



CONTINENTAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP FOR VETERANS AND SENIORS OF THE AMERICAS



Havana, Cuba from May 6th to May 12th, 2024

Habana Libre Hotel



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2025 QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

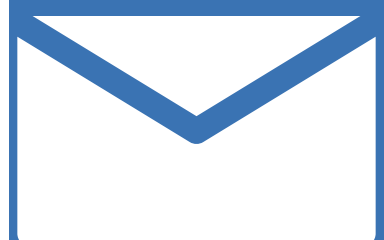
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The standard and blitz modalities will be played

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1. Invitation

The Confederation of Chess of the Americas (CCA) and the Cuban Chess Federation (FCA) are pleased to extend a warm invitation to all National Chess Federations of the American Continent to participate in the exciting Continental Chess Championship for Veterans and Seniors of the Americas 2024. This prominent event will take place from May 6th to May 12th, 2024, in the captivating city of Havana, Cuba, as an integral part of the LVII edition of the prestigious International Capablanca In Memoriam Tournament.



Havana, located on the northern coast of the island and founded in the 16th century, will host for the first time the most prominent chess event in the American continent. With a rich tradition and chess culture, this captivating city was honored with the title of Wonder City by the Swiss foundation New7Wonders in 2016. Its mythical charm, warm and welcoming atmosphere, along with the hospitality and joviality of its inhabitants, make Havana a unique place in the world.



2. Participants

To have the opportunity to compete in the exciting S50 section, players must have reached the required age during the Championship year. Therefore, the birthday must be on December 31, 1974, or earlier.

As for the S65 section, participants must also have reached the required age during the Championship year. That is, the birthday must be on December 31, 1959, or earlier.

Join us for this unique experience at the Senior and Veterans Chess Tournament in Havana and showcase your skills on the board!

Official Players: These participants are entitled to accommodation and full board, provided by the organization, from Saturday, May 6th at 3:00 PM until Saturday, May 13th at 12:00 PM.

Official players will be the top three finishers from each section in the previous edition, both in the Senior and Veterans categories. Additionally, one player representing each of the zones 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, and 2.5 will be designated for both the senior and veterans categories.

Official players will be accommodated in double rooms. Their designation must be communicated to the organization by the presidents of each zone before April 15, 2024.

3. Registrations

The official athletes must be registered by their respective Federations before the end of April 20, 2024, by sending an email to federacioncubanadeajedrez@gmail.com. After this deadline, any registration will be considered unofficial.

To be registered, each player must have the express authorization of their national Federation unless they are from the specific tournament region. However, exceptions can be made at the discretion of the event organizers in special cases.

For a player's registration to be considered complete, the following information will be required: full name, passport or ID number, FIDE ID, a recent passport-sized photograph, complete date of birth (in mm-dd-yyyy format), and FIDE title. This information will need to be verified upon arrival by presenting the corresponding passport or ID.

Participants must pay a registration fee of ONE HUNDRED US DOLLARS (USD \$100.00), which covers the CCA fee (\$50.00 USD). To register for the **Blitz Tournament**, participants must pay an additional fee of \$20.00 USD.

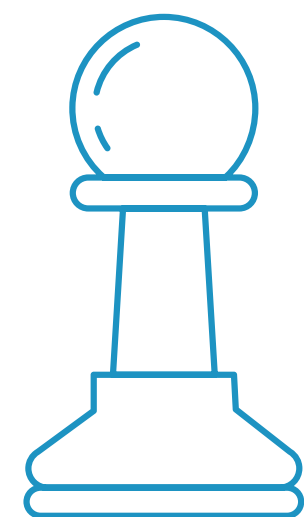
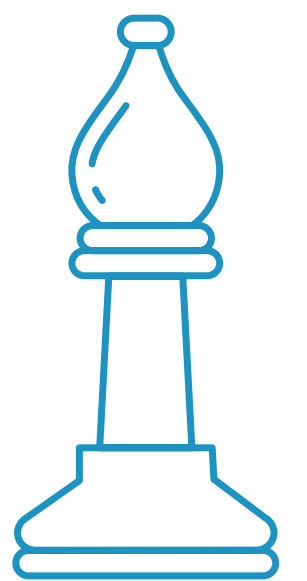
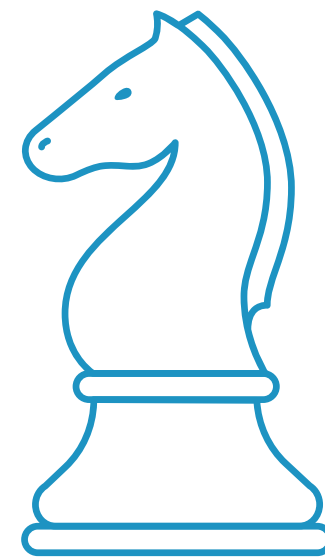
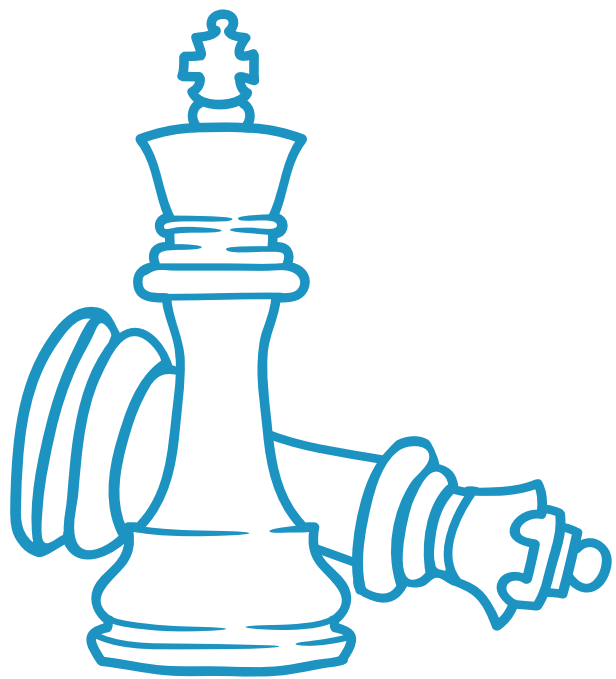
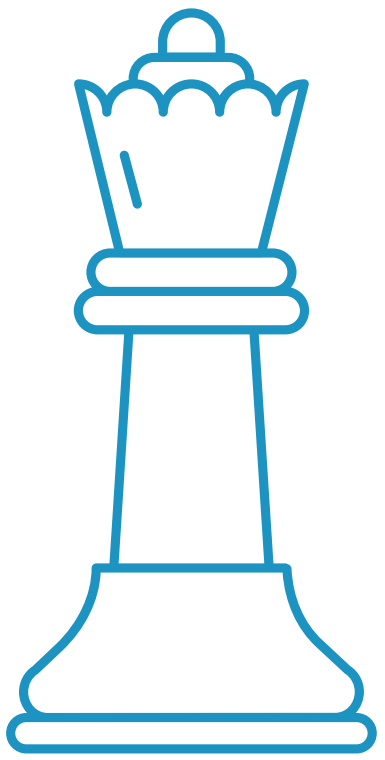
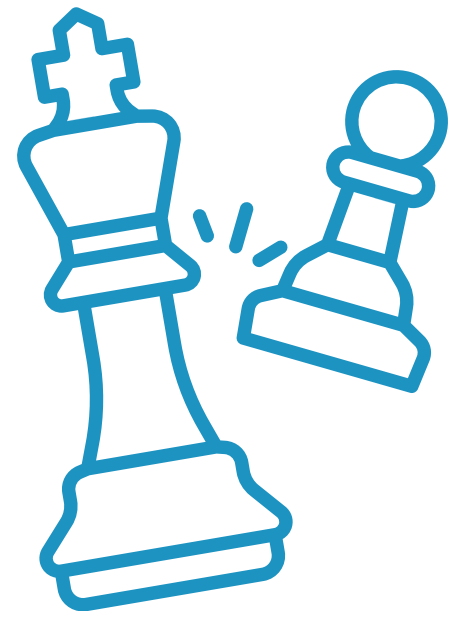
Additional participants and accompanying persons will be insured once they confirm their participation by making the corresponding deposits.

Payment of the registration fee is mandatory before the start of the first round to participate in the event. Each Federation will be jointly responsible for both the payment of registrations made and the costs incurred by the absence of registered players.

Registration payments can be made before the start of the tournament in the city of Havana

4. Playing Venue

The playing venue will be the Hotel Habana Libre, a historic venue of the Olympiad held in 1966. Located at the corner of 23rd Street and L Street, in Vedado, Plaza de la Revolución municipality, in Havana, Cuba.



5. Lodging and Meals

Lodging and meals are provided at the Hotel Habana Libre, which will serve as the main venue for the tournament and where all related activities will take place.

The reservation includes transfer from the airport to the hotel upon arrival, as well as from the hotel to the airport at the end of the stay.

Rates are quoted in both Euros and US Dollars per person per night.

We have different accommodation program options in various hotels to suit your preferences:

- Bed and Breakfast (CP): Includes breakfast.
- Full Board (AP): Offers breakfast, lunch, and dinner, with one beverage per meal.

Cubadeportes S.A. is pleased to present a commercial offer for the event.

✓ TARIFAS DE LOS PAQUETES

No.	Hoteles	CP / Hab. STANDAR		AP / Hab. STANDAR	
		DBL	SGL	DBL	SGL
1	Habana Libre ****	85.00 €	125.00 €	130.00 €	170.00 €
2	Vedado ***	50.00 €	65.00 €	70.00 €	85.00 €

✓ Datos de contactos:

- Dirección Comercial CUBADEPORTES S.A.
- e-mail: enmanuel@cubadeportes.cu

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Payment for accommodation must be made before the start of the tournament to the Cuban Chess Federation (FCA) through Cubadeportes SA. Check-in at the hotel is scheduled for May 6th starting at 2:00 PM, and check-out will be on May 13th at 12:00 PM, resulting in a 7-night stay.

In the event that an additional participant decides to stay elsewhere, they must pay a penalty of \$80.00 USD to the organization.

Important Note: To validate the bank transaction, the name of the sender must be indicated via email when making the payment. This email should be sent to the following addresses: federacioncubanadeajedrez@gmail.com and to Cubadeportes' email (enmanuel@cubadeportes.cu). Bank transaction fees will be the responsibility of the sender.

Special rates for national players:

In order to encourage the participation of Cuban players, the FCA offers the following discount for registration: The cost is \$60.00 USD or its equivalent in euros according to the current exchange rate. This amount only covers the payment to the CCA, which is \$50.00 USD.

Tournament Schedule:

Arrival and Accommodation Day: May 6, 2024

Registration and Check-In: May 6 - 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM Technical

Meeting: May 6, 2024 - 9:00 PM

Opening Ceremony: May 6, 2024 - 9:00 PM

Closing Ceremony and Awarding: May 12 - 4:00 PM

Departure Day: May 13, until 12:00 PM

Non-Official Players: The Pan-American Chess Championship for Veterans and Seniors is open to all players representing Chess Federations belonging to the Chess Confederation of the Americas (zones 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, and 2.5), regardless of their title or rating. There is no limit on the number of participants per federation; however, registrations must be sent exclusively by national federations, unless the President of the CCA decides otherwise.

6. Competition Rules

Playing System: Swiss System with 9 rounds. Pairings will be conducted using the Official FIDE program, Swiss Manager.

Time Control: 90 minutes per player for the entire game with a 30-second increment per move.

Tolerance: 30 minutes after the scheduled start time of the round. After this time, the player will be declared absent. Absence will result in withdrawal from the event, unless the intention to continue is notified before the end of the round.

Bye: There are no half-point byes; only 0-point byes are accepted.

Appeals Committee: Will be appointed before the start of the competition in accordance with the regulations outlined in the FIDE and CCA Handbook

Tiebreakers:

En caso de empate en puntos, se aplicarán los siguientes criterios de desempates, en estricto orden:

In case of a tie in points, the following tiebreak criteria will be applied, in strict order:

- Buchholz Cut 1
- Buchholz
- Average ELO of opponents
- Head-to-head result
- Greater number of wins

Fair play: Fair play measures will be enforced according to FIDE's anti-cheating guidelines.

Electronic devices are prohibited; players are forbidden from having any electronic devices in the playing area. Accompanying persons or spectators are prohibited from using electronic devices in the playing area, except for taking photographs in the first 10 minutes as approved in the FIDE regulations or with the approval of the arbiter.

Regulations: The current FIDE laws will be applied.

Chief Arbiter: IA José Luis Ramirez; the others will be selected by the Cuban Chess Federation with the endorsement of the Chess Confederation of the Americas.

7. Titles

The top three finishers will earn the opportunity to participate in the World Senior and Veterans Championships.

The tournament will be valid for International Rating and will award titles and norms in accordance with FIDE regulations on 'Titles

8. Competition Schedule

Date	Activity	Time
May 6th	Arrival and Opening Ceremony	14:00
May 6th	Blitz Tournament	20:00
May 7th	Round 1	10:00
May 7th	Round 2	17:00
May 8th	Round 3	17 :00
May 9th	Round 4	10:00
May 9th	Round 5	17:00
May 10th	Round 6	17:00
May 11th	Round 7	10:00
May 11th	Round 8	17:00
May 12th	Round 9	10:00
May 12th	Closing Ceremony	16:00
May 13th	Departure	12:00

9. Standard Tournament Awards

Position	Dollar prize
1st place	600 USD
2nd place	400 USD
3rd place	200 USD
Best Female Player	300 USD
Best S65 Player	300 USD

10. Blitz Tournament Awards

Position	Dollar prize based on the percentage of registration
1st place	40% USD
2nd place	25% USD
3rd place	10% USD
Best Female Player	10% USD
Best S65 Player	10% USD

The event awards the following titles and norms

Place/Division	Open	Female
Gold (after tiebreaks if necessary)	Grandmaster norm	Woman Grandmaster norm
First place (if tie, not gold)	International Master title	Woman International Master norm
Silver and Bronze	International Master norm and FIDE Master title	Woman FIDE Master norm

11. Tournament Officials

- Osvaldo Vento Montellier - President of INDER
- Roberto León Richard - President of the Cuban Olympic Committee
- Dr. José Carrillo - President of the Confederation of Chess for the Americas, CCA.
- GM Reynaldo Vera González-Quevedo - Vice President of the Cuban Chess Federation

12. Additional Information and Contacts

Cuban Chess Federation:

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13. Payment method

Registrations and associated payments can be made by depositing the amount into the FIDE America's account. They can also be made on the arrival day at the Cuban Chess Federation, where representatives of FIDE America will be available. For more information, please contact the treasurer of the CCA, Erick Hernández, via email at erickhernandez2002@yahoo.com or at the number +503 77403520

José Carrillo Pujols

President of CCA

Carlos Rivero González

President of FCA