



2026 HARVEY LERMAN FLORIDA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

SEPTEMBER 5TH TO 7TH, 2026
At The Hilton In Melbourne, FL



- Prizes:
 - Open: 1st (\$2000 + trophy), 2nd (\$1000), 3rd (\$500), 4th (\$300), U2250 (1st: \$900, 2nd: \$500)
 - U2050: 1st (\$900 + trophy), 2nd (\$600), 3rd (\$400), U1950 (1st: \$500, 2nd: \$300, 3rd: \$200)
 - U1800: 1st (\$750 + trophy), 2nd (\$500), 3rd (\$250), U1650 (1st: \$400, 2nd: \$250)
 - U1500: 1st (\$750 + trophy), 2nd (\$500), 3rd (\$250), U1350 (1st: \$400, 2nd: \$250)
 - U1200: 1st (\$700 + trophy), 2nd (\$500), 3rd (\$250), U1050 (1st: \$400, 2nd: \$250), U800 (1st: \$300, 2nd: \$200)
 - Senior prizes: \$200 for the top senior in each section, if age 60+ by 09/07/26
 - Cash prizes for 1st-3rd brilliancy & book prizes for biggest upset rounds
 - Out-of-state welcome, but only Florida players eligible for trophies/titles
 - Grandmasters: Free entry by request to Andrew Rea until 7/31; otherwise \$135 deducted from prize
- Format:
 - Six round Swiss tournament
 - Game in 90 minutes + 30 second increment (G/90+30 for all rounds)
 - Top 2 sections FIDE rated (Open & U2050)
 - US Chess Grand Prix Points: 60
 - Chief Tournament Director: Charles Hatherill (National TD & International Arbiter)
 - Assistant Tournament Directors: Steve Vigil & Alexander Dshalalov
- Round Times:
 - Saturday: Round 1 at 10AM; Round 2 at 3:30PM
 - Sunday: Round 3 at 10AM; Round 4 at 3:30PM
 - Monday: Round 5 at 10:00AM; Round 6 at 3:30PM
- Registration:
 - Super-saver by 07/15: \$99
 - Early-bird by 07/31: \$109
 - 08/01 to 08/20: \$115
 - 08/21 to 08/31: \$135
 - 09/01 to 09/04 (9PM deadline): \$158
 - On-site registration by 9AM: \$160
 - Half-point byes allowed for up to 2 rounds; must be requested before round 3
 - USCF & FCA memberships required for all events
- Hotel:
 - Venue Hotel: Hilton Melbourne at Rialto Place (200 Rialto Place, Melbourne, FL, 32901)
 - \$119 per night for single/double room, \$149 for suite; includes breakfast for 2 & free parking
 - Alternate Hotel: Suburban Studios (1125 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Melbourne, FL, 32901)
 - \$65 per night for 1 king bed; \$70 for 2 queen beds (both prices include 2 guests, +\$10 for each added guest)
 - 3 minute walk from venue
 - Alternate Hotel: Hyatt Place (747 Air Terminal Pkwy, Melbourne, FL 32901)
 - \$109 per night for standard room; includes breakfast & free parking
 - 3 minute drive from venue
- Florida State Blitz Championship:
 - Saturday, 09/05 at 8:30PM
 - Format: Game in 3 minutes; 2 second delay (6 rounds)
 - Entry fee: \$25 (after 2PM Saturday, \$5 more)
 - 70% of entry fees paid out as prizes
- Florida State Quick Championship:
 - Sunday, 09/06 at 8:30PM
 - Format: Game in 10 minutes; 3 second delay (5 rounds)
 - Entry fee: \$25 (after 2PM Sunday, \$5 more)
 - 70% of entry fees paid out as prizes
- Contact
 - General info: Andrew Rea, phone: 412-418-1591, email: andrerea2@yahoo.com
- Website With Full Details & Registration
 - <https://www.spacecoastchessfoundation.org/event/floridastatechampionship>

\$16,000 IN PRIZES!

