



CHARLOTTE  
CHESS CENTER  
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## **2021 North American Junior U20 Chess Championships – REGULATIONS**

Charlotte, North Carolina, USA | December 19-23, 2021

### **Organizers**

Grant Oen (USA) – International Arbiter, International Organizer

Peter Giannatos (USA) – FIDE Master, International Arbiter

Charlotte Chess Center – 2019 US Chess Club of the Year

*The Charlotte Chess Center organized the [2019 and 2020 North American Junior Championships](#), with record attendance.*

### **Official Venue / Playing Hall / Hotel**

Hilton University Charlotte Place Hotel, 8629 JM Keynes Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina

20 minute drive from Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT)

Free Internet, Free Parking

### **Eligibility**

Open Section: Open to players (boys and girls) from Canada, Mexico, and USA who are under 20 years old (19 and younger) as of 1/1/2021 (born on or after 1/1/2001). Players must have a FIDE ID registered under CAN, MEX, or USA and have the endorsement of their federation.

Girls Section: Open to girls from Canada, Mexico, and USA who are under 20 years old (19 and younger) as of 1/1/2021 (born on or after 1/1/2001). Players must have a FIDE ID registered under CAN, MEX, or USA and have the endorsement of their federation.

### **Registration**

General Registration: This is an open event for players who meet the eligibility requirements. There is no maximum number of players from CAN, MEX, or USA federations. Players should register [online directly on the organizer's website](#) – it is not necessary to register through the federations. Players must have the endorsement of their national federation. Players are not considered registered until all fees have been paid. The last day to register is Saturday, December 18. There is no on-site registration.

Official Players: Each federation (CAN, MEX, USA) may designate one player as the official representative in each section (Open, Girls). The gold medalists from the 2020 North American Junior Championships may also register as official players. Official players receive free entry fee if fully registered by November 20.

### Schedule

Suggested Arrival and Last Day of Registration	Saturday, December 18
Players Meeting ( <i>Required</i> )	Sunday, December 19, 11:30am
Round 1	Sunday, December 19, 12pm
Round 2	Sunday, December 19, 6pm
Round 3	Monday, December 20, 12pm
Round 4	Monday, December 20, 6pm
Round 5	Tuesday, December 21, 12pm
Round 6	Tuesday, December 21, 6pm
Round 7	Wednesday, December 22, 12pm
Round 8	Wednesday, December 22, 6pm
Round 9	Thursday, December 23, 11am

### Entry Fee

- All fees are in US Dollars (\$) and include all CCA and FIDE Fees.
- \$260 paid online by November 20.
- \$280 paid online between November 21 and December 10.
- \$300 paid online between December 11 and December 18.
- Last day to register is December 18. No on-site registration.
- Refunds will incur a 5% transaction penalty if requested by December 15. No refunds after December 15.

### CCA Fee

A \$75 (USD) fee per player will be paid to CCA (Confederation for Chess for America).

### Transportation

Participants are responsible for their own transportation. The venue is a 20 minute drive from Charlotte International Airport (CLT). Taxis and rideshares are available from the airport.

## Tournament System of Play

Both section (Open and Girls) are a separate, 9 round, Swiss System tournament. FIDE Rules and pairings will be used. December 2021 FIDE ratings will be used for pairings. For players with no FIDE rating, their USCF or local rating will be used as the tournament rating with possible adjustment as determined by the Chief Arbiter. The time control is 90 minutes plus 30 second increment per move from move 1. Players are required to use the equipment provided by the organizers (boards, sets, clocks, scoresheets). The tournament will be US Chess and FIDE rated.

## Tiebreaks

1. Direct Encounter (applies only if all tied players have played each other)
2. The greater number of wins
3. The greater number of games with black
4. Buchholz cut 1
5. Buchholz
6. Sonneborn-Berger
7. By age, in favor of the younger player

## Prizes

Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals to top 3 players in each section (on tiebreaks if necessary). Winners receive Official Player (“Personal Rights”) status at the 2022 North American Junior Championship and 2022 Pan-American Junior Championship if still eligible by age.

**Direct Titles** – subject to FIDE Handbook (see Table for Direct Titles)

Place	Section	FIDE Title/Norm
Gold Medal	Open	IM title and GM norm
=1st, Silver or Bronze on Tiebreaks	Open	IM title
Silver, Bronze Medal	Open	FM title and IM norm
Gold	Girls	WIM title and WGM norm
=1st, Silver or Bronze on Tiebreaks	Girls	WIM title
Silver, Bronze Medal	Girls	WFM title and WIM norm

## Visas

Visa letters can be provided by the organizers for players and accompanying persons.

**Official Website:** [www.charlottechesscenter.org/najunior](http://www.charlottechesscenter.org/najunior)

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