OFFICIAL CALL

America's Talent Program 2026 Stage 2
Confederation of Chess for the Americas (CCA / FIDE America)
CCA Trainers' Commission (TCA)

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1. Presentation and Objective
The Confederation of Chess for the Americas (CCA), through its Trainers' Commission, presents the **2026 stage 2** edition of the **America's Talent Program**. This continental initiative aims to strengthen the regional competitive level and project young promising chess players from the Americas onto the world stage, through a common work structure led by trainers with international experience.

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2. Official Program Schedule
The training cycle will take place virtually over a period of thirteen (13) weeks under the following schedule:

- **Session start date:** Saturday, December 19, 2026.
- **End date:** Saturday, March 27, 2027.
- **Modality:** Weekly online training sessions.
- **Cost:** 100% free program for nominated and selected athletes.

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3. Participants and Quotas per Federation
All national federations affiliated with FIDE America may participate:

- **Ordinary quotas:** Each national federation may nominate a maximum of **one (1) athlete per section (Open and Women's)** in each of the following categories:
    - **U12 Category Year 2027**
    - **U14 Category Year 2027**
    - **U16 Category Year 2027**
    - **Elite Group U18 Year 2027:** Only for athletes with standard FIDE Elo over 2200.

    - **Athletes Summoned by the CCA Trainers' Commission**

4. Nomination Requirements

For the nomination to be valid, proposed athletes must meet the following criteria:

1. Have an active **FIDE ID** and officially represent the federation making the nomination.
2. Meet the regulatory age corresponding to the category nominated as of January 1, 2027.
3. Commit to maintaining regular attendance at the virtual sessions scheduled between December 12, 2026, and March 27, 2027.
4. Have a stable internet connection and suitable equipment for online classes.

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5. **Registration Process**
   Participants must be nominated exclusively through their respective National Federation, strictly adhering to the maximum quota of athletes established per country.

- **Registration medium:** Official form provided by the FIDE America Trainers' Commission.
- **Roster submission deadline:** Saturday, December 12, 2026.

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