Clocks will not be reset. If neither player has used one hour, there will be no time penalty assessed for an illegal move. If either player has used one hour, then any illegal move will result in two minutes being added to the opponent of the player making the illegal move. A player must raise his/her hand and claim an illegal move. The TD will not do so; neither may parents, coaches, nor other spectators.

### CHECK

Announcing check is not necessary. It is the responsibility of the opponent to notice the check. A player who does not notice the check may suffer grave consequences (see the touch-move rule).

### TIME FORFEITS

Only the players involved in a game may claim a Time Forfeit in that game. No parent, coach, spectator, other players or TD may make such a claim or bring the fall of a flag to the attention of the players. A player may claim a Time Forfeit only if he/she stops the clocks before the claimant's own time runs out. If both flags are down, the game is a draw.

## LATE ARRIVALS

In general, a player who is at least one hour late for a scheduled round loses the game by forfeit and will not be paired for the next round unless reinstated by the Chief TD. The hour is measured from when the round was started. Request for reinstatement, if desired, must be made by the player, coach or parent, to the Section Chief, Floor Chief or Chief Tournament Director.

## DRAWS

If you want to offer a draw to your opponent, you should do so after you make a move but before you start your opponent's clock. A draw offer is valid, and may not be retracted, until it is accepted or declined by your opponent. Your opponent may decline the draw by saying so or by moving a piece. If both players agree to a draw, then the game is over regardless of previous checkmate, stalemate or illegal positions. A reasonably complete and accurate scoresheet is required to claim a draw by triple occurrence of position or under the 50-move rule. If such a claim is found to be incorrect, two minutes will be added to the opponent's remaining time.

## ANALYSIS OF GAMES

Do **not** analyze games in the tournament room. Analyze your games in the skittles area or elsewhere.

## REPORTING RESULTS

Immediately upon completion of the game, the players should carefully complete and sign the results sheet at their board, without disturbing the position, and hold the results sheet up in the air until a TD comes to get it. **Players should not sign the results sheet until the correct result has been recorded! Both players must remain at their board until a TD takes the results sheet.** Only after the TD has done so should both players set up the pieces and leave the playing area.

## PAIRINGS

The WinTD pairing program will be used for this tournament. Players will generally be paired with other players who have the same score each round. Players should not be assigned the same color three times in a row unless there is no other way to pair the score group or unless necessary to equalize colors. Every reasonable effort will be made to avoid pairing players from the same school together. Players from the same state or team will not be paired together earlier than round five, unless no other reasonable pairing can be made. You can find other situations in paragraph 18.1.2 of the Scholastic Regulations. If you believe there is a pairing error, report it to a TD immediately! Once the round starts, it will probably be too late to make any changes. Parents and coaches should check the correctness of pairings and standings every round. Errors in scores reported after two or more rounds would most likely not be corrected. **Repairings in round one, or any other round, will not take place, except to correct registration or pairing errors.**

Pairings will be available online, at the tournament webpage. Pairings are almost always published online before they are posted on paper at the tournament site.

## CONDUCT OF PLAYERS

Please try to keep as quiet as possible on the tournament floor so that you do not disturb other players. **You may not speak to anyone while your game is in progress unless you have asked a TD to be present.** If there is a problem of any kind during your game, call a TD immediately. If you wait until after your game is over, the result probably cannot be changed even if your claim was correct. **Be careful what you sign—once you have signed your result sheet, and agreed to the result on it, it is very difficult to change later.** You may not consult notes, chess books, computers, or other materials during the game. You may not bring food or soda into the tournament hall at any time. If you need to go to the bathroom while your game is in progress, you must use the bathrooms designated for tournament players. You do not need to ask permission from the TD for this. You may not leave the tournament room during your game other than to go to the restroom if it is outside the tournament room. Exceptions can be made only if you have permission and are accompanied by a TD.

## HALF-POINT BYE

One half-point bye will be available during rounds 1-6, if requested at Chess Control no later than 11 am on Friday, the first day of the event. On-site registrations after 11 am will receive a ½-point bye for the first round unless otherwise determined by the Chief TD. The Chief TD may grant a ½-point bye during rounds 1-6, even after the cut-off, for unusual circumstances.

## INTERFERENCE

No interference in any game by spectators, other players, coaches or parents will be tolerated. Penalties include expulsion from the tournament. Only the player involved may point out irregularities. This should be done by raising your hand to summon a TD.

## OTHER RULES

This is an individual tournament with team scoring. In each section, a team may have as many players as desired, but **only the top four scores count for team results and tiebreaks.** A school must have at least two players in a section to be eligible for team awards in that section. Players and coaches/parents are responsible for confirming the accuracy of all player information.

## PENALTIES

Penalties for rules violations are at the discretion of the TD and may vary from warnings and time penalties to forfeitures and expulsion from the tournament.

## CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phone use is not permitted in the tournament hall by the players or spectators. **CELL PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF IN THE PLAYING HALLS.** If a cell phone rings, a player will be assessed a time penalty the first time and forfeited for any repeat offense during the tournament. A player using his cell phone for calling, answering a call, sending a text message, or reading text messages while the game is in progress may be forfeited instantly. **We strongly encourage players to leave**

## their cell phones with their parents or coaches.

If you bring your cell phone into the playing hall, it must be turned off and stowed in a backpack, purse or chess bag for the duration of your game. Once your game begins, your cell phone must remain stowed away. Until your game ends, you may not carry your cell phone in your hand, pocket or anywhere else in your person. **You cannot take it to the bathroom or anywhere else.** We refer players, parents and coaches to paragraph 21.12 of the Scholastic Regulations.

## WHAT TROPHY DID I WIN?

In cases of ties, trophies cannot be split. We will use tiebreaks to award both individual and team trophies. For individual trophies, place trophies are considered higher than rating class trophies.

## TIEBREAKS

Below is the tiebreak order in which individual ties are broken in this event and an explanation of how to calculate the tiebreak total.

Individual ties for trophies are broken by Modified Median, Median, Solkoff, Sonnenborn-Berger, Cumulative, and coin toss, in that order. Players can win only one individual trophy. Place trophies take precedence over all other trophy awards. The team tiebreaks are Total Individual Median, Total Solkoff, Total Sonnenborn-Berger, Total Cumulative, and Coin Flip in that order.

1. **Modified Median:** First, the Median system sums the scores of the opponents of the player in the tie and then subtracts the high and low score. The Modified Median system for players with a plus score only removes the lowest opponent's score. For an even score, the highest and lowest opponent scores are removed, while the highest score is removed for those players with a minus score. Please note that opponents' scores are adjusted for unplayed games before being added into the sum. Unplayed game(s) of an opponent are adjusted per rule 34E1 in the rulebook.

2. **Median:** Definition above.

3. **Solkoff:** The Solkoff system is the same as the Median system except no scores are removed.

4. **Sonnenborn-Berger:** The Sonnenborn-Berger system adds the final score of all players they defeated with ½ the sum of the opponents' scores with whom the player drew. Nothing is added for losses or unplayed games. Example: If you beat a player who scored 3 points, drew a player who scored 4 points and lost to a player who scored 5 points, your tiebreak would be 3 for the win, 2 for the draw (½ of 4) and 0 for the loss for a total of 5 tiebreak points.

5. **Cumulative:** The Cumulative system adds the round-by-round total score of the player. So a win-loss-win would yield 1+1+2 or four points. One point is subtracted from the total for every unplayed win or one-point bye. One-half point is subtracted from the total for every unplayed draw or half-point bye.

6. **Coin Flip**

# Approved Electronic Recording Devices

## From Appendix F of the National Scholastic Regulations

Approved electronic recording devices are in common use at US Chess National Scholastic Tournaments. US Chess no longer requires players to “register” their device with the Tournament Director (TD) before game play. Players who own these devices are responsible for setting and operating them according to the instructions below. Players who do not own an approved electronic recording device should expect they may be paired against players who do.

### DEVICE OWNERS SHOULD:

1. Set the device in the appropriate mode for recording moves.
2. Turn off or disable any setting(s) that could alert the player of illegal moves.
3. Make the move on the board before recording the move on the device.
4. Keep the device on the table (or immediately above the table) in plain view of the opponent at all times during the game.
5. Touch the device only when recording moves.
6. Never input “variations” in the device at any time during a game.
7. If asked by the opponent to see the player’s device to enter missing moves on their scoresheet, the player will set the device mode to algebraic (or the appropriate mode that allows the opponent to see all previous moves) and turn the device around so the opponent can view the display screen. The device will remain on the table (or immediately above the table) at all times.
8. Never take their device with them if they leave the board while the game is still in progress.
9. Be ready to take written notation if their device malfunctions (if notation is required during game play in this section). If this happens, the player should begin notation with the next move and fill-in missing moves when the player is on move by borrowing the opponent’s scoresheet or device.
10. Summon a TD when questions arise.

### OPPONENTS:

1. May ask the player who owns the device to show them the device, explain its use, and ensure it is correctly set for game play for this tournament.
2. May not ask the device owner to take written notation instead of using the device.
3. May ask the device owner to see the player’s device for the purpose of entering missing moves on his/her own scoresheet. When this occurs, the device will remain on the table.
4. Should summon a TD when questions arise.

### COACHES/PARENTS:

1. Are strongly encouraged to assist their players in understanding proper tournament etiquette regarding these devices before tournament play begins.
2. Should summon a TD when questions arise before the start of a game.

### TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:

1. Should check a player’s device to verify that it is correctly set when requested to do so by a player.
2. Circulate among the players during competition ensuring proper usage of the device.
3. Are not responsible for knowing how to operate each type of device.



**PLYCOUNTER**



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# SPECTATOR POLICY

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In 2018, the Scholastic Council and the Executive Board approved changes to the Scholastic Regulations that updated rules for spectators at the following scholastic events:

- National Elementary (K-6) Championship
- National Junior High (K-9) Championship
- National High School (K-12) Championship
- National K-12 Grades Championship

With the change in policy, playing halls at scholastic events organized by US Chess are open only to the following people while games are in progress:

- Players with games in progress in that room
- Tournament staff
- Press and other attendees with badges authorizing their access
- Other persons directly authorized by the US Chess Director of Events

This means that parents, coaches, and other attendees who do not fall into the four categories above must leave the playing hall before the tournament director in charge of the playing hall will begin play. Once a player in that room has reported a result, that player also is considered a spectator and must leave the room for the remainder of that round. Parents and coaches should instruct their players who have completed games not to go back into the playing hall.

Attendees are strongly encouraged to use the skittles area both as a waiting room and as a meeting place after each round. Most exhibits and vendors will be housed there. Teams also can reserve a room at national scholastic events, but availability is limited and there is both a cost and a specific procedure for reserving one. Team room information will be linked on each tournament website. For parents and coaches who choose to wait in front of the main playing areas, US Chess has reconfigured its event setups to move all exhibits and vendors out of the hallways, thereby maximizing available space. Exits from the playing hall will be designated and clearly marked with signage, both inside and outside.

Please visit [uschess.org](http://uschess.org), click on *CLO*, and search “Spectator policy” for further details. Penalties for violating this policy are at the discretion of the chief tournament director.

## PHOTOGRAPHY POLICY FOR NATIONAL SCHOLASTIC EVENTS

Photos and/or videos taken at US Chess national scholastic events may be published in the following manner: US Chess print publications; US Chess digital platforms including [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org), social media, and YouTube; and within press releases.

By attending a US Chess national event, photos and videos of you or your children at the event may be published in any or all of the above-mentioned media and devices at the sole discretion of US Chess. You are consenting to photographs being taken and shared through the above-listed platform(s) unless you expressly revoke your consent by notifying the US Chess Senior Director of Strategic Communication Daniel Lucas at [dllucas@uschess.org](mailto:dllucas@uschess.org) or 931.200.5509.

Minors will not be identified by name in photo captions unless they are competing on one of the top boards or have won a championship. Championship-section winners are generally identified in our photo captions by first and last name and hometown.

# GAYLORD TEXAN RESORT OVERVIEW

## KEY

- Concierge
- Front Desk
- Valet
- Resort Transportation
- Car Rental
- Bell Services
- Restrooms
- Elevator
- Stairs
- Escalator
- FedEx Office Business Center

## MEETING SPACE

- M1** Mission Plaza *Lower Level*
- M2** Del Rio Meeting Rooms *Level 1*
- M3** Mustang Meeting Rooms *Level 3*
- M4** Palomino Meeting Rooms *Level 3*
- M5** Bluebonnet & Primrose Boardrooms *Level 4*
- M6** Pecos Meeting Rooms *Level 1*
- M7** Appaloosa Meeting Rooms *Level 3*
- M8** Yellow Rose Ballroom *Level 1*
- M9** Vineyard Boardroom *Level 1*
- M10** Vineyard Tower Meeting Rooms *Level 1*
- M11** Tate Ballroom *Level 2*
- M12** Convention Center

## AMENITIES

- Relâche Spa & Salon *Lower Level*
- Relâche Fitness Center *Lower Level*
- Relâche Indoor Pool *Lower Level*
- Arcade
- Outdoor Resort Pool
- Glass Cactus Nightclub Shuttle
- Paradise Springs Shuttle

## DINING & DRINKS

- Riverwalk Cantina *Tex-Mex*
- Texan Station *Sports Bar & Grill*
- Mission Plaza Marketplace
- Old Hickory Steakhouse
- Old Hickory Wine Bar
- Pool Bar & Grill
- Zeppole Coastal Italian
- Silver Bar
- The Cocoa Bean Express
- Paradise Springs Bar & Grill
- Glass Cactus Nightclub

## SHOPPING

- Relâche Boutique
- Amelia's Women's Wear
- Carolyn Pollack Jewelry
- Willow Creek Western Wear
- Lone Star Sundry
- Taste of Texas
- Kids Korral

## COLOR LEGEND

- Lone Star Tower
- Hill Country Atrium
- Riverwalk Atrium
- Vineyard Tower
- Convention Center
- Property Grounds

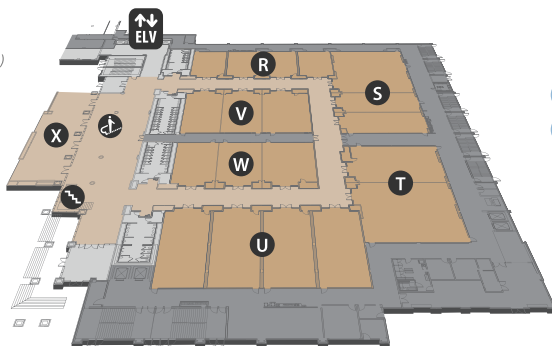


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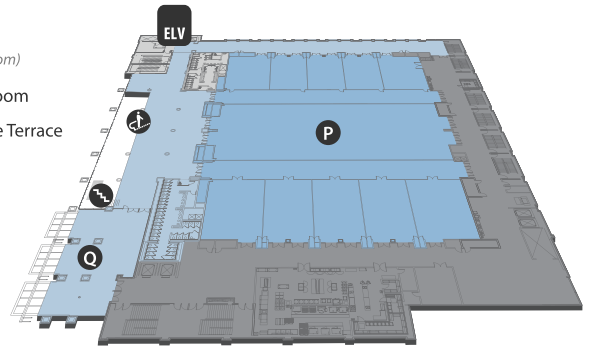
### Level 1 (Breakout Rooms)

- R** Davis
- S** High Plains
- T** Mesilla
- U** San Saba
- V** Texoma
- W** Escondido
- X** Vineyard Terrace



### Level 2 (Ballroom)

- P** Tate Ballroom
- Q** Grapevine Terrace







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  - Intensive Study (IS) Youth: 1500+
  - IS Adult: 1700+ or over age 17
  - IS Fundamental Adult: Novice to Intermediate adults only
  - IS Master Class: Over 2000; SM Alex Bian already registered
- Early registration as low as \$495



## National Tournament

### U.S. Junior Open June 28-30, 2019

- 6SS, G/90+30, 4 sections based on 1/1/19 age: U21, U15, U11, U8
- North Central College, Wentz Science Center, Naperville, IL
- \$55 dorm single, 23 hotels < 2.5 miles; 20+ restaurants < 1 mile
- **EF:** \$60 by 12/31, \$70 by 5/31
- **Prizes:** 60 plaques; U21: \$300 plus, for eligible 1st, entry to 2020 U.S. Jr. Closed +\$200
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- **RNDS:** Fri 1:00 & 6:00; Sat 9:30 & 3:00; Sun 8:30 & 2:00

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Above is partial information – for more detail and to register:

<https://www.cavemanchess.com/events>

Facebook – Caveman Chess

TLA: <http://bit.ly/2019jrsrcchess>; Check Camps at US Chess

O'Hare and Midway airports are each ½ hour from the campus; Metra rail is only blocks away. Very affordable dormitory rooms available for the tournament – with no taxes or tips for dorm rooms. A meal plan and airport shuttle service are in the works. Watch the website for updates.

# WHAT MAKES A PRODIGY?

Chess, one of the few sports in which adults and children can play as equals, is a fertile ground for prodigies. While no two prodigies are exactly alike, they tend to share similar attributes and achievements. Here are some champions, either born or predominately raised in America, who showed early promise:

## PEAK FIDE RATING & TITLE:

### FABIANO CARUANA

2844, October 2014  
grandmaster, 14 years, 11 months, 20 days

### HIKARU NAKAMURA

2816, October 2015  
grandmaster, 15 years and 79 days

### BOBBY FISCHER

2785, July 1972  
grandmaster, 15 years, 6 months, 1 day

### PAUL MORPHY

2743, June 1859 (Chessmetrics guesstimate)  
unofficially proclaimed World Champion at age 21

### SAMUEL RESHEVSKY

2565, July 1972  
grandmaster, 39 years

### IRINA KRUSH

2502, October 2013  
grandmaster,  
30 years

### JOSH WAITZKIN

2480, July 1998  
international master,  
16 years

## EARLY MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP:

### HIKARU NAKAMURA

2001 U.S. Junior champion (age 13, youngest person to win since Bobby Fischer)

### BOBBY FISCHER

1957-58 U.S. champion (age 14, youngest-ever)

### IRINA KRUSH

1998 U.S. women's champion (age 14, youngest U.S. women's champion)

### FABIANO CARUANA

2007 Italian champion (age 15, youngest Italian champion)

### JOSH WAITZKIN

1993 U.S. Junior co-champion (age 16)

### PAUL MORPHY

1857 American Chess Congress champion (akin to U.S. Championship), won while waiting to be old enough to practice law

### SAMUEL RESHEVSKY

U.S. champion eight times (1936, 1938, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1946, 1957, 1969)

### FABIANO CARUANA

"discovered" at age five in an after-school program; defeated GM Aleksander Wojtkiewicz at age 10

### IRINA KRUSH

learned to play at age five; scored her first grandmaster norm at age 17

### BOBBY FISCHER

self-taught at age six; defeated IM Donald Byrne at age 13 in the "Game of the Century"

### JOSH WAITZKIN

witnessed a chess game in the park at age six; drew World Champion Garry Kasparov at a simultaneous exhibition at age 11

### PAUL MORPHY

had no formal training; learned to play by watching others; beat Hungarian master Johann Löwenthal 3-0 at age 12

### HIKARU NAKAMURA

learned to play at age five; defeated GM Arthur Bisguier at age 10, setting a record for youngest-ever to defeat a grandmaster (since broken)

### SAMUEL RESHEVSKY

learned the rules at the age four and was giving simultaneous exhibitions at age eight; defeated French champion IM David Janowski at age 10

# FROM PRODIGY TO CHALLENGER

YOUTH CHAMPIONS WHO CONTENDED FOR THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

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## WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

started officially in 1951 and has had 57 champions since, five of whom participated in a World Chess Championship.

- A. SHIROV\* (WC)  
U-16, 1988
- V. TOPALOV (FIDE)  
U-14, 1989
- V. KRAMNIK (PCA/WC)  
U-18, 1991
- P. LEKO\* (WC)  
U-16, 1994
- R. PONOMARIOV (FIDE)  
U-18, 1997
- S. KARJAKIN\* (WC)  
U-12, 2001

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AKOPIAN\*

is the only World Champion contender to win both a World Junior championship (1991) and a World Youth championship, as well as the only one to win in two World Youth sections: U-16 in 1986 and U-18 in 1989.

- B. SPASSKY\*\* (WC)  
1955
- A. KARPOV\*\* (WC/FIDE)  
1969
- G. KASPAROV (WC/PCA)  
1980
- V. ANAND (FIDE & WC)  
1987

## WORLD YOUTH AND CADET CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Cadet Championship started unofficially in 1974 and underwent many changes over the years. The current format—World Youth Chess Championship (U8, U10, and U12) and World Cadet Chess Championship (U14, U16, and U18)—started in 2015. Seven World Youth champions have participated in a World Chess Championship.

\*Challenged for the championship

\*\*Not eligible (by age) to play in the World Youth events

## HISTORY OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

From 1886-1993, there was one unified World Championship (WC) event. From 1993-2005 the title was split as two organizations—FIDE and the Professional Chess Association (PCA)—held their own events. In 2006, the World Championship (WC) reunified and remains one event today.

## U.S. CHAMPIONS

By the numbers: Gold medals won by the U.S.

### WORLD YOUTH

- U-18 Open: 1
- U-16 Open: 1
- U-14 Open: 2
- U-12 Open: 4

### U-10 Open: 5

- U-8 Open: 4
- U-16 Girls: 1
- U-12 Girls: 2
- U-10 Girls: 2

### WORLD JUNIOR

- U-20: 7

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# RECENT NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONS

## INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

1990 K-9: Joshua Waitzkin, Robert Seltzer; K-8: Roy Runas • 1991 K-9: Paul Rohwer; K-8: Tal Shaked, James Wheat • 1992 K-9: Geoffrey Gelman; K-8: Tal Shaked • 1993 K-9: Morgan Pehme, Nawrose Nur, Jacob Wheat, Gregory Shahade, Jacob Chudnovsky, Shear wood McClelland, Jonathan Goldfarb; K-8: David Peterson, James Todd • 1994 K-9: Igor Shliperman; K-8: Mauricio Ruiz, Justin Sarkar, Jordy Mont-Reynaud • 1995 K-9: David Peterson; K-8: Harutyun Akopyan • 1996 K-9: Harutyun Akopyan, Vinay Bhat; K-8: Stanislav Ritvin, Sergey Shchukin, Britt Ryerson • 1997 K-9: Lior Lapid; K-8: Tomo Fukui, Marc Esserman • 1998 K-9: Pavel Polyak; K-8: Casey McCracken, Andy Nicol • 1999 K-9: Hikaru Nakamura; K-8: Asuka Nakamura, John Sneed, Victor Feldberg, Aaron Chen • 2000 K-9: Daniel Rensch; K-8: Leonardo Martinez • 2001 K-9: John Bartholomew, Chaene Kingrey, Seth Rokosky, Andrew Svehaug; K-8: Alen Melikadadian, Keaton Kiewra, Daniel Leung • 2002 K-9: Keaton Kiewra, Reed Sorensen; K-8: Oleg Zaikov • 2003 K-9: Kazim Gulamali; K-8: Aleksandr Lenderman, Aleksandr Pelekhaty, Michael Cambareri • 2004 K-9: Fabiano Caruana; K-8: Aleksandr Pelekhaty • 2005 K-9: Joel Banawa, Parker Zhao, Jonathan Hilton; K-8: Adam Weser • 2006 K-9: Ray Robson; K-8: Thomas Riccardi • 2007 K-9: Alec Getz, Christian Tanaka, Gregory Young, Michael Yee, Grant Ho, Steven Breckenridge; K-8: Marc Arnold • 2008 K-9: Michael Lee; K-8: Alec Getz, Jason Altschuler, Matthew Dahl, Justin Karp, Michael Chiang, Brennen Lee, George Qi • 2009 K-9: Ryan Joseph Moon, Ben Gershenov; K-8: George Qi • 2010 K-9: David Adelberg, Kevin Bu, Michael Omori, Zaroug Jaleel; K-8: Nathan Lee • 2011 K-9: John Hughes; K-8: Jeevan Karamsetty, James Black, Jr. • 2012 K-9: James A. Black, Jr., Michael William Brown, Bryan Hu; K-8: Christopher Wu, Kapil Chandran • 2013 K-9: Akshat Chandra; K-8: Siddharth G. Banik • 2014 K-9: Vignesh Panchanatham, Andrew Liu; K-8: Advait Patel • 2015 K-9: David Tianjian Peng; K-8: Marcus Ming Miyasaka, Joey Michael Kelly, Brandon Nydick, Vishal Kobla, Truman Hoang, Zachary Chen Tanenbaum • 2016 K-9: Maggie Feng; K-8: Danial Asaria, Wesley Wang • 2017 K-9: Rayan Taghizadeh, Wesley Wang; K-8: Hans Niemann **2018 K-9: Arthur Guo; K-8: Winston Ni**



2018 NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH K-9 CHAMPION:  
**ARTHUR GUO.** PHOTO COURTESY OF SUBJECT.

## TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

1990 K-9: The Dalton School (NY); K-8: Sam Fees Jr. High (AZ) • 1991 K-9: Julia R. Masterman School (PA), Adam Clayton Powell (NY); K-8: Clara Barton Open (MN) • 1992 K-9: J.R. Masterman School (PA); K-8: Orange Grove Middle School (AZ), Woodrow Wilson Jr. High (IN), Ramsey Jr. High School (MN) • 1993 K-9: The Dalton School (NY); K-8: White Plains MS (NY), Plymouth MS (MN), Mesquite JH (AZ) • 1994 K-9: The Dalton School (NY); K-8: Plymouth MS (MN) • 1995 K-9: St. Gregory College Prep (AZ); K-8: Plymouth M.S. (MN) • 1996 K-9: Woodlands School (NY) • 1997 K-9: J.R. Masterman (PA); K-8: Hunter School (NY) • 1998 K-9: Shelby School (AZ); K-8: M.S. 118 (NY), Larry R. Adamson Jr. Chess Club (AZ) • 1999 K-9: Hunter College Campus School (NY); K-8: I.S. 228 (NY) • 2000 K-9: Renaissance (MI); K-8: Roosevelt (OR), Emerson (IL), Lanier MS (TX) • 2001 K-9: Hunter (NY); K-8: Dalton (NY) • 2002 K-9: Julia R. Masterman School (PA); K-8: Orange Grove MS (AZ) • 2003 K-9: University School (FL); K-8: I.S. 228 (NY) • 2004 K-9: Catalina Foothills (AZ); K-8: I.S. 318 (NY) • 2005 K-9: Hunter College Campus School (NY); K-8: MS 118 (NY), I.S. 318 (NY) • 2006 K-9: Hunter College Campus School

(NY); K-8: Odle Middle School (WA) • 2007 K-9: Hunter College Campus School (NY); K-8: I.S. 318 (NY) • K-9: 2008 Odle Middle School (WA); K-8: Canyon Vista Middle School (TX), Hunter College Campus School (NY) • 2009 K-9: Solomon Schechter (NY); Canyon Vista Middle School (TX) • 2010 K-9: Vela MS (TX); K-8: I.S. 318 (NY) • 2011 K-9: I.S. 318 (NY); K-8: I.S. 318 (NY) • 2012 K-9: I.S. 318 (NY); K-8: Kennedy Middle School (CA) • 2013 K-9: Newark Academy (NJ); K-8: Julia R. Masterman (PA) • 2014 K-9: Julia R. Masterman (PA); K-8: Canyon Vista Middle School (TX) • 2015 K-9: I.S. 318 (NY); K-8: Collegiate School (NY) • 2016 K-9: Collegiate School (NY); K-8: Jericho Middle School (NY), Odle Middle School (WA) • 2017 K-9: Jericho Middle School (NY); K-8: The Speyer Legacy School (NY) **2018 K-9: I.S. 318 (NY); K-8: Princeton Day School (NJ)**

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# GIRLS CLUB ROOM

**All female players,**  
along with their families and  
coaches, are invited to come  
to the Girls Club Room!

**San Saba 4**  
Friday, 1:00 pm  
Saturday, 9:30 am  
Sunday, 9:00 am

Friday, April 26

2:30 P.M. - **Game Analysis with Katerina**  
4:00 P.M. - **Chess Activities with Katerina**

Saturday, April 27

10:00 A.M. - **Chess activities with Alexey**  
3:00 P.M. - **Simul with Katerina**  
4:30 P.M. - **Town Hall meeting**

Sunday, April 28

10:00 A.M. - **Meet Inspirational Women Leaders**  
12:00 P.M. - **Game Analysis with Alexey**

**\*Group tandem chess for moms at the start of rounds**

## SPECIAL GUESTS:

**WGM Katerina Nemcova | WIM Alexey Root**

Enjoy games, puzzles, photo booth, nail salon, crochet,  
prize giveaways and snacks while you meet and bond  
with female players from around the country.

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### **U.S. JUNIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

**JUNE 28-30, 2019**

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Wentz Science Center-Ratio Hall  
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### **NATIONAL K-12 GRADE**

**DECEMBER 13-15, 2019**

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## 2020

### **NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**APRIL 3-5, 2020**

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### **NATIONAL JUNIOR HIGH**

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**MAY 8-10, 2020**

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### **NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**APRIL 8-10, 2022**

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