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Pan American Chess Championship Master, Senior 2026

Categories: Masters (35+), Senior (50+, 65+)

San Salvador, El Salvador

October 9–16, 2026

INVITATION

The **Confederation of Chess of the Americas (CCA)** and the **Salvadoran Chess Federation (FSA)** are honored to invite affiliated National Federations and their official delegations to take part in the ***Pan American Chess Championship Master, Senior 2026, categories: Masters (35+), Senior (50+, 65+)***, to be held in the city of San Salvador, Republic of El Salvador, from October 9 to 16, 2026.

This document contains the official event information, including venue, participation requirements, schedule, technical regulations, accommodation packages, and registration instructions. Please confirm your interest and arrange your participation within the established deadlines.

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The Chess Confederation of America (CCA) and the Salvadoran Chess Federation (FSA) invite all National Federations of the American Continent to the Pan American Chess Championship Master, Senior 2026, categories: Masters (35+), Senior (50+, 65+), to be held in the City of San Salvador, El Salvador.



Image 1: Hotel Best Western Plus

SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR

San Salvador is the capital and largest city of El Salvador. Known as the country's political, cultural, and economic center, it lies in the "Valley of the Hammocks" at an altitude of about 658 meters. Its climate is generally warm, with average temperatures of 22°C to 30°C, surrounded by impressive volcanoes.

I.- VENUE, DATES AND PLAYING SITE

The Pan American Chess Championship Master, Senior 2026, categories: Masters (35+), Senior (50+, 65+) will take place in the city of San Salvador, from October 9 to 16, 2026. The event venue will be the HOTEL BEST WESTERN PLUS, located in Colonia Escalón, San Salvador.



Images 2: Playing hall and views of the host Hotel.

II.- PARTICIPANTS

The Pan American Chess Championship is open to players representing national chess federations of the countries of the American Continent.

To take part in the promotional category **S35 Open**, the player must reach the required age during the competition year. Therefore, the date of birth must be December 31, 1991 or earlier.

To take part in the category **S50 Open and Women's**, the player must reach the required age during the competition year. Therefore, the date of birth must be December 31, 1976 or earlier.

To take part in the category **S65 Open and Women's**, the player must reach the required age during the competition year. Therefore, the date of birth must be December 31, 1961 or earlier.

OFFICIAL PLAYERS

The following players will be entitled to official player status, with double-room accommodation and full board covered by the organization (from dinner on October 9 through breakfast on October 16), provided they meet the age conditions described above:

a) The top three finishers of each section from the previous edition, held in 2025 in João Pessoa, Paraíba - Brazil;

b) One player nominated by each of zones 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4 and 2.5. Official players must be registered by their national federation before August 30. After this date, all players will be considered Non-Official players. Nominees must be defined and notified to the organization by each zone president before August 30. Registration is only confirmed once the corresponding fees have been paid.

Each Federation may enter as many players as it wishes, without restriction; these players must cover their own full costs of registration, transportation, accommodation, and meals. Companions must cover their own full costs and be reported and registered by the Federations.

No player may be registered without the endorsement of their respective Federation; in cases of conflict, the CCA may decide to register players.

III. EVENT SCHEDULE

See the detailed schedule in the Technical Regulations (page 8).

IV. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The tournament will be held in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess and the official FIDE and CCA competition rules. See the Technical Regulations for the Pan American Chess Championship Master, Senior 2026, categories: Masters (35+), Senior (50+, 65+), which forms an integral part of this Invitation (page 7).

V.- ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES; REGISTRATION FEES; DEPOSITS

OFFICIAL HOTEL **BEST WESTERN PLUS TERRAZA** – Link:

<https://www.terraza.com.sv/>

ROOM TYPE	PRICE PER PERSON
Single	\$ USD 875
Double	\$ USD 490
Triple	\$ USD 420

(Room price per person, for the full 7-night stay from October 9 to 16, breakfast only included)

All players, coaches, and companions must book their hotel through the PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP ORGANIZATION. Direct bookings with the hotel will NOT be accepted as part of the Official Hotel and will be subject to a penalty of **USD 150** per person.

REGISTRATION FEE:

Participants must pay the following tournament registration amounts:

Official Players: **USD 140** (Includes CCA fee)

Extra Players: **USD 160** (Includes CCA fee)

Credential: **USD 20** (delegates, coaches, and companions)

Registered participants may arrange (optional) transfer service from El Salvador International Airport (SAL) to the official hotel. This service has a non-refundable cost of USD 35 per participant (one way) or USD 70 (round trip). The transfer service will operate on October 9 and 16. Flight details must be provided at the time of registration.

INTERNATIONAL BANK TRANSFER

Organizer Bank Account.

Detail	Information
BENEFICIARY NAME	Erick Ademir Hernández Portillo
BANK ACCOUNT	3480529440
BENEFICIARY ADDRESS	Cond. Residencial los Ángeles Calle Principal No.101 Ayutuxtepeque, San Salvador
BANK NAME	Banco Agrícola SA
BANK ADDRESS	Boulevard Constitución No. 100 San Salvador, El Salvador
SWIFT CODE	CAGRSVSS

Please send the bank transfer details of the payments made to the organization's official email registration.cca@gmail.com. Any costs related to transfer charges or bank commissions must be covered by the sender of the bank transfer.

VI.- PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION AND DEADLINES

Federations must submit, by **August 30, 2026** the registration of all their official participants through the following link: <https://95vsys9ve8.zite.so/>

Extra player registrations must be submitted by the national federations by **September 19** through the following link: <https://95vsys9ve8.zite.so/> providing the following information: full name, date of birth, FIDE ID, proof of payment, contact details, and the category in which each player will compete. After September 19, registrations will be subject to approval by the organization and hotel availability, and the cost per night will increase by **USD 10** per person per night, or the proportional value as a penalty.

Registrations are personal and non-transferable. No credits or refunds will be given. Registration is only confirmed after payment of the corresponding amounts.

VII.- PRIZES

See the Technical Regulations for the Pan American Chess Championship Master, Senior 2026, categories: Masters (35+), Senior (50+, 65+), which forms an integral part of this Invitation, for a full description of individual prizes. Prizes will be awarded at the official closing ceremony.

VIII.- VISA INFORMATION

Most countries do not require a visa to enter El Salvador for stays of up to 90 days. Players who require a visa to enter El Salvador must register no later than August 30, 2026 and send a copy of their passport to the organizing committee. After that date, the organization is not responsible for any immigration procedures.

The organization will provide invitation letters for players who need visas.

IX.- TOURNAMENT AUTHORITIES

CCA President: Mr. José Carrillo Pujol.

FSA President: Mr. David Ernesto Blanco

Organizer

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The official event website is www.fideamerica.net, where results and photos of the event will be published. Participants or their guardians authorize the free use of their image for distribution in printed or digital material for informational purposes.

David Ernesto Blanco
FSA President

José Antonio Carrillo
CCA President

TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

Pan American Chess Championship Master, Senior 2026, categories: Masters (35+), Senior (50+, 65+)

SAN SALVADOR – EL SALVADOR – OCTOBER 09 TO 16, 2026

X.- APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

The Pan American Chess Championship Master, Senior 2026, categories: Masters (35+), Senior (50+, 65+) will be played in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess, the FIDE General Regulations for Competitions, the applicable CCA Rules, and these Technical Regulations. At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen event not covered by the above rules will be referred to the CCA for a final decision.

XI.- FORMAT AND SYSTEM

The Tournament will be played under the nine-round Swiss system, or Round Robin in case the tournament has 10 or fewer participants.

XII.- TIME CONTROL

Time control: 90 minutes plus 30 seconds increment per move, from move one.

Tolerance time: once the round has started, it is 30 minutes.

If a player arrives at the chessboard after the tolerance time has elapsed, the game will be declared lost by default.

XIII.- TIEBREAKS

CCA tournaments use technical tiebreaks according to the current FIDE Tiebreak Regulations.

For the category in which the competition is played as a Swiss system event, the final ranking of players is determined by the number of points obtained. If, at the end of the tournament, two or more players are tied, the tie will be broken as follows, systems in strict order:

Swiss System:

Buchholz Cut 1

Buchholz

Sonneborn-Berger

Cumulative System – Sum of progressive scores.

Direct encounter

Greater number of wins

For the category in which the competition is played as a round-robin event, the final ranking of players is determined by the number of points obtained. If, at the end of the tournament, two or more players are tied, the tie will be broken as follows:

Round Robin:

- a) Direct encounter
 - b) Greater number of wins
 - c) Greater number of wins with black
 - c) Sonneborn-Berger with real points
 - d) Koya System
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XIV.- SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 09	HOTEL CHECK-IN	15.00
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 09	TECHNICAL MEETING	18.00
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 10	OPENING CEREMONY	10.00
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 10	ROUND 1	10.30
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 10	ROUND 2	17.30
SUNDAY	OCTOBER 11	ROUND 3	17.30
MONDAY	OCTOBER 12	ROUND 4	10.00
MONDAY	OCTOBER 12	ROUND 5	17.30
TUESDAY	OCTOBER 13	ROUND 6	17.30
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 14	ROUND 7	10.00
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 14	ROUND 8	17.30
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 15	ROUND 9	10.00
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 15	AWARDS CEREMONY	16.00
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 16	HOTEL CHECK-OUT	12.00

Table 1. Event Schedule

XV.- PLAYER CONDUCT

All participants are subject to the Laws of Chess and shall behave 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 attend all official events approved by the CCA and the event organization, including the opening and closing ceremonies and the technical meeting. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call additional technical meetings.

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

Players must comply with the requirements of the FIDE Regulations to maintain a dignified appearance at all times during the event.

XVI.- FAIR PLAY; ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Fair play measures will be implemented according to FIDE anti-cheating guidelines, with the sole exception of move-recording devices. During the game, players are prohibited from carrying any electronic device in the playing venue and may not carry bags or backpacks.

Companions or spectators are not permitted to enter the playing hall 10 minutes after the round has started.

XVII.- APPEALS COMMITTEE

The CCA and the Organizer will appoint the chairperson and two (2) other members of the Appeals Committee, as well as two (2) alternates. All names will be announced no later than the start of the Technical Meeting and before the first round begins.

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

Only a player may file an appeal. All appeals must be submitted to the Appeals Committee in writing no more than one (1) hour after the end of the round or the moment the alleged infraction occurred

Each appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of USD 100 (one hundred US dollars). If the appeal is upheld, the deposit will be refunded. If the appeal is rejected, the deposit will not be returned.

The Appeals Committee may rule on the following matters:

- a) an appeal against an arbiter's decision,
- b) a complaint against a player's conduct,
- c) any other matters the Appeals Committee deems relevant

The written decision of the Appeals Committee is final.

XVIII.- PRIZES

The winner of each category of the Pan American Chess Championship Master, Senior 2026, categories: Masters (35+), Senior (50+, 65+) earns the personal right to participate in the following year's World Championship (subject to FIDE rules).

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS SENIOR +S50, +S65 - (OPEN)

The top five (5) places will be awarded prizes in the open divisions as follows:

Place	Prize	FIDE Norm	Direct FIDE Title
1°	Trophy + \$1,000	GM Norm	-
1st Equal*		-	IM Title
2°	Trophy + \$750	IM Norm	FM Title
3°	Trophy + \$550	IM Norm	FM Title
4°	Medal + \$400	-	-
5°	Medal + \$300	-	-

Table 2. Prizes by Placement

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS SENIOR +S50, +S65 - (FEMALE)

The top five (5) places will be awarded prizes in women's divisions as follows:

Place	Prize	FIDE Norm	Direct FIDE Title
1°	Trophy + \$800	WGM Norm	-
1st Equal*		-	WIM Title
2°	Trophy + \$600	WIM Norm	WFM Title
3°	Trophy + \$500	WIM Norm	WFM Title
4°	Medal + \$350	-	-
5°	Medal + \$250	-	-

Table 3. Prizes by Placement

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR MASTER

PLACE	POINTS
1°	Trophy + \$500
2°	Trophy + \$300
3°	Trophy + \$200

Table 4. Special Awards



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