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Pan American U-20 Championship

San Pedro Sula, Honduras

August 3 to 10, 2026



INVITATION

The CCA (Chess Confederation for America) and the National Chess Federation of Honduras (FENAH) cordially invite you to participate in the Pan American Under 20 Championship, 2026 edition, Absolute and Female categories, to be played in the city of San Pedro Sula, Honduras from August 3 to 10, 2026.



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General Conditions:

Dates: August 3 to 10, 2026

Official Hotel: Hotel Victoria, San Pedro Sula, Honduras

Playing Hall: "Isabella" Hall, Hotel Victoria

The Pan American Under-20 Tournament will be conducted in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess and the Regulations of the Chess Confederation of the Americas for Regional Youth Events. It will also have the following general conditions:

Open and Women's Under-20 Categories for players born after January 1, 2006.

STANDARD

Two tournaments will be played, one for men and one for women. If there are not enough participants in either tournament, the organizers may merge them to meet the pairing requirements. Only Federations affiliated with FIDE-CCA may participate. All participants must be registered by their respective Federation. Each National Chess Federation may register as many players as it wishes, upon payment of the registration fees, accommodation, meals, and transportation, which will be the responsibility of the Federation or its National Chess Federation.

GENERAL RULES

The tournament will be played using the Swiss System over nine (9) rounds or Round Robin, depending on the number of players, in accordance with the current CCA regulations. The time control will be ninety (90) minutes for the entire game with a thirty (30) second increment per move from the opening move. The tournaments are valid for International Titles and FIDE rating, in accordance with the provisions of the FIDE regulations.



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Tie-Break Criteria

The final ranking will be determined by the points earned by each player. The player with the most points will be declared champion. In case of a tie, the winners will be decided by applying the following tie-breaking systems in the order listed:

Torneo Sistema Suizo

- 1) Buchholz cut 1
- 2) Buchholz
- 3) Sonnenborn-Berger
- 4) Cumulative System (sum of progressive points)
- 5) Direct Encounter
- 6) Highest Number of Victories

Torneo Sistema Round Robin

- 1) Individual Result
- 2) Sonneborn Berger
- 3) Most Wins
- 4) Koya System
- 5) Extended Koya System

Pairings and Results

Before the start of the first round of the Tournament, a list of all participants' names will be posted in the Game Room. Pairings will be published at least one hour after the last game of each round on the tournament chess results page and/or at www.chess-results.com and in the Game Room.

Fair play, electronic communication devices, and time tolerance

Fair Play measures will be enforced in accordance with FIDE anti-cheating regulations. Electronic and communication devices (e.g., smartwatches, tablets, mobile phones) are not permitted in the playing area. Bags, purses, backpacks, and briefcases are also prohibited. Failure to comply with these measures will result in forfeiture of the match. A 30-minute grace period will be allowed for Standard matches.



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Player Conduct

All participants are subject to the Laws of Chess and must conduct themselves at all times during the tournament in accordance with the statutes of the CCA and FIDE and the highest principles of sportsmanship.

Players are expected to be present at all official events approved by the CCA and the Organizer, including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Players and heads of delegations are expected to attend the Technical Meeting. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may convene additional Technical Meetings.

Players must cooperate with the media and be available for brief interviews immediately after each game.

Players must comply with the requirements of the FIDE Regulations (FIDE Manual, C.01, Article 8.1) to maintain a dignified appearance at all times during the event.

Prizes

STANDARD ABSOLUTO	STANDARD: FEMENINO
First Place: Trophy	First Place: Trophy
Second Place: Trophy	Second Place: Trophy
Third Place: Trophy	Third Place: Trophy

RIGHTS

The winners of the championships have the personal right to participate in the next Pan American Under 20 Tournament, provided they meet the requirements.



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Titles and Regulations

Titles and rules will be awarded in accordance with the FIDE Regulations below:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B01DirectTitles2026>

ABSOLUTO	FEMALE
First place: Norm for the GM title and IM title (up to three players tied)	First Place: WGM Standard and WIM Title (up to three players tied)
Second place IM Standard and FM Title	Second Place WIM Standard and WFM Title
Third place IM Standard and FM Title	Third place WIM Standard and WFM Title

Dates and Schedule

Date	ACTIVITY	HOUR
03/08	Arrival of participants and accreditation	All day
03/08	Technical Congress	7:00 pm
04/08	Round #1	9:30 am
04/08	Round #2	3:30 pm
05/08	Round #3	3:30 pm
06/08	Round #4	9:30 am
06/09	Round #5	3:30 pm
07/08	Round #6	3:30 pm
08/08	Round #7	9:30 am
08/08	Round #8	3:30 pm
09/08	Round #9	9:30 am
09/08	Closing Ceremony	3:30 pm
10/08	delegation departure	All day



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Official Player

The champions of each category of the 2025 Pan American Under-20 Championship will be considered Official Players (as defenders of their titles) if they are eligible.

Rights of Official Players

The organization will cover 60% of the accommodation (in double rooms) and meal expenses from dinner on August 3rd to breakfast on August 10th for official players in each category from each Federation, according to the CCA financial regulations. Official players will be responsible for their own additional expenses such as registration, transportation, accreditation, etc. For registration purposes, these participants will be referred to as Official Players. All other players will be responsible for their own registration, transportation, meals, accreditation, and accommodation at the official hotel and will be referred to as Unofficial Players.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

OFFICIAL PLAYERS:

Official players can register until July 15, 2026, by transferring the corresponding payment to the account of the Honduran National Chess Federation. Federations must complete the registration form for their athletes and will be responsible for each player's registration. After that date, players may register, but only as unofficial players.

EXTRA PLAYERS AND COMPANIONS

Registration will be open until July 31, 2026, by depositing the corresponding registration fee into the Federation's account. After this date, late registration will be possible, subject to availability at the official hotel and a penalty of USD 100. Each Federation must formalize the registration of its participants. They must authorize and be responsible for the players and accompanying persons, officials, and decoys, in accordance with FIDE and CCA regulations. No person may be registered without the approval of their own Federation.



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ACCREDITATION

The credential is the document that identifies and authorizes all individuals who may have access to the gaming room. It applies to all players and accompanying persons (parents and teachers).

REGISTRATION:

Registration for Official and Unofficial participants **MUST** be completed by their respective Federations by July 15th for official participants and by July 31st at 23:59 hours for unofficial participants, via the following

email: Mgaray85@gmail.com

WhatsApp (+504)95415945

Hotel Cost:

Hotel Victoria: Price per day per person

person/USD	Single	Doble	Triple
Price per person, includes breakfast and taxes.	100	45	40

- Within 100 square meters of the hotel there is a variety of à la carte restaurants, fast food, and food franchises so that each participant can choose their favorite food.



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Registration Fees for Official and Unofficial Players:

The registration fee for the Pan American U20 Tournament is **US\$160.00**. This amount includes the CCA fee of US\$75.00 for official and non-official players, as well as athlete accreditation. The bank transfer fee must be paid by the player.

Accompanying persons, coaches, and delegates must pay their accreditation fee of **US\$25** to access the playing venue. **PAYMENT:** Registration fees for all official and non-official athletes must be paid to the account of

BENEFICIARY	MARIO GERARDO GARAY MUÑOZ
BANK	BANPAIS
USD ACCOUNT NUMBER	220780001866
SWIFT CODE	PISAHNTE (o PISAHNTEXXX)
BANK ADDRESS	BANCO DEL PAIS,S.A., EDIF. TORRE DEL PAIS, AV BLVD. JOSE ANTONIO PERAZA 16-17, NOR-OESTE URBANO EL PLAYON, SAN PEDRO SULA, HONDURAS

OFFICIAL HOTEL

All players—except those from the host country—must stay in official hotels. Reservations and payments equivalent to 40% of the total cost for this purpose must be made directly with the event organizers, after prior registration with the Honduran National Chess Federation (FENAH). Players who do not stay in an official hotel will be charged a penalty of USD 150 to the organizers and must indicate at the time of registration whether they will be staying in the official hotel. The organizers are not responsible for the safety of players and accompanying persons who do not stay in the official hotel.

Disciplinary Authorities

Tournament Director:

OI Juan Carlos Hernandez

IA Mario Garay, Head Arbiter



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Appeals Committee:

The CCA will appoint the chairperson and the other two (2) members of the Appeals Committee, as well as two (2) alternate members, all from different national chess federations. These appointments will be made at the Technical Congress prior to Round 1.

None of the three (3) members of the Appeals Committee will judge a dispute involving a player from their own national chess federation. An alternate member will take their place in such a case.

A protest may only be filed by a player or a head of delegation. All protests must be submitted to the Appeals Committee in writing within one (1) hour of the conclusion of the relevant game or the alleged occurrence of the violation being protested.

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

The Appeals Committee may decide on the following matters:

- a) an appeal against an arbiter's decision,
- b) a protest against a player's conduct,
- c) any other matter the Committee deems relevant.

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

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

TOURNAMENT AUTHORITIES:

President Fide América: José Carrillo Pujol

FENAH: Juan Carlos Hernández

Chief Arbiter: Mario Garay

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Chairman, FENAH