

The [Confederation for Chess in Americas - CCA](#) and the [Brazilian Chess Federation - CBX](#) are pleased to invite all the National Federations of America to participate in the **Pan-American Amateur Chess Championships 2026** that will take place in **Florianópolis, SC - Brazil**, from **August 22nd to 27th, 2026** (Saturday to Thursday).

**This English version applies only to foreign players.
For Brazilians directly on the CBX website.**

1. PARTICIPATION, OFFICIAL PLAYER AND CATEGORIES

1.1 It is open to all chess players registered by their respective national federation (CCA member). Each federation has the right to register as many participants as it wishes.

1.2 To register in the U2300 category, a participant cannot have a published FIDE rating equal to or greater than 2300 points during the year prior to the event. He/She cannot also hold a title higher than FM (or WFM in the case of women) at the time the tournament begins.

1.3 To register in the U2000 category, a participant cannot have a published FIDE rating equal to or greater than 2000 points during the year prior to the event. He/She cannot also hold a title higher than CM (or WCM in the case of women) at the time the tournament begins.

1.4 To register in the U1700 category, a participant cannot have a published FIDE rating equal to or greater than 1700 points during the year prior to the event. He/She cannot also hold a title higher than CM (or WCM in the case of women) at the time the tournament begins.

1.5 The competition is divided into three categories according to the rating: U1700, U2000 and U2300.

1.6 The events will be played in the women's section if there are nine (9) or more women representing at least three (3) federations registered in the category. Otherwise, all participants will play in the same unified open (mixed) section.

1.7 Official Players (as defenders of their title) will be considered those classified in the different categories of the Pan-American Amateur 2025 held in Honduras.

2. PRIZES

2.1 The organizer has to provide a prize fund of minimum US\$ 2.000 for each open tournament, and a prize fund of minimum US\$ 1.000 for each women tournament.

2.2 The money prizes will be equally shared among the players with the same score.

9.000 USD					
OPEN (2300-2000-1700)			WOMEN (2300-2000-1700)		
1° place	800 USD	trophy	1° place	400 USD	trophy
2° place	600 USD	trophy	2° place	225 USD	trophy
3° place	300 USD	trophy	3° place	150 USD	trophy
4° place	200 USD	medal	4° place	125 USD	medal
5° place	100 USD	medal	5° place	100 USD	medal

3. INFORMATION

Chief Arbiter: IO, IA, FT, SI, CM Kaiser Luiz Mafra +55 (48) 9.9835-6666 (WhatsApp)

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4. TITLES AND AWARDS

4.1 The first classified in each section and category will be designated as “Pan-American Amateur Champion” and will receive a trophy and will have guaranteed board and lodging in the 2027 Pan-American Amateur and World Amateur Championships 2027, provided that the regulatory conditions of the FIDE and CCA and as long as the rating remains below 2300 FIDE Rating STD.

4.2 The 3 (three) best classified in each section and category will receive trophies and will also have their board and lodging guaranteed in the 2027 Pan-American Amateur Championship, provided that the regulatory conditions of CCA are met and provided that the rating remains below 2300 FIDE Rating STD.

4.3 The 3 (three) best placed in the under 08, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 categories, male and female, in the U1700 and U2000 tournaments will be awarded with medals.

4.4 According to the [FIDE Handbook](#), Candidate Master titles (CM-WCM) will be awarded to the champion of the U2000 category and gold, silver and bronze medals in U2300 category.

5. VENUE AND OFFICIAL HOTEL



Hotel Canasvieiras IN

R. Me. Maria Villac, 2020 - Canasvieiras, Florianópolis – SC.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/GJB1bkHU2i2J8uzb9>.

PACKAGE – EVENT FARES

Included: registration (without arancel CCA), hotel with full board (5 nights)

Type	Check-In (after 3pm)	Check-Out (until 11am)	Nights	Total per person
SINGLE	August 22 nd	August 27 th	5	USD 450
	Extra night (per person) only breakfast		1	USD 90
DOUBLE	August 22 nd	August 27 th	5	USD 350
	Extra night (per person) only breakfast		1	USD 70
TRIPLE	August 22 nd	August 27 th	5	USD 300
	Extra night (per person) only breakfast		1	USD 60

Full board from August 22nd (dinner) to August 27th (lunch). Extra days only with breakfast.

Players who do not stay at the official hotel must pay a penalty of USD 180.

Reservations and payment must be made through the event organization:

kaisermafra@hotmail.com

6. REGISTRATION

	EVENT	Until July 1 st	Until August 1 st	Until August 14 th
1	REGISTRATION without hotel	90 USD	95 USD	100 USD
2	ARANCEL CCA	40 USD (official)		60 USD (extra)

Registrations are personal and non-transferable. No credits or refunds will be made.

* The ARANCEL CCA fee is mandatory on the same date of registration.

After the informed dates, registrations are subject to approval by the organization with a 100% surcharge.

6.1 Players must give the following information: Name and surname, date of birth and FIN.

6.2 The list of players will be available in:

U2300 Open: <https://s2.chess-results.com/Tnr1345568.aspx?lan=10>

U2300 Women: <https://chess-results.com/Tnr1345573.aspx?lan=10>

U2000 Open: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1345570.aspx?lan=10>

U2000 Women: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1345574.aspx?lan=10>

U1700 Open: <https://s1.chess-results.com/tnr1345572.aspx?lan=10>

U1700 Women: <https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1345575.aspx?lan=10>

6.3 Payment information will be answered by email after the list is sent by the National Federation.

7. SCHEDULE

Pan-American Amateur Chess Championships 2026			
August 22 nd – Saturday	Technical Meeting – 11am	1 st Round – 2pm	FREE
August 23 rd – Sunday	FREE	2 nd Round – 2pm	3 rd Round – 8pm
August 24 th – Monday	FREE	FREE	4 th Round – 8pm
August 25 th – Tuesday	FREE	5 th Round – 2pm	6 th Round – 8pm
August 26 th – Wednesday	FREE	7 th Round – 2pm	8 th Round – 8pm
August 27 th – Thursday	9 th Round – 10am	Closing Ceremony – 3pm	

Technical meeting will be **ONLINE** August 22nd 11am ([instagram.com/brazilchessseries](https://www.instagram.com/brazilchessseries))

8. PAIRINGS AND RATE OF PLAY

8.1 Pairings: Swiss Manager. PGN games will be published in Chess-Results.

8.2 Rate of play: 90 minutes plus 30 seconds per move from move 1.

8.3 Preferably, 6 tournaments will be played simultaneously, according to the articles 1.2-1.6.

9. CHESS MATERIAL AND DIGITAL CLOCKS

9.1 The pieces, boards and digital clocks will be available at all tables by the organization.

10. DEFAULT TIME

10.1 Default time is 60 minutes after the start of the round.

11. TIEBREAK CRITERIA (in order)

11.1 Round-Robin: Direct encounter, Greater number of victories, Koya System, Sonneborn-Berger, most black.

11.2 Swiss System: Direct encounter, Buchholz Cut 1, Total Buchholz, Greater number of victories, Sonneborn-Berger.

If the tie persists, draw.

12. FAIR PLAY AND ELECTRONIC/COMMUNICATION DEVICES

12.1 At the playing venue, Fair Play measures will be applied in accordance with FIDE anti-cheating rules (FIDE Anti Cheating Regulations).

12.2 Electronic and communication devices are not allowed in the playing area (e.g., smartwatch, tablet, mobile phone).

12.3 Failure to comply with the measure will be penalized with the loss of the game.

12.4 Electronic spreadsheet: if used, it will be provided by the organization only.

13. PLAYER CONDUCT

13.1 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.

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

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

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

13.5 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.

14. APPEALS

14.1 The CCA president 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.

14.2 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.

14.3 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.

14.4 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.

14.5 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.

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

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

15. RESULTS AND PHOTOS

15.1 The official website is <https://fideamerica.net> and social media are <https://www.facebook.com/brazilchessseries> and <https://www.instagram.com/brazilchessseries> and <https://www.flickr.com/photos/brazilchessseries>, where the results and photos should be published.

15.2 The organizers reserve the right to use any photograph or video taken at any tournament, without the express written permission of those included in the photograph or video. The organizers may use the photographs and videos in publications or other media materials produced, used or commissioned by the organizers, including, but not limited to, brochures, invitations, books, newspapers, magazines, television, websites, etc.

15.3 To ensure the privacy of individuals and children, images will not be identified using full names or personally identifiable information without written approval of the subject, parent, or legal guardian.

15.4 By participating in the tournament, you agree to release, defend, hold harmless and indemnify the organizers from any and all claims involving the use of your image or likeness.

15.5 Any person or organization not affiliated with the organizers may not use, copy, modify any photographs, graphics, videography or other similar reproductions or recordings without the prior written permission of an authorized designee of the organizers.

16. HONORARY COMMITTEE

IO José Carrillo Pujol – CCA President

GM Darcy Lima – Continental Advisor for Americas

IA Máximo Igor Miranda de Macedo – CBX President

Marlon Cristiano Rahn – FCX President

IO Kaiser Luiz Mafra – CBX Technical Vice-President

FLIGHTS



CHESS TRIPS

The official travel partner is ChessTrips, the perfect travel agency for chess players! ChessTrips guarantees reduced-price airline tickets and offers travel support for participants in the Pan-American Amateur Chess Championship. With the aim of making your trip to Florianópolis easier and more economical, allowing more athletes to participate in the event.

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