

# *United States Virgin Islands* **CHESS FEDERATION**

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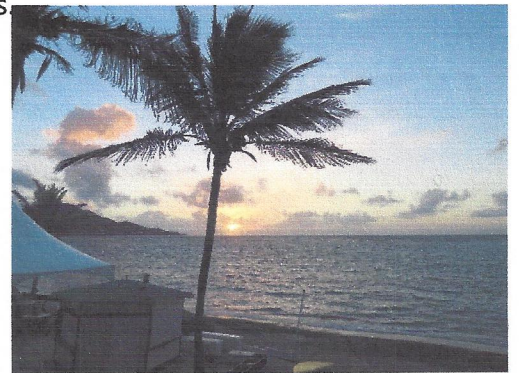
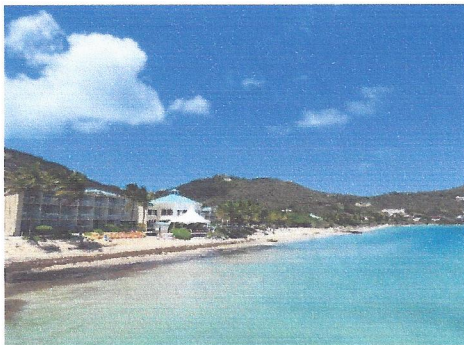
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## **1. Invitation**

The US discovered the beauty of St Croix a while ago and made the island their own just over 100 years ago. Now it is time for you to come and see what this island has to offer with its unique mix of European and American influences.

St Croix is proud to be hosting the Pan American Senior and Veteran Chess Championship 2018 and welcomes all visitors to this beautiful part of the Caribbean.

The event will be taking place from December 7, 2018 until December 14, 2018 at the Divi Carina Bay Beach Resort & Casino, Christiansted, US Virgin Islands.



## 2. General Conditions

The Championships are open to all chess players register with the federations within Zones 2.1 – 2.5.

There shall be two separate categories: Age 50 and Ag 65.

In order to participate in the Age 50 section, a player must have reached the required age during the year of the Championship. Therefore, the birthday must be December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1968 or earlier.

In order to participate in the Age 65 section, a player must have reached the required age during the year of the Championship. Therefore, the birthday must be December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1953 or earlier.

Any special regulations in regards to a Personal Right is as follows: The champions of the 2017 PanAm Seniors as well as 1 representative from each zone, which has to be nominated by the Zonal President are eligible for their Personal Right.

CCA member federations shall have the right to enter as many players as they wish. A federation may be represented by a woman in the Absolute category.

All players must have written accreditation from their own federation or affiliate member as registered players.

The participants are obliged to stay in the official hotel appointed by the Organizing Committee.

The results of all games will be published on [chess-results.com](http://chess-results.com).

### 3. Schedule and System

Each Championship shall be played over 9 rounds using the Swiss system or Round Robin where there are 9 or less. The tournament will be played according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

In each section a separate Championship for Women shall be organized if there are at least 9 women entries from at least 3 federations. Otherwise, the Championship will be merged with the Absolute Championship of the same category. Trophies will be awarded for the merged events as if the events had been separate.

The rate of play shall be 90 minutes with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

At least one member of the delegation must be present at the technical meeting on the morning of the first day of play. The closing ceremony shall take place on the evening of the last round.

#### Playing Schedule:

Friday, December 7, 2018		Arrival Day
Saturday, December 8, 2018	8am	Technical Meeting
Saturday, December 8, 2018	9am	Round 1
Saturday, December 8, 2018	3pm	Round 2
Sunday, December 9, 2017	9am	Round 3
Sunday, December 9, 2018	3pm	Round 4
Monday, December 10, 2018		Free Day
Tuesday, December 11, 2018	9am	Round 5
Tuesday, December 11, 2018	3pm	Round 6
Wednesday, December 12, 2018	9am	Round 7
Wednesday, December 12, 2018	3pm	Round 8
Thursday, December 13, 20118	9am	Round 9
Thursday, December 13, 2018	6pm	Closing ceremony
Friday, December 14, 2018		Departure

## 4. Designation of Winners

The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for the first place or for any prize the tie shall be broken in accordance with the following tiebreak system:

In a Swiss System Championship:

- (a) Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other)
- (b) The greater number of wins
- (c) The greater number of games with black (un-played games shall be counted as played with white)
- (d) Buchholz Cut 1
- (e) Buchholz
- (f) Sonneborn-Berger

In a Round Robin Championship

- (a) Direct Encounter
- (b) The greater number of wins
- (c) Sonneborn-Berger
- (d) Koya System

## 5. Registration

At least two months before the beginning of the competition, the participating federations shall register its participants with the host federation.

**The registration deadline is 12pm on November 8, 2018**

The birth date of each player must be given and correspond to the birth date given in their passport or other travel documentation. In addition, their FIDE ID number and personal email address is required for each individual participant. The Organizing Committee shall not be responsible for submission an application for visas.

For travel to the US Virgin Islands, a United States Territory, most countries require a visitor visa. Please refer to the relevant government websites for more information.

The organizers will provide transportation to and from Henry Rohlsen International Airport and Divi Carina Bay Resort on the day of official arrival and departure.

Prior to participation, each federation must pay to CCA, for each participant, the entry fee of US \$40 as outlined in the official CCA Financial Regulations. Copy of the payment must be given to the organizer. If no payment has been made then it must be paid before the first round, subject to late registration fees, or the player may not participate in the event.

Fees for late registration, withdrawal or no shows shall be charged as follows:

- a) Late registration after the deadline date is US \$80
- b) Withdrawal after submission of registration: US \$80 + US \$155 for a single room; US \$80 + US 87.50 per person for a double room
- c) No show after registration: US \$310 for a single room; US \$350 for a double room
- d) If a player registers late and withdraws or does not appear, the federation will be charged by the CCA Treasurer the fee for late registration and two night's hotel expenses: US \$80 + US \$310 for a single room; US \$80 + \$175 per person for a double room.
- e) The Organizer shall send the list of participants to the Continental President and Treasurer
- f) The Organizer shall be responsible for publishing the list of participants on the CCA website and also the tournament rounds and results on Chess-results.com

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Please note that once the Registration Deadline has passed the official rates at the hotel **CANNOT** be guaranteed. While a registration will still be possible it is subject to availability and the late registration fee. The official rates can only be guaranteed until 12pm on November 8, 2018.

## 6. Costs and Payments

The federation or the player shall be held responsible for all costs.

All participants will be required to pay a Registration Fee to the Organizing Committee and this will be US \$100 per person. The Registration Fee is to include the costs for airport transfers, accreditation, certificates, etc.

The venue of play as well as the accommodation will be provided at the Divi Carina Bay Beach Resort and Casino, 25 Turner Hole, Christiansted, St. Croix, USVI.

Double Room (2 people): \$175 per room/per night

Single Room (1 person): \$155 per room/per night

Maximum per room will be two people.

The rates are inclusive of room, tax, breakfast and lunch. Players that have qualified for personal right will receive breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Payment of registration fees and CCA fee (US\$100 + US\$40 = US\$140) must be made by bank wire transfers by 12pm on November 8, 2018 or as otherwise authorized by the organizers. Please note that any wire fees, both incoming (US\$20 per transaction for wires to the US Virgin Islands) and outgoing, that might occur for these transactions will have to be covered by the federation making the transfer.

Funds to be wired to:

USVI Chess Federation Olympiad Account  
FirstBank Puerto Rico  
Account Number: 7241171052  
Swift Code: FBPRPRSJ  
Routing Number: 221571473  
Branch: P.O. Box 9145; 1519 Ponce De Leon Avenue; Santurce; PR 00908

**Accommodation has to be paid separately by contacting Courtney Mixon on CMixon@divicarina.com.**

On the completion of the wire transfer of the registration and CCA fee, a scanned copy of the transfer receipt should be emailed to the US Virgin Islands Chess Federation at:

Margaret A Murphy (President): [usvichess@gmail.com](mailto:usvichess@gmail.com)

As soon as the payment transfer is confirmed, the organizing committee will send the respective Chess Federation the confirmation of registration.

Also, all confirmed registrations will be declared on the website, where Federations may check their participants' situation on a daily basis.

Once your booking is confirmed, you are subject to the terms and conditions of Divi Carina Bay Resort cancellation policy.

Cancellations must be made by email to the hotel, copying in the President of the US Virgin Island Chess Federation from the representative of the participating federation as soon as possible:

Margaret A Murphy (President): [usvichess@gmail.com](mailto:usvichess@gmail.com)

Note: Please note that these arrangement with the hotel are offered on a first come, first serve basis and are only guaranteed upon received payment.

## **7. Appeals**

Before the start of the first round, the Appeals Committee, comprising 3 persons shall be formed. The Continental President or his nominee shall preside and another two persons shall be selected from the participating federations. In addition, there should be 2 reserve members. All the members of the Appeal panel should be from different federations, if possible, and no member shall take part in a decision affecting a player of his own federation, unless the parties involved are from the same federation. No member of the Appeals panel shall be younger than 21 years.

A protest against the decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within one hour after the end of the respective round.

A protest fee of US\$100 shall be payable, which is refundable if the protest is upheld. The Appeals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers the appeal was not frivolous. Otherwise the fee is forfeited in favor of CCA.

The Appeals Committee will issue a decision, if possible, before the start of the next round. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.

The Appeals Committee shall keep a record of all proceedings and submit a final report to CCA.

## **8. Prizes**

The prize fund for the Championship is US\$3000 Absolute and US\$2000 female. This fund will be split between the first 5 classified players in each category. Should Absolute and Female sections be merged as outlined in (3.) the prize money will only be awarded according to the below table.

The organizers shall award Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the players taking the first three places in each section of the Championship.

The Champion in each section qualifies with personal rights for the following year's World Senior and Veteran Championships and their places cannot be substituted. They shall receive free accommodation and meals for players qualified with personal right.

For any titles to be awarded at the tournament please refer to the FIDE Direct Titles (<https://www.fide.com/component/handbook/?id=173&view=article>).



Prize Structure:

	50+ Absolute	65+ Absolute	50+ Female	65+ Female
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$600	\$600	\$400	\$400
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$400	\$400	\$250	\$250
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$250	\$250	\$150	\$150
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$150	\$150	\$120	\$120
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$100	\$100	\$80	\$80