

30th Space Coast Open Chess Festival

(Sponsored by the Space Coast Chess Foundation)

May 2-4 or May 3-4, 2025

At the Hilton Melbourne at Rialto Place

FIDE Rated (Master/Expert and Class A Sections)

\$20,000.00 Fully Guaranteed Prize Fund, 100 Grand Prix Points (enhanced)

SECTION	Category	1st prize	2nd prize	3rd prize	4th prize
Master/Expert *FIDE RATED*	Min USCF or FIDE 2000 rating req.	\$2,000 + trophy	\$1,000	\$600	
	Under 2400 (no unrated)	\$1,500 + trophy	\$750		
	Under 2200 (no unrated)	\$1,400 + trophy	\$700		
Class A–FIDE rated	Open to 1600-1999	\$1,400 + trophy	\$700	\$500	\$400
Class B	Open to 1400-1799	\$1,100 + trophy	\$500	\$300	\$200
Class C	Open to 1200-1599	\$1,000 + trophy	\$500	\$300	\$200
Class D	Open to 800-1399	\$900 + trophy	\$500	\$300	\$200
Class E / U1200	Open to under 1200	\$800 + trophy	\$500	\$300	
	Under 1000 (no unrated)	\$500 + trophy	\$300		
	Under 800 (no unrated)	\$400 + trophy	\$250		
	Scholastics K-3, K-5, K-8, K-12	Trophy to top student			

Special Wojtkiewicz Brilliancy prizes: 1st-3rd: \$200-\$100-\$50 (Judge: IM Javad Maharramazade)

Special Upset prizes: Biggest Upset Rds. 1-4: Book Prize (limit 1 prize/player)

Book Prizes to oldest & youngest player and player who has traveled the longest distance

30th Space Coast Open. 5SS, Top 2 sections FIDE rated. G/90+30 second increment for all sections except Class E/U1200 which is G/90+5 second delay. (2-day Rds 1-2 for all sections G/60+5 second delay). **Hilton Melbourne at Rialto Place**, 200 Rialto Place, Melbourne, FL 32901.

6 sections. You play only those in your section. Rated players may play in eligible sections as shown in the above table. Unrated players may play in any section except Master/Expert but may not win over \$300 prize or trophy.

In Class E/U1200 unrated only eligible for place prizes (not eligible for U1000 or U800).

Entries:

Early bird entry fee: \$124 by 3/31, \$144 by 4/25, \$154 later, \$160 on-site.

Online entry, tournament regulations, and add'l info are at

<http://www.spacecoastchessfoundation.org/spacecoastopen>.

Registration ends 1/2 hour before 1st round on Friday/Saturday.

No phone, US Mail, or email entries.

\$10 service charge for refunds.

Special EF discounts: \$20 less if unrated or Under age 18.

GM/IM free entry available until 3/31, else \$144 from prize. Send request to TD. Special EF for Brevard County students in K-12 playing in any section: \$35 by 4/25, \$45 later, \$50 on-site.

Re-entries \$70 by round 3 (½ point Byes for earlier rounds).

Schedule of Rounds:

All sections except Class E/U1200:

3-day Friday at 7:00pm; Sat. 10:30am, 4:30pm; Sun. 10:30am, 3:30pm.

2-day (merges with 3-day after round 2)

Sat. 10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm;

Sun. 10:30am, 3:30pm.

Class E/U1200 Section:

3-day Friday at 7:00pm; Sat. 10:30am, 2:45pm; Sun. 10:30am, 2:45pm.

2-day (merges with 3-day after round 3)

Sat. 10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm;

Sun. 10:30am, 2:45pm.

Side events:

Space Coast Open Blitz. 6SS:

Saturday 9:15pm, G/3 d2. Cash prizes based on entries. Online EF \$20, \$30 if not playing in main tournament. Blitz online entry is available until noon Saturday, otherwise \$5 more.

Free Master & GM lectures:

9:15am Saturday and Sunday.

Watch website for new side events.

Chess on the Beach T-Shirts: See website.

Other info: ½-pt Bye available any round if requested in advance and before Rd 2 (limit 2). Players in Master and Class A sections required to turn in completed scoresheets. Bring clocks, sets, and boards – none supplied but, vendor will be on-site. No cell phones.

See website for additional information and policies.

Hilton - Room Rates: \$159 King or 2 Queen beds, \$189 Junior Suite. No resort fee. Free parking. Group rate is available for 3 days before and 3 days after the tournament. **Reservations:** Call 800-HILTONS (445-8667), reference "Space Coast Open Chess Festival" or group code 90V. Or see online reservation link at our website.

<http://www.spacecoastchessfoundation.org/spacecoastopen>. Reserve early. **Group rate available until 4/18 (5PM) or until group rooms are sold out**, whichever comes first.

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