

ALBERTA CHESS ASSOCIATION



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**From Tournament Director IA Vlad Rekhson**

On behalf of our organizing committee I would like to welcome all participants to the city of Calgary for the 2024 North American Junior Chess Championship. We hope that you will enjoy the competition and our city. Please review event information and regulations below.

**2024 NAJCC location and information**

**Venue:**

The 2024 North American Junior will take place in the Best Western Premier Plaza and Conference Centre hotel. The tournament venue will be "Premier Room."  
It is important to note that there is no entrance to the Premier Room through the hotel so you have to come from outside.

Best Western 1316 33rd St. NE, Calgary, AB T2A 6B6, Canada

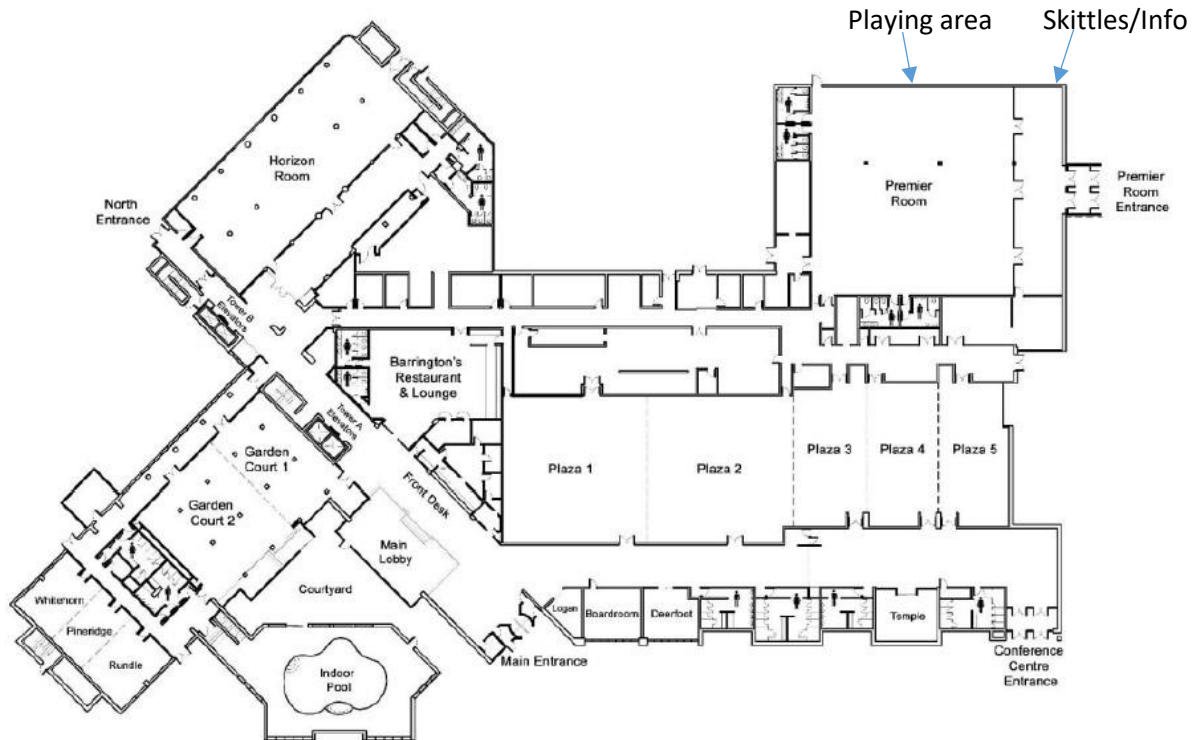
**Organizing club:**

Calgary Junior Chess Centre: <https://www.calgaryjuniorchess.com/CJCC/Home/Home>

**Sponsors:**

Alberta Chess Association, Alberta Community Initiative Program, Calgary Tourism, Calgary Chess Club

### Hotel Map:



### **Arbiters and officials:**

Chief Arbiter: Vlad Rekhson

Deputy Chief Arbiters: Diana Tsykina, Lili Ou

Sector Arbiters: Paul Gagne, Angelo Tolentino, Summa Lai

Head of Appeals Committee: Yao Wang

Calgary Junior Chess Centre President: Alexander Nguyen

### **Contact:**

<https://najcc.com/NAJCC/ContactUs/ContactUs>

### **Website, pairings and results:**

Website: <https://najcc.com/NAJCC/Home/Home>

Pairings/Standings Open:

<https://chess-results.com/tnr939017.aspx?lan=1>

Pairings/Standings Girls:

<https://chess-results.com/tnr939016.aspx?lan=1&art=0&flag=30>

CJCC Facebook for pictures:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/157167691566128>

## **Tournament Regulations:**

### **Eligibility:**

Players under 20 years old (Born on or after January 1, 2004) from Canada, the U.S.A., and Mexico. Players may be asked to provide proof of age during or after the event.

### **Sections:**

Open U20, Girls U20

### **Schedule:**

Wednesday August 14: Opening ceremony- 9:45 AM, Round 1 – 10 AM, Round 2 – 4 PM

Thursday August 15: Round 3 – 10 AM, Round 4 – 4 PM

Friday August 16: Round 5 – 10 AM, Round 6 – 4 PM

Saturday August 17: Round 7 – 10 AM, Round 8 – 4 PM

Sunday August 18: Round 9 – 10 AM, Closing Ceremony 3 PM

### **Rating:**

Rated by CFC & FIDE (Open U20, Girls U20)

### **CFC Membership:**

Valid CFC membership is required for Canadian citizens and residents. Quebec players are not required to be CFC members but they must hold valid FQE membership.

### **Format / Time control:**

9 Rounds Swiss System, Game in 90 minutes plus 30 second increment per move starting from Move 1.

### **Ratings Used:**

All ratings as of August 8<sup>th</sup>. If a player has a FIDE Standard rating, then that will be used. All other players will be ranked according to their own country's standard rating.

### **Pairings and results:**

Chess Results Open section: <https://chess-results.com/tnr939017.aspx?lan=1>

Chess Results Girls section: <https://chess-results.com/tnr939016.aspx?lan=1&art=0&flag=30>

Pairings will be done by 9 pm the night before for the morning rounds (including round 1) and by 3 pm for the afternoon rounds.

### **Prizes:**

Top 5 in each section: Trophy+certificate.

Top U2200, U1900, U1600 in open section: trophy+certificate.

Top U2000, U1800, U1600 in girls section: trophy+certificate.

**Titles** to be awarded for Open U20 and Girls U20:

1st place: GM/WGM norm and IM/WIM Title. 2nd/3rd place IM/WIM norm, FM/WFM title.

\*All titles must be approved by FIDE and conform with all FIDE requirements

### **Computer Tie Breaks:**

- 1) Direct encounters (applies only if all tied players have played each other)
- 2) Buchholz (total of opponent's scores)
- 3) Buchholz cut 1 (total of opponent's scores excluding lowest score).
- 4) Sonneborn-Berger (Total of scores of opponents defeated and half of those drawn).
- 5) The greater number of wins
- 6) The greater number of games with black (unplayed games count as played with white)
- 7) Younger player

### **Byes and withdrawals:**

Withdrawal is charged \$50 admin fee. No refund after July 31.

Maximum of two half point byes available. Recipients of half point byes may not be eligible for titles. To request a bye please write the message in the contact page. Byes must be requested in writing at least two rounds prior to the request. For example to receive byes for rounds 1-2 you must write before 9 pm on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. To receive a bye for round 3, before 3 pm on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, etc...

### **Recording of moves:**

Players must write their moves at all times on the scoresheets provided by the organizers. At the end of the game they may take the copy of the scoresheet with them. As per FIDE Laws of Chess, Art. 8.1.1: players who do not write down moves for a period of time will be asked to catch up on writing the moves during their thinking time.

### **End of game procedure:**

At the end of the game both players shall indicate the result on their scoresheets and sign both theirs and their opponent's scoresheets. Once both scoresheets have results and two signatures, players shall remain seated and raise their hands without talking in order to attract the attention of a section arbiter. The section arbiter will come to the table, check the result, indicate it on the official pairings sheet, and will collect both original scoresheets. The players may keep the copy of the scoresheet. The players can only leave when a section arbiter tells them so. If one or both players do not follow this procedure and leave before a section arbiter allowed them to do so, the result of the game can be entered in any way including "0-0" in the sole discretion of the Chief Arbiter.

### **Equipment Provided:**

Chess boards, sets, clocks and scoresheets will be provided. We will provide one pen per person that you can use for the event and keep afterwards.

### **Late default (forfeit) time:**

30 minutes. If a player doesn't arrive at their chessboard thirty minutes after the start of a round, their game will be forfeited, the result "0F" will be entered

### **Appeals:**

Appeals committee chairperson: Yao Wang. Any appeal must be submitted in writing to <https://najcc.com/NAJCC/ContactUs/ContactUs> within one hour of the incident in question. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of CAD 100 (one hundred Canadian dollars) as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee or paid by e-transfer to [chesscjcc@gmail.com](mailto:chesscjcc@gmail.com) with a note indicating that it is for an appeal at the same time as the appeal is submitted. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the tournament organizer.

**Prohibited devices:**

As per FIDE Laws of Chess, Art. 11.3.2.1, any electronic device has to be stored in a player's bag and to be switched off completely. Players may not carry any prohibited devices on them during play. Those include: cellphones, any kind of watches (electronic or mechanical), earphones, tablets, etc... A player may bring a separate bag to place their device inside of it. Such a device must be turned completely off and the player cannot touch it at any time. Game forfeit is an automatic immediate penalty if a player is found to be near any kind of a non-stored prohibited device during the round anywhere in the playing venue, including toilets.

**Spectators:**

Anyone who is not a player in the middle of the game or a tournament official is considered a spectator. Spectators will only be permitted to attend the round in the first 5 minutes of play in order to take pictures. Afterwards, all spectators must leave the playing area. Players who finished their games are considered spectators and are not allowed to stay in the playing area (Premier room main hall).

**Playing area (Premier Room):**

Players are not allowed to leave the playing area (Premier Room) during their game including to visit the skittles area. The playing area has washrooms besides it and there is no need to exit the main hall. The players are not allowed to communicate with anyone during their games except for the tournament arbiters and officials. If you need to pass something to parents or parents need to pass something to players please ask our staff.

**Skittles area and parent responsibilities:**

The skittles area will be located immediately outside of the tournament room (Premier Room). The skittles area will be reserved for players who wish to review their games, as well as, players who are under the age of 12 and are not supervised by parents. Please note that the organizing committee will not be responsible for watching the children, if someone is causing problems the parents will be contacted. In the event that a player must stay on site for the entire day the parents are encouraged to have extra activities for the children as they may have some wait time after their morning game is complete. No loud games are permitted in the skittles area including bughouse. Players are also welcome to wait in the hotel lobby. No equipment may be moved outside of the playing area or the skittles room.

**Broadcast:**

We will be broadcasting 10 boards (6 top in open section and 4 in girls) on [www.lichess.org](http://www.lichess.org)

The broadcast will have a 15 minute delay.

**Information desk and sales:**

We will have an information desk in front of the Premier room's doors. Our volunteers will also be located in the "Skittles" room. We will have some souvenirs that can be purchased at that location.

## **2024 North American Junior Blitz Championship**

### **Registration at:**

<https://najcc.com/NAJCC/event/event/2442>

### **Eligibility:**

Players under 20 years old (Born on or after January 1, 2004) from Canada, the U.S.A., and Mexico. Players do not have to play the main event to participate in blitz.

### **Venue:**

Best Western 1316 33rd St. NE, Calgary, AB T2A 6B6, Canada

### **Entry Fee:**

\$20 CAD Before 10 PM, August 14, 2024. No late registration afterwards!

### **Schedule:**

Thursday, Aug 15, 8:30 pm start, estimated finish: 10:30 PM

### **Rating:**

Rated by FIDE/CFC.

### **Format:**

7 Rounds Swiss System

### **Time Control:**

Game in 3 minutes plus 2 seconds increment per move starting from Move 1.

### **Prizes:**

Trophies for the top 3 players.

### **Equipment provided:**

Chess boards, sets, clocks will be provided.