

# 31st Space Coast Open Chess Festival - Schedule of Activities - April 24-26, 2026

## Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place

Activity	FRIDAY (4pm-1:00 am Saturday)	SATURDAY (8am-1:00 am Sunday)	SUNDAY (8am - 9pm)	Location
<b>31st Space Coast Open Main Event</b>  <b>All Sections except Under 1200</b> Time control G90+30 second increment except where noted	Registration (3-day) 5:00-6:30 pm Round 1 (3-day) 7:00 pm	Registration (2-day) 9:00-10:00 am Rd 1 (2-day at G60 d5) 10:30 am Rd 2 (3-day) 10:30 am Rd 2 (2-day at G60 d5) 1:30 pm Rd 3 (all schedules merge) 4:30 pm	Round 4 10:30 am Round 5 3:30 pm	Wakefield Ballroom
<b>30th Space Coast Open Main Event</b>  <b>Under 1200 Section ONLY</b> Time control G90+5 second delay except where noted	Registration (3-day) 5:00-6:30 pm Round 1 (3-day) 7:00 pm	Registration (2-day) 9:00-10:00 am Rd 1 (2-day at G60 d5) 10:30 am Rd 2 (3-day) 10:30 am Rd 2 (2-day at G60 d5) 1:30 pm Rd 3 (3-day) 2:45 pm Rd 3 (2-day) 4:30 pm	Rd 4 (all schedules merge) 10:30 am Rd 5 2:45 pm	Wakefield Ballroom
<b>Worldwide Games Broadcast</b> on chess.com (Top 6 boards of 3-day schedule; 15 minute delay)	During each round	During each round	During each round	<a href="https://www.chess.com/events/31st-space-coast-open-2026">https://www.chess.com/events/31st-space-coast-open-2026</a>
<b>Sarah El Barbry commentary</b> on YouTube/Twitch (Top 6 boards of 3-day schedule; 15 minute delay)		Round 3 live coverage 4:45 pm	Round 4 live coverage 10:45 am Round 5 live coverage 3:45 pm	Twitch: <a href="https://www.twitch.tv/sarahchess1">https://www.twitch.tv/sarahchess1</a>  YouTube: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/@sarahchess">http://www.youtube.com/@sarahchess</a>
<b>Space Coast Open Saturday Night BLITZ Tournament</b> (6SS, 1 game/rd, G3,d2)		Registration: open on-line until noon and with TD thereafter. Blitz tournament starts at 9:15 pm and ends when all rounds are completed.		Wakefield Ballroom
<b>Free Lectures</b>		GM Jianchao Zhou 9:15 am  <i>Sicilian Najdorf + Endgame lessons</i>	GM Samy Shoker 9:15 am  <i>Sacrifices in Fianchetto Positions</i>	Mestre Room
<b>Chess Books &amp; Equipment by Orlando Chess &amp; Games</b> <b>Books, Equipment and T-shirts!!!</b>	5:30 pm- 9:00 pm	9:00 am - 9:00 pm	9:00 am - 6:00 pm	Lido Room
<b>Skittles</b>	5:00 pm - Midnight	8:00 am - Midnight	8:00 am - 9:00 pm	Gondolier/Canaletto
<b>Tournament Director</b>	5:00 pm - Midnight	8:00 am - Midnight	8:00 am - 9:00 pm	Wakefield Ballroom
<b>Guest Lounge</b>	5:00 pm - Midnight	8:00 am - Midnight	8:00 am - 9:00 pm	Torcello Room