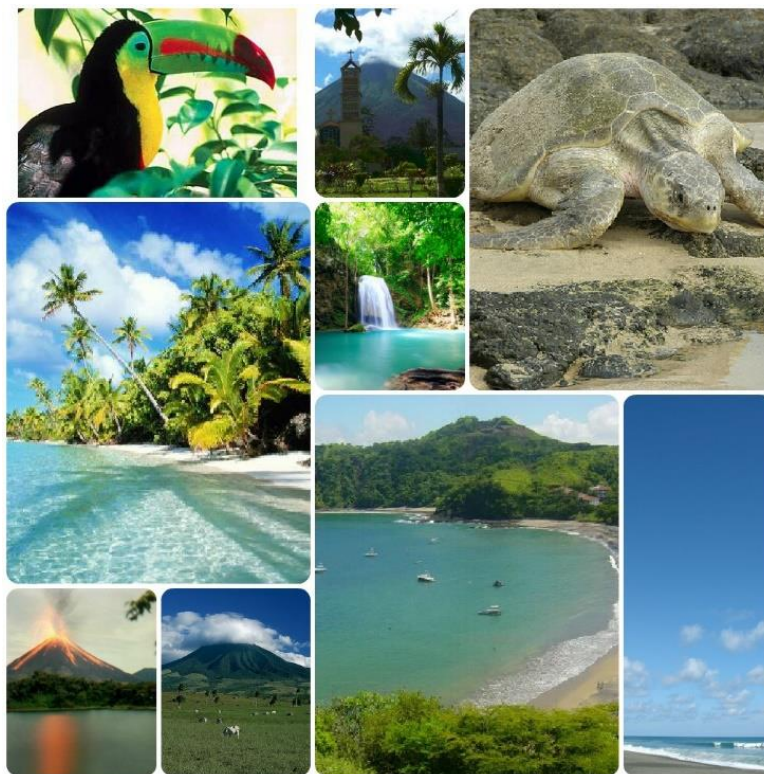




**XXVIII PAN-AMERICAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS OPEN AND GIRLS
SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA 2017**

I. INVITATION.

The Confederation of Chess for America (CCA) and the Costa Rica Chess Federation (FCACR), are pleased to invite all National Chess Federations of the Americas to the XXVIII Pan-American Youth Chess Festival both Open and Girls, from June 30 to July 7th, 2017 in San José, Costa Rica.



Costa Rica is known for the natural attractions





II. GENERAL CONDITIONS.

This event will be following the rules and regulations written in this invitation. In case of any omissions, the "Regulations for the Pan-American Youth Chess Championship 2011 will be in effect.

III. CATEGORIES. ABSOLUTE AND GIRLS:

- Under 8: Born on or after January 1, 2009
- Under 10: Born on or after January 1, 2007
- Under 12: Born on or after January 1, 2005
- Under 14: Born on or after January 1, 2003
- Under 16: Born on or after January 1, 2001
- Under 18: Born on or after January 1, 1999

IV. TOURNAMENT FORMAT.

Tournaments will preferably be played under the Swiss System 9 rounds. The Swiss Manager program will be used. If the category has ten players the tournament will be round robin. In case of having less than ten players the absolute and feminine tournaments will be merged in the same category.



V. TIME CONTROL.

The time control shall be 90 minutes per player with an additional 30 seconds per move from move one.

VI. CHARACTERISTICS.

Open tournament. Each National Federation may register as many players as it wishes. All participants must be endorsed by their FIDE recognized national federations.





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VII. SCHEDULE.

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
June 30th	Arrival	From 15:00 hrs.
June 30th	Opening Ceremony	19:00 hrs
July 1st	Technical Meeting	10:00 hrs
July 1st	Round 1	15:00 hrs
July 2nd	Round 2	09:30 hrs
July 2nd	Round 3	16:00 hrs
July 3rd	Round 4	09:30 hrs
July 3rd	Round 5	16:00 hrs
July 4th	Round 6	15:00 hrs
July 5th	Round 7	09:30 hrs
July 5th	Round 8	16:00 hrs
July 6th	Round 9	09:30 hrs
July 6th	Blitz	15:00 hrs
July 6th	Closing ceremony	18:00 hrs

VIII. PAIRINGS AND PGN: Oficial pairings and PGN files will be published in <http://fcacostarica.com/panamericano-2017>. For information purposes they will also be published in www.chess-results.com.



VIII. TIE BREAK SYSTEMS.

For the different types of tournaments the Tie-Break Rules as listed below will be applied in the listed order.

For Individual Swiss Tournaments:

1. Direct encounter.
2. The greater number of wins (forfeit included).
3. The greater number of games with Black (unplayed games shall be counted as played with White).
4. Buchholz Cut 1.
5. Buchholz.
6. Sonneborn-Berger.
7. By age in favor of the younger player.

For Individual Round-Robin Tournaments:

1. Direct encounter.
2. The greater number of wins (forfeit included).
3. Sonneborn-Berger.
Koya System.
4. By age in favor of the younger player.



IX. RIGHTS FOR CATEGORIES UNDER 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 AND 18.

Each Federation will be provided with accommodation and full board for one player per category and gender, as well as for one Delegate. These participants will be called *Official Players*. The remaining participants will have to cover their own accommodation and meals in the official hotels. These players will be called *Additional Players*.

- Players who qualified in 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place in the last edition (XXVII PAN-AMERICAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016), will be considered as *Official Players* for all intents and purposes.
- Players who qualified in 1st place in the Regional Festivals CAC, South and North America, will be considered as *Official Players* for all intents and purposes.

NOTE: *Official Players* will be provided with all meals between (and including) the 30 of June's dinner and the 7th of July's breakfast.

X. DEADLINE REGISTRATION.

Official players: The official players could register before April 30th, 2017 inclusive; guaranteeing 50% of registration fee, accreditation and transportation. After that date and before May 30th inclusive, the official player could register paying USD \$100 as a penalty fee for late registration and depends on availability in official hotels. After May 30th the player would be considered additional player for which they should pay as such and depends on availability in official hotels.



Additional Players and Accompanying persons: They could register *before May 30th inclusive*, guaranteeing 50% of official accommodation and meals, register fee, accreditation and transportation. After that date the participant could register paying USD \$100 as a penalty fee for late registration and depends on availability in official hotels.

- The balance must be paying on arrival in the country and before entering the hotel or the tournament. Otherwise, the person will not be accredited or included in the round and will not be allowed to access to the official areas of the tournament.

- The money canceled by any concept, will not be refundable.

Each Federation is responsible for registering their players. They must authorize, and be responsible, for athletes, companions, officers and extras, according to FIDE and CCA regulations. No person may be registered without the approval of his own Federation or if he does not belong to the region corresponding to this Championship.

For the registration to be completed, they will have to send an e-mail to: panamericano@fcacostarica.com together with the bank transfer information (ticket) and also the following information:

- Full Name
- FIDE ID
- Tournament (Open/Girls) (Official, Additional, Acompañing person, Delegate, Arbiter, Trainer).
- Passport copy
- Country.
- Photo.





- Transportation from airport: Arrival and departure times, flight number.
- Extra days
- Roomate/s.
- Emergency email.
- Special conditions.
- Other observations.

Federations will be provided a form to be completed. Each delegate must show the original passport of their representatives.

SAN JOSE ATTRACTIONS

Costa Rica capital has family tourist attractions:



Museums like Kids Museum and Gold Museum.

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Parque de Diversiones (Amusement Park) and Pueblo Antiguo (Old Town)



Antique buildings like National Theater and Costa Rica Post Office.



XI. REGISTRATION AND FEES.

All players without exception must pay:

A. Registration fee to the Pan-American Youth Chess Festival San José 2017:

TO THE CCA:

- Official players: USD\$ 75.
- Additional players: USD\$100.

TO THE ORGANIZATION:

- Official and Additional players: USD \$50.
- B. Registration to the Pan-American Youth **Blitz** Chess Championship San José 2017:
- Official and Additional Players: USD\$20.
 - Registration for the Blitz will be EXCLUSIVELY on July 5th in the Tournament Hall. Late registrations will be subject to the Organizer's approval, and will cost USD \$25.
- C. According with the CCA Financial Regulations 2017 players and officials in arrears (CCA or FIDE) can play the event only by paying double the value of the entry fees.



D. OFFICIAL PLAYERS AND DELEGATES also must pay:

-TRANSFER: USD \$15.

-ACREDITATION: USD\$5.

XII. ACCOMMODATION AND BOARD:

The companions, coaches and extra athletes must cover, for accommodation, food, transfer and accreditation the following fee:

COST PACKAGE PER PERSON:

UNTIL APRIL 15TH 2017.

Hotel	Single	Double	Triple	Quadruple
4 Stars ***	\$1000	\$670	\$560	\$580*/**
5 Stars **	\$1150	\$770	\$690*	\$640*

* Accommodation in room with two double beds.

** Hotel to 15 minutes from the venue.

*** Hotel to 15 minutes or less from the venue.





FROM APRIL 16TH 2017.

Hotel	Single	Double	Triple	Quadruple
4 Stars ***	\$1100	\$745	\$650	\$620*/**
5 Stars **	\$1245	\$820	\$740*	\$680*

* Accommodation in room with two double beds.

** Hotel to 15 minutes from the venue.

*** Hotel to 15 minutes or less from the venue.

Includes: Accommodation and full board are included from dinner of June 30th to breakfast of July 7th, transportation and accreditation.

The use of these packages is mandatory for all foreign delegations, but can be avoided paying in the dates established above the sum of \$ 120 per person; who will not be able to stay in the official hotels of the event, and for whom the organizer does not accept any further obligation or on the transport airport-hotel-airport or hotel- venue- hotel.

The official players will receive the accommodation in triple occupancy in a four-star hotel, fifteen minutes by car from the game room, from June 30th (check in from 3:00 pm) until July 7th, 2017 (check out at 12 md). Officials who wish to stay in double or single rooms and / or in a five-star hotel must pay the difference.

BANK ACCOUNT: In USD Dollars. Please ask for the attached file with the bank account information.





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In spite of being a small country Costa Rica has a diversity of regions that allows to have a wide gastronomy: from typical dishes like the rooster pinto, chifrijo, olla de carne and the casado, sea food like the ceviche or caribbean food such rice and beans and patí. You will always have fresh fruits and an aromatic coffee.

XIII. PRIZES:

- Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each tournament.
- Trophies for top three countries.
- Countries will be assigned 1st, 2nd and 3rd place by accumulating points as follows, for each category and gender.

1st	10 points	6th	5 points
2nd	9 points	7th	4 points



3rd	8 points	8th	3 points
4th	7 points	9th	2 points
5th	6 points	10th	1 point



San José, Costa Rica Capital

TITLES: Please see Table for Direct Titles effective from 1 July 2014, Table 1.24a and Table 1.24b, Continental & Regional Tournaments (<http://www.fide.com/fide/handbook.html?id=173&view=article>).

XIII. APPEALS COMMITTEE:

In the technical meeting the Appeals Committee will be formed between the representatives of the participating federations. It will be presided over by the Continental President or to whom he designates and should consist of four principals and two substitutes, representing seven different federations.

No member of the Appeals Committee shall take part in any decision concerning the Federation it represents, unless the parties involved are from the same federation.





Appeals must be submitted, in a written form, to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within two hours after the round finishes. The appeal must be accompanied with the sum of 50USD. If the appeal succeeds, the sum will be returned to the player who appealed.

The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final.

XIV. OTHERS:

-PHOTOGRAPHS: Photographs are allowed within the first ten minutes of the beginning of Round 1, and within 5 minutes of the others rounds, as long as FIDE regulations are followed.

-VISAS: Those players or companions who require assistance in obtaining a visa must take into account that Costa Rica, like all countries, has very strict controls to issue a visa.

The Costa Rica Federation (FCACR) will collaborate as much as possible, but it is up to each person to complete all documentation and procedures. To be useful, the FCACR will receive the necessary documentation no later than April 30th, 2017. However this date may change depending on the country of origin. At the following web address you can find the official visa information: <http://www.migracion.go.cr/extranjeros/visas.html>

In general, people traveling from South America require to be vaccinated ten days before the trip against yellow fever. Other vaccines may be mandatory and it is necessary for each person to ask at the nearest Costa Rican consulate.



XVI. INFORMATION AND CONTACT.

For any information please contact the Organizing Committee:

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