32nd Space Coast Open Chess Festival

(Sponsored by the Space Coast Chess Foundation)

April 23-25 or April 24-25, 2027

At the Hilton Melbourne at Rialto Place

FIDE Rated (Master/Expert and Under 2000 Sections)

$20,000.00 Fully Guaranteed Prize Fund, 120 Grand Prix Points (enhanced)

SECTION	Category	1st prize	2nd prize	3rd prize	4th prize
Master/Expert	Open to 2000 (US or FIDE) and higher	$2,000 + trophy	$1,000	$500	$250
FIDE RATED	Under 2400	$1,300 + trophy	$750		
(no unrated)	Under 2200	$1,200 + trophy	$700		
	Top Senior (60+)	$200 (in addition to any other prize)			
Under 2000	Open to under 2000	$1,300 + trophy	$600	$450	
FIDE RATED	Under 1850	$700 + trophy	$500		
(no unrated)	Top Senior (60+)	$200 (in addition to any other prize)			
Under 1800	Open to under 1800	$1,100 + trophy	$450	$250	
	Under 1650 (no unrated)	$500 + trophy	$300		
	Top Senior (60+)	$200 (in addition to any other prize)			
Under 1500	Open to under 1500	$1,000 + trophy	$450	$250	
	Under 1300 (no unrated)	$500 + trophy	$300		
	Top Senior (60+)	$200 (in addition to any other prize)			
Under 1100	Open to under 1100	$900 + trophy	$400	$200	
	Under 900 (no unrated)	$450 + trophy	$300		
	Under 700 (no unrated)	$250 + trophy	$150		
	Top Senior (60+)	$200 (in addition to any other prize)			
	Scholastics K-3, K-5, K-8, K-12	Trophy to top student (in addition to any other prize)			

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

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

32nd Space Coast Open. 5SS, Top 2 sections FIDE rated. G/90+30 second increment for all sections except Under 1100 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.

5 sections. You play only those in your section. Rated players may play in eligible sections as shown in the above table. Unrated players may only play Under 1800 and lower sections but may not win over $300 prize or trophy.

Unrated players are only eligible for place prizes (not eligible for U1650, U1300, U900 or U700 prizes).

Entries:
Early bird entry fee: $124 by 3/21, $144 by 4/16, $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 Jon Haskel. Special EF for Brevard County students in K-12 playing in any section: $29 by 3/21, $49 by 4/16, $59 later, $65 on-site.
Re-entries $70 by round 3 (½ point Byes for earlier rounds).

Schedule of Rounds:
All sections except Under 1100:
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.
Under 1100 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:
Free Master & GM lectures: 9:15am Saturday and Sunday.

Space Coast Open Blitz. 6SS: Saturday 9:15pm, G/3 d2. $1,000 guaranteed prizes. Online EF $24, $30 if not playing in main tournament. Blitz online entry is available until noon Saturday, otherwise $6 more.

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 Under 2000 sections are required to turn in completed scoresheets. Bring clocks (none provided except for top 6 boards). New! Sets and boards will be provided for all boards! No cell phones.
See website for additional information and policies.

Room Rates: see website for Hotel information.
http://www.spacecoastchessfoundation.org/spacecoastopen. Reserve early. Group rate available until 4/9 (5PM) or until group rooms are sold out, whichever comes first.

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