



CHARLOTTE CHESS CENTER & SCHOLASTIC ACADEMY

U.S. Masters players,

Thank you for registering for the 2021 U.S. Masters Championship! This is a national championship event (and the largest U.S. Masters in history) organized by the Charlotte Chess Center in collaboration with Dr. Walter High.

If you are not going to play, it is your responsibility to let us know as soon as possible, even if you have registered for free.

This event is *not at the Charlotte Chess Center*, but on the bottom floor of the [Hilton University Charlotte Place Hotel](#), 8629 JM Keynes Drive, Charlotte. There is free parking and internet.

Important Links:

[Entry List](#)

[Hotel Booking Link](#)

[Website, Rules, Schedule](#)

[Pairings, Standings](#)

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You do NOT need to check in on-site for the tournament. Confirm your information on the [entry list](#), and just show up for the first round, Wednesday, November 24, 6:30pm.

CONDITIONED PLAYERS

All conditioned players receiving a free entry, hotel accommodation and/or stipend are required to play all 9 rounds without byes or withdrawals.

RULES

This tournament uses FIDE rules with some additional specifications as noted on the [tournament website](#). The November FIDE Rating list and FIDE pairing rules are used for pairings. This tournament offers FIDE title norms and qualifies for the 1.43e foreign federation special exemption, commonly known as a “Super Swiss.”

Pairings will usually be posted 45 minutes before each round, both physically at the tournament site as well as [online](#). It will be easiest to check pairings and standings online. **Players who are going to withdraw mid-event must let us know at least 90 minutes before the next round.**

Masks are required at this event. Chess equipment will be disinfected and thoroughly cleaned several times daily. All chess equipment is provided, including scoresheets, boards, weighted pieces, and clocks. Players must use our equipment – personal scorebooks and electronic notation devices are not permitted. There will be a chess vendor on site Saturday and Sunday.

We will have at least 24 DGT boards broadcasting live games to all major chess sites. There will be a photographer on-site taking pictures which will be uploaded to our [Facebook page](#).

This is a FIDE and US Chess rated tournament - USCF membership is required - renew [here](#).

BLITZ

Saturday evening (November 27), we will have a blitz tournament starting around 9:15pm. The blitz event is USCF blitz rated only (not FIDE rated). There will be a \$1000 prize fund, and all players in the US Masters or [NC Open](#) may enter for free. Any other players may enter (USCF membership required) for \$30. Blitz entry is only accepted in-person (on-site) after your Saturday evening round finishes.

WITHDRAWALS:

- If you cannot make it to the tournament, email us at grant@charlottechesscenter.org
- If you would like to withdraw during the event, let us know before leaving, at least 90 minutes before the next round!

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Regards,
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