



Tennessee Chess Association

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2026 Murfreesboro Open



Submitted by Norbert

On May 16, 2026, forty-two players gathered for our Middle Tennessee tradition, the Murfreesboro Open. The affordable one-day event boasted a based-on prize fund of \$650, but with the excellent

turnout, we were able to increase the total to \$960. That's nearly 48%! Aside from increasing the prizes, we were pleased to add a Third Place Prize and a Class F/Below Prize. We are always indebted to TD Chris Prosser for his professionalism and integrity in directing these events. Chris graciously donates his time to elevate Tennessee chess, and to provide competitive playing opportunities statewide.

1st NM Justin Lohr

2nd, 3rd, Class A IM Ronald Burnett

2nd, 3rd, Class A Seth Osborne

2nd, 3rd, Class A Brian Smith

2nd, 3rd, Class A Travis Deere

Expert Class Adam Osborne

B Class Scott Cantrell

B Class Robert Presswood

C Class McAnthony Tarway II

C Class Henry Vance

C Class Sparsh Waghmare

D Class Jagathees Vaithi Subramanian

D Class James McHugh

D Class Connor Jenkins

E Class Hengning Zhang

F Class Brenson Thammavongsa

F Class McAnthony Tarway I

Top Unrated Michael James

2 nd Unrated Christian Murphy

Murfreesboro Simul with NM Jose Fabian Benito Colmenares



On May 14, 2026, Tennessee's NM Benito gave a 12-player simul at the Murfreesboro Chess Club. Both Henry Vance and

McAnthony Tarway put up valiant resistance, but NM Benito ended up winning all of his games. The simul was followed by an informative lecture, which covered the evening's top two games, his background, chess strategy and a few of his finest games from the past.



Upcoming in Murfreesboro

The Murfreesboro Chess Club has been offering **Free Chess Lectures** and competitive over-the-board Live Puzzle Battles over these last several months. Coach Adam Johnson's lectures have been received by enthusiastic crowds. Likewise, he has hosted our popular Live Puzzle Battles. And our **Monthly Club Night Tournaments** are still going strong. They alternate between **Rated 3+2 Blitz** and **15+3 Quick** every month. Please check our [Events Page](#) for the applicable Thursday nights.

On Thursday, July 23, 2026, we are hosting our **Rated 3+2 Blitz**, which is a schedule change.

On Thursday, July 30, 2026, **FM Alex King** will be giving a Simul and Free Lecture at the Murfreesboro Chess Club. The Simul will likely be sold out, but please come for the Free Lecture following the games.

On Saturday, August 1, 2026, we're hosting the **Battleground Murfreesboro Tournament**. There are two sections with an overall prize fund of \$945 based on 34 players. Two titled players are already signed up!

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Basement Fellowship Hall
907 E. Main St.
Murfreesboro, TN 37130
(Parking & Entrance on N. Bilbro Ave.)



2026 Battleground Murfreesboro

Saturday, August 1, 2026

4 Round Swiss in 2 Sections

*** \$945 Prize Fund + Raffle Prizes ***

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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Murfreesboro, TN 37130

**** 1st 3 Titled Players Play for Free ****



Time Control: G/60; d5

Registration: 7:30am to 8:25am

Rounds: Round 1 starts @ 9:00am, subsequent times t.b.a. (includes a lunch break).

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MCC Rated Club Night Tournaments

Last Thursday - Every Month

Alternates: Blitz RR & Quick Swiss

murfreesborochess@gmail.com

murfreesborochess.weebly.com/blitz.html

- Last Thursday of each month, rescheduled for holidays.
- **Blitz** on odd numbered months (January, March, etc.), **Quick** on even numbered months (February, April, etc.).
- Current **US Chess Membership** required.
- **Registration:** 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM
- **Rounds:** Round 1 @ 7:30 PM, subsequent rounds a.s.a.p.
- **Entry Fee:** \$10.00 Cash or \$12.00 **PayPal** <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/mborochessclub>
- **Prize Fund:** 70% returned (remaining for expenses and church donation).
- **Sections & Pairings:** TD has complete control over both.
- **Noise Disclaimer:** Beware, some casual chess and talking are to be expected on club nights.

Blitz

- **Time Control:** 3+2
- **Format:** Round Robin Section(s)

Quick

- **Time Control:** 15+3
- **Format:** 3 Round Swiss Section(s)

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church

907 E. Main St.

Murfreesboro, TN 37130

* Parking and entrance via N. Bilbro Ave.

Mid-South Chess Summer Camp in Memphis

It's all smiles at the 24th Annual Mid-South Summer Chess Camp as campers learn from some of the nation's top instructors, including Grandmaster Joel Benjamin, Grandmaster Lazaro Bruzon, International Master Alex Velikanov, National Master Nolan Hendrickson, and Expert Jennie Liu, while sharpening their skills and making new friends at MUS.



Chattanooga Success in US National Chess Tournament



Advik Rishi Kalal age 10 from Chattanooga, TN who got 1st place in United States National Chess Tournament K6U800 - 2026. His record was undefeated by anyone from USA , out of 7 rounds he got 6 wins and 1 draw.

2026 National Elementary School Championship					
1 - 3 May 2026					
Baltimore MD 21201					
K-6 Under 800					
Combined Results					
Individual Awards					
Place	Name/Team	Rate	Score	MMed	Med
1	KALAL, Aadvik Rishi (139,Big Ridge Elementary School, Chattanooga, TN)	650	6.5	30.0	24.
2	DEKA, Adi (178,Greenacres School, Scarsdale, NY)	618	6.5	29.5	23.
3	BERNSTEIN, Sol (117,Trinity School, New York, NY)	665	6.0	30.0	24.
4	XIE, Nolan (108,Cougar Ridge Elementary School, Bellevue, WA)	681	6.0	29.5	23.
5	SCHECHTER, Ronen (66,Laurence School, Los Angeles, CA)	730	6.0	29.5	23.
6	ENKHTUR, Bilguuntes (76,Haymarket Elementary School, Haymarket, VA)	712	6.0	28.5	22.
7	VALIAMBARA, Akshaj (222)	532	6.0	26.5	21.
8	CARTER, Anand (42,The Anderson School, New York, NY)	754	6.0	26.0	21.
9	KARTHIKEYADURAI, Aadhav (20,Salem Elementary School, Virginia Beach, VA)	777	6.0	26.0	20.
10	DELPIZZO, Ryan (32,Bells Elementary School, Washington Township, NJ)	765	6.0	25.5	19.
Team Awards					
Code	Name (Players:Top 4 used)	Score	Med	Solk	SB-U
1 CAL2LU	Laurence School, Los Angeles, CA (4)	19.5	88	123.0	76.
2 MISOSC	Southfield Christian School, Southfield, MI (7)	18.0	76.5	107.5	59.
3 NYNYTE	The Anderson School, New York, NY (5)	18.0	73.5	102.5	59.
4 NYNY11	PS 11 Sarah J. Garnet, New York, NY (6)	17.0	67.0	91.5	47.
5 NYNYIE	PS 198 Isador E Ida Straus, New York, NY (4)	16.5	73.5	104.0	49.

Memphis Chess Club To Host the Tennessee Open!

Hey All,

Just in case you missed it, the **Memphis Chess Club** will be hosting this year's 2026's 80th Annual Peter P Lahde TN Open and State Championship with the Tennessee Chess Association, and it's looking like the best TN state championship ever! 4-, 3-, and 2-day schedules available during the Labor Day weekend, September 4-7, 2026, long G90+30 format games.

Last 2 times in Memphis we hosted roughly a dozen masters, and met our based-on target of 80 players both times. Before 2022, the last time it was held in Memphis was 2000, more than 2 decades before the MCC found a brick and mortar space. This time, there is no "based-on", and it is \$10,001 in prizes, unconditionally guaranteed, the largest prize fund for this tournament ever! This is in part thanks to one of our sponsors, **Promarketing Group Guyana**.

Strong masters expected to play for the title include Grandmaster Alex Fishbein, International Masters Dave Ross and Ronald Burnett, FIDE Master Alex King, and National Master Graham Horobetz.

We're also being given a grant from the **Downtown Memphis** Commission, which will pay for the plaques. Super thankful!

It is going to be held both at the MCC's Saunders Hall, as well as a short 2 blocks' walk away on the 15th floor of the Holiday Inn Memphis Downtown - Beale Street, with a panorama view of downtown City of Memphis! (Friday and Monday rounds at the MCC; Saturday and Sunday rounds at the Holiday Inn).

Register to play(there's also the Amateur State Championship section!): [Here](#)

TN Residents sign up for TCA membership before the tournament (though you don't need to be a Tennessean to play): [Here](#)

Current list of registrants:
[HERE](#)

USCF TLA:
[HERE](#)

[2026's 80th Annual Peter P Lahde TN Open and State Chess Championship!](#)



TN Chess, Mem Chess Club, Promarketing Group, and DMC present

2026 Peter P. Lahde Tennessee Open & State Championship

\$10,001 in prizes 100% UNCONDITIONALLY GNT'D

September 4-7, 2026

80 Grand Prix Points Available!!! (**enhanced**, normally 60)
Biggest TN Open & State Championship Prize Ever

3rd time in Memphis in 5 years!

2022 and 2024: 80+ players including more than a dozen masters



Downtown Holiday Inn
160 Union Ave
Memphis, TN 38103

Memphis Chess Club
195 Madison Ave
Memphis, TN 38103

Open Section	
1st Title, Plaque, +	\$1,501
2nd	\$900
3rd	\$600
Expert(2000-2199)	
1st Title, Plaque, +	\$600
2nd	\$550
Class A(1800-1999)	
1st Title, Plaque, +	\$550
2nd	\$500
Class B and Below (<=1799)	
1st Title, Plaque, +	\$500
2nd	\$450

Bonus Prizes**	
Brilliance Prize +	\$140
Top <20 Jr Plaque +	\$140
Top 65+ Sr Plaque +	\$140
Top Female Plaque +	\$140
Upset Plaque +	\$120

Amateur Section U1601*	
1st Title, Plaque, +	\$600
2nd	\$500
3rd	\$400
Class D(1200-1399)	
1st Title, Plaque, +	\$400
2nd	\$300
Class E(1000-1199)	
1st Title, Plaque, +	\$300
2nd	\$200
Class F and Below (<=999)	
1st Title, Plaque, +	\$200
2nd	\$160

Unrated	
1st Title, Plaque, +	\$120

Active USCF req'd; Titles & plaques TN-residents only.
TCA membership req'd for TN residents (only \$10/yr). 1/2pt 1st rd byes to non TCA TN residents by end of reg.
Unrated players only eligible for reduced place(-30%) OR unrated prizes; Remainder redistributed per USCF.
Unrated players ineligible for Class Prizes.
Upset prize only available to non-provisional, rated players.
After 150 entries, space may become limited. (EF refunded)
\$20 Early EF withdrawal service charge. MCC reserves the right to waive charge for emergencies and on waiting list.
**Jr, Sr, and Female Bonus Prize available between both sections, and based on performance rating on-site.
Brilliance 1st 5 rds only, must be submitted by 9am Mon.
Sections with >67 players will feature accelerated pairings.

Hotel Info

Downtown Holiday Inn, 160 Union Ave Memphis, TN
King and 2-Queen rates, \$99/night

www.tinyurl.com/2026TNhotel

Parking

Valet-only on-site \$37 on site, or other options nearby.
Prospero Place Garage, next to Chess Club, \$17/night
(most street parking free Sundays, tickets only ~\$20-25)



FOUR Schedule options	
Schedules A & B: 6ss G90+30	
Schedule C: 3ss G50d5, 3ss G90+30	
Schedule D: 3ss G25d5, 3ss G90+30	
Fri & Mon at Memphis Chess Club	
Sat & Sun at Holiday Inn	
Fri 9/4	Sch A, @ Mem Chess Club
6p	G90+30 @MCC
Sat 9/5	All Schedules, @ Holiday Inn
Sat 9/5	Sch A Sch B Sch C Sch D
1:30p	G90+30 G90+30
6p	G90+30 G90+30
7p	G50d5
Sun 9/6	Sch A Sch B Sch C Sch D
8a	G90+30 G50d5
9a	G50d5 G25d5
10:15a	G50d5 G25d5
11:30a	G25d5
12:30p	TCA membership meeting
1:30p	G90+30(All Schedules merged)
6p	G90+30(All Schedules merged)
Mon 9/7	All @Memphis Chess Club
9a	G90+30(All Schedules merged)
1p	Awards @MCC

Hard time deciding schedule?

2 games per day max? Sch A... or Sch B with a Sun 1/2-pt bye.

Only 1 hotel night? Sch D... or Sch B last rd 1/2-pt bye, or Sch C with 1st rd 1/2-pt bye.

All Long games but no Fri, or Mon? Sch A 1st or last rd 1/2-pt bye or Sch B last rd 1/2-pt bye.

Late start/arrival Sat? Sch C

\$5 off for '26 Nashville Summer Classic players

Extra Early Entry Fee t-minus 2 month \$80

Early entry fee t-minus 1 month \$90

Onsite and Late Entry Fee \$100

(1) re-entry max @\$80 ok, only b4 rd2, SAME

SECTION ONLY

(1) 1/2-pt bye declared b4 1st rd ok,

Reg. ends 1 hour before pairing, SHARP

MCC Members register in person for \$5 discount

GMs&IMs first entry free, deduct EF on prize

b/registration date

Register online at

www.memphischessclub.com/tournaments



Letter from the President

Dear Tennessee Chess Community,

I hope everyone has had a great, productive summer both on and off the board. As we reach the final stretch of the season, the Tennessee Chess Association is focused on executing our upcoming milestones for the remainder of the year.

First, I want to wish our state delegates, **Mike Shuey** and **Chris Prosser**, safe travels as they represent Tennessee at the US Chess Annual Meeting and National Tournaments. Serving as a delegate requires a significant commitment of time and energy to the governance of our sport. We appreciate Mike and Chris dedicating their expertise to ensure Tennessee's voice and interests are well-represented in these national discussions.

Looking forward, the piece we are all moving toward is our signature late-summer event. I want to personally invite every player, coach, and chess family to join us in Memphis over Labor Day weekend for the **Peter P. Lahde Tennessee Open and State Championship**.

Co-hosted alongside the Memphis Chess Club and the Promarketing Group, this year's championship features the largest unconditional prize fund in the tournament's historic run. With a beautiful playing venue overlooking the downtown skyline, it is set to be an exceptional competitive experience. Whether you are fighting for a state title, coaching our rising K-12 stars, or supporting the community, your presence is what drives our state's chess culture forward.

Safe travels to our delegates, and I look forward to seeing everyone in Memphis as we showcase the very best of Tennessee chess.

Warm regards,

Christina Mullinax

Bids and Announcements

Are you interested in hosting and organizing one of these upcoming tournaments?

The Tennessee Chess Association is responsible for several State level events each year. The Tennessee Open, Winter Open, Senior Open, All-Girls Championship, and Home School Championship. These events are open for outside bids if a person or organization wishes to host one of these events on our behalf, either by just providing a venue or taking full responsibility of the event. Please use the link below, which will also be posted on our Tournament Calendar, to submit your application to support these events.

Submissions will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee who will then make a recommendation to the Board of Directors to be voted on. The Board reserves the right to make final decisions for these events.

[Bid Form here](#)

Questions or comments can be sent to the Tournament Coordinator, Danny Mullinax dcmullinax@gmail.com

■ TN
Open:
Target
date
Labor
Day/September;
BID
DUE:
Feb
1

■ TN
Home
School
State
Championship:
Target
date
November;
BID
DUE:
Feb
1

■ TN
Winter
Open:
Target
date
weekend
of
MLK
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day/January;
BID
DUE:
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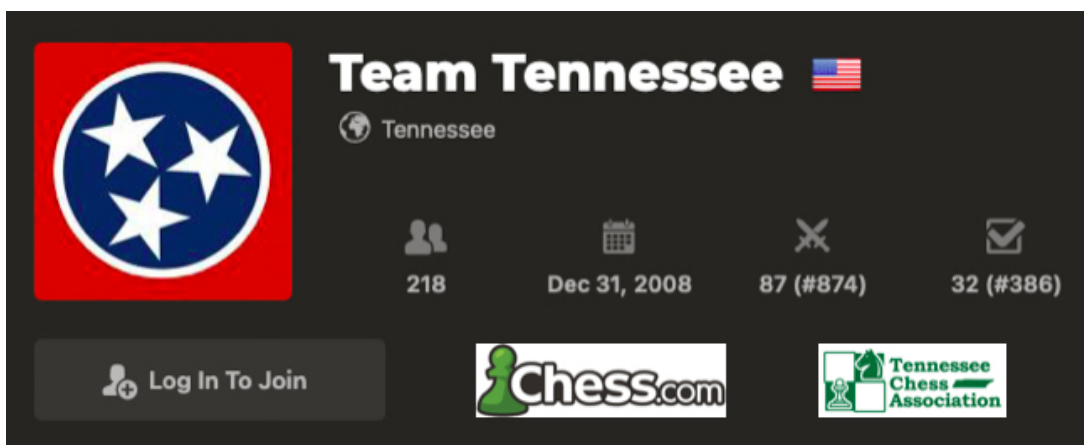
■ TN
All-
Girls
State
Championship:
Target
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April;
BID
DUE:
Nov
1

■ TN
Senior
Open:
Target
date
May:

BID
DUE:
Nov
1

Team Tennessee

Looking for more games? Join Team Tennessee on chess.com <https://www.chess.com/club/team-tennessee> and help your state in the US Chess League and other team events!



Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame Call for Nominations

If you know someone deserving of recognition for their chess greatness, please nominate them for the Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame and Recognition Awards.

Use these links for more information about the [Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame](#) and [Recognition Awards](#).

Please send nominations with supporting materials to the [Tennessee Chess Hall of Fame Committee](#) no later than March 30, 2027.

Top 10 Tennessee Chess Players

1. GM
Alexander
Fishbein
2503
2. IM
Jake
Kleiman
2480
3. FM
Alexander
King
2379
4. Graham
Horobetz
2340
5. Mitch
Fishbein
2304
6. IM
Ron
Burnett
2300
7. Dean
Lee
2285
8. Jose
Fabian
Benito
Colmenares
2272
9. Peter
Suich
2249
10. FM
Peter
Bereolos
2245

Recently Rated Current US Chess Members are shown. For more US Chess Top 100 Rating Lists, visit www.uschess.org

Tennessee Chess Patrons

The TCA wishes to send special thanks to the current Patron and Life Members. Without their contributions, much of what the TCA accomplishes would not be possible. Thank you Patrons!

TCA Patron Members:

- THE
KLEIMAN
FAMILY
- PAUL
SEMMES
- DESTINI
HAROLD

Life Members:

- R.
K.
SHIMABUKURO
- PAT
KNIGHT
SMITH

TCA Membership

The Tennessee Chess Association appreciates those who help sponsor the game and offers tax-deductible memberships to Patrons beginning at \$100 per year. Membership for all levels

will be for 12 calendar months (including the month membership is paid). To check your membership expiration, please visit our [Current Members Page](#). Renew or join for as little as \$10 per year. Membership is required for participation in all TCA-sponsored chess events except certain scholastic-only competitions but even if you're not an active player, your membership helps support our mission: To broaden and develop chess as art and recreation as a significant element of culture in the state of Tennessee. To initiate programs, conduct tournaments and matches and to employ methods that will tend to promote the literary and educational benefits to be derived from the game of chess. To receive donations from the general public to enable the Association to conduct chess matches and tournaments and to award trophies and prizes to successful contestants. TCA is a 100% volunteer-run organization so your donation and membership is 100% going to support Tennessee chess. Thank you for your support!

[Click Here to Renew or Become a TCA Member Today!](#)

Tennessee Chess Calendar

2026 Upcoming Events

July 25 – [Summer Speed Series](#) – Nashville

July 25 – [Farragut Community Open Tournament](#), Knoxville – [REGISTER](#)

August 1 – [2026 Battleground Murfreesboro](#), Murfreesboro

August 22 – [2026 Summer Lakeway Open](#), Morristown –

REGISTER

September 4-7 - 2026 Peter P. Lahde TN Open and State Championship, Memphis Chess Club - [REGISTER](#)

December 5 - 2026 Middle Tennessee Scholastic Chess Championship @ Central Magnet School, Murfreesboro - Flyer and other info to come!

Weekly Online Events

Mondays Murfreesboro Monday Team Battles @ at 7:00 PM CST [Lichess](#)

Last Sunday of Each Month Murfreesboro Classical Swiss Tournament @ Online at 3:00 PM CST Join the club on [chess.com](#)

Have an Event to Share to this List?

To add your event to this list, please email flyer or pertaining details to TCA Tournament Coordinator:

dcmullinax@gmail.com To include your event on our front homepage sidebar, TCA membership must be required for in-state players or it must be a scholastics only event.

Upcoming Event Flyers

2026

TN SUMMER SPEED SERIES **QUICK & BLITZ**

Sponsored By:



Mercedes-Benz
of Music City

QUICK & BLITZ PRIZES AT EACH EVENT

⟨1st - 20%⟩ ⟨2nd - 15%⟩ ⟨3rd - 10%⟩

⟨U2000, U1750, U1500, U1250, U1000, U750
7% each⟩

* combined Quick & Blitz scores at each individual event.

GRAND PRIX SERIES PRIZES

⟨Champion - \$300 + PLAQUE⟩ ⟨2nd - \$200⟩

⟨3rd - \$150⟩ ⟨U2000 - \$150
U1500 - \$100
U1000 - \$100⟩

* combined Quick & Blitz scores across all events.

Entry Fee Per Tournament:

Early/Online - \$40

On Site - \$50

IMs/GMs enter free, \$50 withheld from prize.

US Chess membership required.

Quick Format: 5 round Swiss (2, 1, 0 scoring)

Quick Control: G/10+5

Quick Rounds: 12:00pm, 12:40pm, 1:20pm,
2:00pm, 2:40pm

Blitz Format: 5 double round Swiss (1, 0.5, 0 scoring)

Blitz Control: G/3+2

Blitz Rounds: 4:00pm, asap (ends ~6:30pm)

On Site Registration: 11:00am-11:45am

All Times in Central Time

*Highest listed rating used for pairings. **%s paid out based on \$40 entries.

♦ **Online Registration at reg4chess.com**

PARTICIPATING TOURNAMENTS

Sat, June 20

Event Location: First United Methodist
415 W Main St, Lebanon, TN

Organizer Contact:
joseph.hungerman@wilcochessclub.com

*Please register for this event at reg4chess.com



Sat, July 11

Event Location: Middle Tennessee Christian School
100 E MTCS Rd, Murfreesboro, TN

Organizer Contact:
adamjohnsonchess@gmail.com



Sat, July 18

cumberland county chess club

Event Location: Cumberland County Community Complex,
1398 Livingston Rd, Crossville, TN

Organizer Contact:
cumberlandcountychessclub@gmail.com



Sat, July 25

Event Location: Nashville Chess Center,
2911 Belmont Blvd, Nashville, TN

Organizer Contact:
director@nashvillechess.org



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CHESS TOURNAMENT

July 25, 2026

FARRAGUT COMMUNITY CENTER
239 JAMESTOWNE BLVD, SUITE 201
FARRAGUT, TN 37934

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

All ages and skills welcome

1 Section

5 rounds*, G/15



**Entries are capped at 30 players, so
register soon!**

COST

**\$5/
Person**



INFORMATION

- Preregistration required- see QR code!
- Chess sets and clocks will be provided
- Check in starts at 8:00am
- Round 1 starts at 8:30am, subsequent rounds as soon as all games are finished
- There will be an area for parents to sit during the tournament
- Questions?
 - Contact the Farragut Community Center at (865) 218-3376 or visit farragutparksandrec.org
 - Or contact the tournament director, Danny Mullinax, at tca.region1scholastic@gmail.com

*Rounds may vary based on attendance



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**LAKEWAY SUMMER OPEN
CHESS TOURNAMENT**

August 22, 2026

Lakeway Community Church
1855 Sulphur Springs Road (just north of Highway 160)
Morristown, TN

This is a **pre-registration** tournament with a limit of 32 players.

\$420.00 in prizes (Based on 28 entries) 2 Sections

Open: 1st Place - \$70.00, 2nd Place - \$45.00

Under 2000 - \$35.00, Under 1800 - \$32.00

Under 1600 - \$30.00

Amateur: (Under 1400 Section) 1st Place - \$60.00

2nd Place \$40.00, Under 1200 - \$30.00, Under 1000 - \$28.00, Under 800 - \$25.00,

Unrated - \$25.00

(Unrated are only eligible for the Unrated prize.)

GAMES: 4-SS, G/60 d/5

ROUNDS: 9 A.M., 11:15 A.M., 2:15 P.M., and 4:30 P.M. EDT

USCF Membership required

TCA membership required for Tennessee residents

Entry Fee: \$20.00 Preregister on the following site:

reg4chess.com by 8/20/26 or until tournament is full with 32 entries

NOTE: You are not pre-registered until you have paid the entry fee.

NOTE: If you need to mail your application, contact me and I will let you know what information to submit.

Questions:

Victor Suich at

vesuich@bellsouth.net or 423-231-4074

Check-in: 8:15 – 8:45 A.M.

Please bring boards, sets, and clocks with you (if you have them).





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Active USCF req'd; Titles & plaques TN-residents only.
TCA membership req'd for TN residents (only \$10/yr). 1/2pt 1st rd byes to non TCA TN residents by end of reg.
Unrated players only eligible for reduced place(-30%) OR unrated prizes; Remainder redistributed per USCF.
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After 150 entries, space may become limited. (EF refunded)
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Hotel Info
Downtown Holiday Inn, 160 Union Ave Memphis, TN
King and 2-Queen rates, \$99/night
www.tinyurl.com/2026TNhotel
Parking
Valet-only on-site \$37 on site, or other options nearby.
Prospero Place Garage, next to Chess Club, \$17/night
(most street parking free Sundays, tickets only ~\$20-25)

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FOUR Schedule options

Schedules A & B: 6ss G90+30

Schedule C: 3ss G50d5, 3ss G90+30

Schedule D: 3ss G25d5, 3ss G90+30

Fri & Mon at Memphis Chess Club

Sat & Sun at Holiday Inn

Fri 9/4 Sch A, @ Mem Chess Club

6p G90+30 @MCC

Sat 9/5 All Schedules, @ Holiday Inn

Sat 9/5 Sch A Sch B Sch C Sch D

1:30p G90+30 G90+30

6p G90+30 G90+30

7p G50d5

Sun 9/6 Sch A Sch B Sch C Sch D

8a G90+30 G50d5

9a G50d5 G25d5

10:15a G50d5 G25d5

11:30a G25d5

TCA membership meeting

1:30p G90+30(All Schedules merged)

6p G90+30(All Schedules merged)

Mon 9/7 All @Memphis Chess Club

9a G90+30(All Schedules merged)

1p Awards @MCC

Hard time deciding schedule?
2 games per day max? Sch A... or Sch B with a Sun 1/2-pt bye.
Only 1 hotel night? Sch D... or Sch B last rd 1/2-pt bye, or Sch C with 1st rd 1/2-pt bye.
All Long games but no Fri, or Mon? Sch A 1st or last rd 1/2-pt bye or Sch B last rd 1/2-pt bye.
Late start/arrival Sat? Sch C

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(1) re-entry max @\$80 ok, only b4 rd2, SAME SECTION ONLY
(1) 1/2-pt bye declared b4 1st rd ok, Reg. ends 1 hour before pairing, SHARP
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