

2019 Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Championship

Invitation and Regulations



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1. INVITATION

The Charlotte Chess Center invites collegiate chess teams from universities, colleges, community colleges, and technical colleges from North America, South America, Central America, and the Caribbean to participate in the **2019 Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Chess Championship**. The 2019 "Pan-Am" will take place at the beautiful lakeside Hilton University Place Charlotte Hotel in Charlotte, North Carolina, from Friday, December 27 to Monday, December 30. This is a US Chess championship event which is also sanctioned by the US Chess College Chess Committee. Amongst many prizes and awards, the top four teams will qualify for the Final Four of College Chess National Championship. The 2019 Pan-Am will be followed by the [2020 Charlotte Open](#), January 1-5, 3-5, or 4-5, 2020. All Pan-Am participants are encouraged to enter the Charlotte Open, which will be held at the same hotel.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2a. This is an open event for all teams who meet the eligibility requirements. There is no maximum number of teams from one college or university. All players must also have a [US Chess membership](#). Players without a FIDE ID Number will be provided one for free. Teams shall consist of four players with two optional alternates.

2b. ***** IMPORTANT ***** Every player must submit the [Student Eligibility Form](#) and email it to: PanAmEligibility@gmail.com no later than 12/23. Please bring the original copy to the event.

2c. College Chess Pan-Am Rules – from [College Chess Committee's Pan-Am Rules](#)

Rule 1: International Masters and Grandmasters are eligible to participate if they satisfy #1 or all three conditions listed in #2. There are no age restrictions on players not having the GM or IM titles. GMs and IMs are eligible to play in a maximum of six Pan-Ams.

1. Are less than 26 years old as undergraduate students, or under 30 years old as graduate students, as of September 1 of the academic year in which the tournament takes place.
2. Satisfy all of the following three conditions:
 - a) Are full-time, degree-seeking students (e.g., at least 12 semester credit hours for undergraduate students and 9 semester credit hours for graduate students)
 - b) Have a grade-point average of at least B (e.g., at least 3.0 on a 4-point scale)
 - c) Have satisfied conditions 1 and 2 for at least one full semester at their team's college or university prior to the event. (Thus, note that this is an exception to Rule 4, below.)

Rule 2: College and University players shall be enrolled at least half-time (e.g. 6 semester credit hours) during the semester of eligibility. For the Pan Am, players must be enrolled in the fall semester preceding the event. A player must not be enrolled in high school.

Rule 3: College and university players shall be eligible to play for a total of six years, where a year is defined as being either a traditional academic year of a fall and spring term or a fall term or a spring term, e.g., a player enrolled in spring of 1998, spring of 1999 and fall of 1999 is considered enrolled for three years under this rule.

Rule 4: College and university players shall be enrolled in a degree-seeking program with a cumulative grade point average of at least a C. If a student is new to the institution and has no GPA, then this requirement is waived.

Rule 5: College and university players for a Pan-American team must all be resident at the same geographical location, which can include multiple campuses and instructional facilities used by the same college or university the players represent. All players must live either in on-campus housing or in housing within reasonable commuting distance of each other and the college or university they are representing.

Rule 6: Colleges and universities offering chess-related scholarships shall maintain records about the individuals awarded such scholarships, their time of attendance, the degrees received if any, and the grade point average attained.

Rule 7: Faculty and staff are not eligible to compete. In this context, “staff” is not intended to include student workers or teaching assistants.

3. ENTRY FEE AND REGISTRATION

3a. \$225 per team if paid by December 1, 2019

3b. Online entry: www.charlottechesscenter.org/panam

3c. Mailed check entry: Charlotte Chess Center, 10700 Kettering Dr, Suite E, Charlotte, NC 28226

Please also send an email to grant@charlottechesscenter.org if you are mailing a check!

3d. Entry Fee for each team shall be paid together – do not pay as separate teammates

3e. The entry fee will increase to \$275 after December 1, including on-site entry

3f. No refunds for withdrawn teams once registration closes, December 27, 2:00pm

3g. Teams are not considered registered and will not be paired until the entry fee is paid

3h. Teams who have paid the entry fee and have completed the student eligibility form are registered for the event and do not need to check in on-site.

3i. No team member will be allowed to play without completing the individual [Student Eligibility Form](#) and submitting it to PanAmEligibility@gmail.com (see item 2b).

4. TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is not provided by the organizers or the hotel. The Charlotte-Douglas International Airport (CLT) is 15 miles from the tournament venue. Taxis and rideshare services are readily available from the airport. The Hilton hotel has free parking.

5. ACCOMMODATION

[Hilton University Place Charlotte Hotel](#)

- 8629 JM Keynes Dr, Charlotte, NC
- Official hotel rate \$101/night, one king bed or two double beds
- Please use [online booking link](#) – see www.charlottechesscenter.org/panam
- Free parking, free wifi
- Many food options within walking distance from hotel, including 24-hour options

6. SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec 27	10:00am – 2:00pm	On-site Registration
	4:30 – 5:00pm	Coaches Meeting
	5:00 – 5:30pm	Opening Ceremony
	5:30 – 6:30pm	Organizer’s Reception
	6:30pm	ROUND 1
Saturday, Dec 28	11:00am (not 12)	ROUND 2
	6:00pm	ROUND 3
Sunday, Dec 29	11:00am (not 12)	ROUND 4
	4:00pm	College Chess Committee Meeting
	6:00pm	ROUND 5
Monday, Dec 30	10:00am	ROUND 6
	3:30pm	Awards Ceremony
<i>January 1-5, 3-5, or 4-5, 2020</i>		2020 Charlotte Open

7. TEAM REGULATIONS

7a. The Pan-Am Intercollegiate Team event is a team-on-team competition. Pairings are done by considering each team an individual entity.

7b. A team is made up of four players plus up to two optional alternates.

7c. When alternates play, they must do so starting on the lowest boards. Any regular team member may sit out when an alternate plays; other team members move up accordingly.

7d. Teammates must play in descending rating order, except that 50-point transpositions are allowed. Board order must remain the same throughout the event. Each team must submit a roster before the close of registration indicating the fixed lineup.

7e. Teams are ranked in order of the average of four highest individual ratings – this includes the alternates. The team average rating is used for wall chart ranking and class-prize eligibility.

7f. Unrated players must be placed below rated players.

7g. A team must have a minimum of three players to compete for prizes. In the event that only two players arrive from a school before round 1, they will be allowed to compete provided their teammates are expected to arrive. If these teammates do not arrive, then the two who did arrive are ineligible for all prizes.

7h. There may be no mixed teams. For example, if two schools arrive with only two players, the four may not form a team.

7i. A school may send an unlimited number of teams. There is no rule regarding the composition of multiple teams (e.g. they may be balanced or in order from highest to lowest rated), only that individual 11 members of each team must be in strict descending rating order. Multiple teams will be designated as "A," "B," "C," etc., with "A" designating the team with the highest average rating.

7j. All teams must designate a coach or captain (he/she need not be a competitor, just affiliated with the team's school). The role of the coach/captain is:

- To turn in his team line-up to the TD at least one hour before the round begins.
- To see that his/her team arrives on time for each match.
- To see that his/her team plays in correct board order.
- To advise his/her players whether or not to accept or offer a draw.
- To report the result of the match to the TD.
- To check the wall charts for accuracy.

8. TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

8a. Organization Team – NTD, IA, IO Grant Oen and Senior TD, NA Peter Giannatos in cooperation with the Charlotte Chess Center. Pairings TD: NTD, FA Glenn Panner.

8b. FIDE – This event is both US Chess and FIDE rated. FIDE Laws of Chess apply. FIDE swiss pairings (Dutch system) will be used.

8c. Ratings for Pairings

1. For most players, the December 2019 US Chess rating supplement will be used.
2. Unrated players do not affect the team average
3. Foreign players without an established US Chess rating:
 - a. Canada: CFC + 50
 - b. Quebec: FQE + 100
 - c. FIDE:
 - i. Under 2000 FIDE: FIDE rating * 5/8 + 720
 - ii. 2000+ FIDE: FIDE rating * 1.16 – 350
 - d. Other: + 200
4. If a foreign player has multiple ratings, the highest rating conversion will be used
5. The Chief TD has the ultimate discretion to assign a player's rating as necessary.

8d. Time Control – G/90; inc/30. 90 minutes per player for the entire game, plus 30 second increment per move from move 1. Notation is required for the entire game.

8e. Byes/Withdrawals – Half point byes are not permitted, only zero point byes. Withdrawals must be submitted to the tournament director at least two hours before the next round.

Teams not withdrawing properly or in time may be fined \$100.

8f. Default (forfeit) time – A player and/or team will forfeit the game if they are not present at the board within 1 hour (60 minutes) after the start of the round.

8g. Equipment – Boards and sets are provided. Chess clocks are not provided.

8h. Pairings and Standings – pairings & standings will be posted online: www.chessstream.com

8i. Team Tiebreaks – Tiebreaks are used to award places and trophies. If teams are tied for first, they are considered co-champions. When team match points are equal, the following order of tiebreak systems will be used:

- US Amateur Team East (multiply wins against each opponent's final score)

- Game points
- Director encounter
- Buchholz cut 1
- Buchholz
- Sonneborn-Berger

8j. Individual Tiebreaks – for individual board prizes

- Total points scored
- Winning percentage
- Median
- Solkoff
- Sonnenborn-Berger
- Cumulative
- Kashdan
- Result between tied players
- Most Blacks
- Result between teams of tied players
- Coin Flip

9. Awards and Prizes

9a. All teams tied for first are considered co-champions. If necessary, tiebreaks will be used for prize distribution and seeding into Final Four of College Chess – see 8i.

9b. The top four teams will qualify for the 2020 Final Four of College Chess Championship

9c. Plaques to top ten teams

9d. Plaques to top Division II (2000-2199), Division III (1800-1999), Division IV (1600-1799), Division V (1400-1599) teams

9e. Plaque to top International Team

9f. Plaque to top Community College

9g. Plaque to top Mixed Doubles Team (2 male/2 female)

9h. Plaque to top four-year small college team (<5000 enrollment)

9i. Plaque to top all-female team

9j. Special prizes to top team upset in all 6 rounds

9k. Gold, Silver, Bronze board medals for top Board 1, Board 2, Board 3, Board 4, Alternate

10. CONTACT INFORMATION

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