



**XVII ABSOLUTE CONTINENTAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE AMERICAS
2024 – “JORGE VEGA IN MEMORIAM”**

(CLASSIC, RÁPID AND BLITZ)

MEDELLÍN, ANTIOQUÍA - COLOMBIA FROM MAY 24 TO JUNE 2, 2024

I. INVITATION

The Chess Confederation of the Americas – CCA, the Colombian Chess Federation – FECODAZ, are pleased to invite all the Chess Federations of the American Continent, to the Absolute Continental Chess Championship of the Americas 2024, which will be held from December 24 May to June 2, two thousand twenty-four, in the city of Medellín, in the Department of Antioquia – Colombia.

II. ORGANIZATION.



The Absolute Continental Chess Championship of the Americas is an official event of the Chess Confederation for America, promoted by the Colombian Chess Federation (FECODAZ).

This tournament is part of the FIDE World Championship cycle.

Head of Referee: Erick Hernández

PLACE OF PLAY: Hotel el Dorado on 70

III. PARTICIPANTS:

OFFICIAL PLAYERS: They have the right to accommodation and full meals at the expense of the organization (from lunch on Thursday, May 23 to breakfast on Monday, June 3.)

- a) The current Pan American U20 Champion (Junior) 1
- b) An appointee of the Continental President
- c) Up to 3 (three) chess players from Zone 2.1
- d) A chess player from Zone 2.2
- e) Up to 2 (two) from each of the Zones: 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5

They will be accommodated in a double base room, they will have to be designated and communicated to the organization by the presidents of each Zone, final date.

until Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

UNOFFICIAL PLAYERS: The Continental Absolute is an Open Tournament (with no



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minimum FIDE ELO requirement), each National Federation may register the chess players they wish. All players must have the endorsement of their Federation belonging to the Chess Confederation for America registered in FIDE, unless otherwise indicated by CCA.

IV. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

Registrations are made exclusively through the National Federations by sending an email to: xviicampeonatocontinentalabsoluto2024@fecodaz.org until Wednesday, April 24, 2024.

Unofficial players will have until April 24 to register, if it is done after that date they will have a penalty of USD 50.

Federations must send the data of their official and unofficial participants: full name, identification document, FIDE international identification, email and telephone number. Registration and hotel reservation will be made with the validation of the air ticket; If other registration methods are established, they will be promptly communicated.

All participants must pay the sum of US\$200 (two hundred American dollars) for registration to the classic tournament; This amount includes the regulatory fee for the American Chess Confederation. This payment is mandatory. Each Federation will be jointly responsible for the payment of the registrations made and the costs caused by the non-appearance of the registered players.

Payments must be made in cash until Thursday, May 23 at 8:00 p.m. at the Hotel Dorado on 70.

For local athletes, they can make payment in Colombian pesos with the value of the currency on the day of the event.

Rápid and Blitz tournament registration:

The two tournaments will be organized by CCA and this amount includes the regulatory fee for the Chess Confederation of America. Each tournament has a cost of USD 25 per athlete, this payment must be paid before starting each event. If you play both tournaments there is a benefit cost of USD 40 and must be paid before the Blitz.



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V. ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSFERS:

The official hotel of the tournament is the Hotel Dorado on 70.

Special prices for the 2024 Americas Continental Championship:

Single room with food: \$ USD 900 – 10 nights, 9 days.

Double room with food: \$ \$ USD 1350 – 10 nights, 9 days.

Payment for the reception must be made in cash until Thursday, May 23 at 8:00 p.m.
at the Hotel Dorado on 70.

Players who do not stay at the official hotel must pay a penalty of USD\$125.

The organization will provide participants with Airport – Hotel – Airport transportation at a cost of US\$ 40 per person from the José María Córdoba International Airport, Located in the Municipality of Rionegro and arriving at the Municipality of Medellín, interested parties must notify the organization along with with your itinerary by email and via WhatsApp.





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VI. EVENT SCHEDULE:

CLASSIC TOURNAMENT:

Date	Activity	Schedule
Thursday, May 23	Reception	1:00 p.m.
Friday, May 24	Opening	4:00 p.m.
Friday, May 24	R1	5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 25	R2	10:00 a.m.
Saturday, May 25	R3	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 26	R4	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 26	Chess in the Park Program	4:00 p.m.
Monday, May 27	R5	10:00 a.m.
Monday, May 27	R6	5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 28	R7	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 29	R8	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, May 29	blitz	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 30	R9	5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 31	R10	10:00 a.m.
Saturday 1 June	Asset	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, June 2	R11	10:00 a.m.



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Sunday, June 2	Award	3:00 p.m.
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The organization reserves the right to modify the game schedules prior communication to the participants.

The Chess Confederation of the Americas (CCA) and the Colombian Chess Federation (Fecodaz) will hold the BLITZ CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE AMERICAS 2024 on Wednesday, May 29 at 6:00 p.m. and the ACTIVE CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE AMERICAS 2023 on Saturday 1 of June. In the coming days the organization will be publishing the rules for both events.

VII. AWARDS:

Classic award 2024 It is \$23,000 US dollars.

Position:	USD Awards
Champion	USD 5,000
Runner-up	USD 3,400
3rd	USD 2,400
4th	USD 1,700
5th	USD 1,200
6th	USD 900
7th	US\$800
8th	USD 700
9th	USD600
10th	US\$550
11th	USD 450
12th	USD 400
13th	USD 350
14th	USD 300
15th	US\$250
16th	US\$200
17th	US\$200
18th	US\$200
19th	US\$200
20th	US\$200
First 0-1799	USD 300
Second 0-1799	US\$200
Third 0-1799	USD 150
First 1800-1999	USD 300
Second 1800-1999	US\$200
Third 1800-1999	USD 150
Best Lady	USD 300
First U 14	USD 300
Second U14	US\$200



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Third U14	USD 150
Best senior 0-2000	US\$250
Best Colombian	US\$250
Best Antioquian	US\$250

Prizes will be awarded in US dollars. In the event of a tie, the prize is added and divided among the players with the same score, cutting the list to the player ranked 20th according to tie-breaking criteria.

Note: NO ATHLETE MAY RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE PRIZE.

Blitz 2024 Award – Wednesday, May 29 USD 1,500

Position:	USD Awards
Champion	USD 300
Runner-up	USD 210
3rd	USD 170
4th	USD 150
5th	US\$125
6th	USD 105
7th	US\$90
8th	US\$80
9th	US\$70
10º	US\$50
Best Female	US\$50
Best U14	US\$50
Best Senior	US\$50

Rápid 2024 Award – Saturday, June 1 USD 2,500

Position:	USD Awards
Champion	USD500
Runner-up	USD 350
3rd	US\$290
4th	USD 240
5th	US\$200
6th	US\$175
7th	USD 150
8th	USD 120
9th	USD 100
10º	US\$75
Best Female	USD 100
Best U14	USD 100
Best Senior	USD 100



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VII. REGULATION:

The tournament will be played by Swiss system to 11 (eleven) rounds. Pace of play: 90 minutes with a 30-second increment from the first move. The delay tolerance limit will be 30 minutes from the scheduled time for the round.

-The tournament will be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess.

Designation of the winner and determination of the ranking at the end of the tournament: the final standings will be determined by the number of points obtained, whoever obtains the highest score will be the winner of the championship. In the event of ties, the following systems will be applied in strict order:

Tiebreaker criteria determined by FIDE:

- Average ELO of Opponents Cut 1
- Buchholz Cut 1
- Buchholz
- Particular result (if applicable)
- Lottery

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not allowed inside the gaming room.

The first four (4) qualify for the “FIDE World Cup” phase of the Absolute World Championship cycle. The tournament will be valid for the International Rating and will give titles and rules according to the FIDE Title Regulations.

-Fair play; electronic equipment.

Fair play measures will be implemented according to FIDE anti-cheating guidelines. With the sole exception of motion recording equipment, during a game players are prohibited from having any electronic devices not specifically approved by the referee on the playing site. Such devices can be stored in a player's bag, as long as the device is completely turned off. This bag must be placed as agreed with the referee and the player is prohibited from using this bag without the referee's permission. Accompanying persons or spectators are prohibited from using electronic devices.

at the place of play, except for photographs when explicitly approved by the referee.

-Appeals Committee.

The CCA and the Organizer will appoint the president and two (2) other members of the Appeals Committee, as well as two (2) reserve members, all from different



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national chess federations. All names will be announced no later than the start of the Technical Meeting before Round 1.

None of the three (3) members of the Appeals Committee may judge a dispute involving a player from their national chess federation. A reserve member takes his place in such case.

Only a player or a delegation leader can file a protest. All protests will be submitted to the Appeals Committee in writing no more than one (1) hour after the completion of the relevant game, or an alleged occurrence of a reported infraction.

Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of one hundred (100) US dollars. If the protest is accepted, the fee will be returned. If the protest is rejected, CCA will forfeit the fee.

The Appeals Committee may decide on the following matters:

- a) an appeal against a decision of an arbitrator,
- b) a protest against the behavior of a player,
- c) all other matters that the Committee considers relevant.

Since pairings are made using FIDE certified tournament management software, appeals against computer generated pairings will not be accepted.

The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute is final.

IX. INQUIRIES:

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