

# 31<sup>st</sup> Space Coast Open Chess Festival

(Sponsored by the Space Coast Chess Foundation)

April 24-26 or April 25-26, 2026

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)**

<b>Master/Expert</b> <b>*FIDE RATED*</b>	Open to 2000 (US or FIDE) and higher	\$2,000 + trophy	\$1,000	\$500	\$250
	under 2400 (no unrated)	\$1,400 + trophy	\$750		
	under 2200 (no unrated)	\$1,300 + trophy	\$700		
	Top Senior (60+)	\$200 (in addition to any other prize)			
<b>Under 2000</b> <b>*FIDE RATED*</b>	open to under 2000	\$1,300 + trophy	\$700	\$400	
	under 1850	\$500 + trophy	\$300		
	Top Senior (60+)	\$200 (in addition to any other prize)			
<b>Under 1800</b>	open to under 1800	\$1,000 + trophy	\$550	\$300	
	under 1650	\$500 + trophy	\$300		
	Top Senior (60+)	\$200 (in addition to any other prize)			
<b>Under 1500</b>	open to under 1500	\$1,000 + trophy	\$550	\$250	
	under 1350	\$500 + trophy	\$300		
	Top Senior (60+)	\$200 (in addition to any other prize)			
<b>Under 1200</b>	open to under 1200	\$800 + trophy	\$400	\$250	
	Under 1000	\$400 + trophy	\$300		
	Under 800	\$300 + trophy	\$200		
	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

**31st Space Coast Open. 5SS, Top 2** sections FIDE rated. G/90+30 second increment for all sections except Under 1200 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 play in any section except Master/Expert but may not win over \$300 prize or trophy.

In Under 1200 section unrated only eligible for place prizes (not eligible for U1000 or U800).

#### Entries:

Early bird entry fee: \$124 by 3/22, \$144 by 4/17, \$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: \$29 by 3/22, \$49 by 4/17, \$59 later, \$65 on-site.

**Re-entries** \$70 by round 3 (1/2 point Byes for earlier rounds).

#### Schedule of Rounds:

**All sections except Under 1200:**

**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 1200 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. 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.

**Chess on the Beach T-Shirts:** See website.

**Other info:** 1/2-pt Bye available any round if requested in advance and before Rd 2 (limit 2). Players in Master and Under 2000 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.

**Room Rates:** see website for Hotel information.

<http://www.spacecoastchessfoundation.org/spacecoastopen>. Reserve early. **Group rate available until 4/10 (5PM) or until group rooms are sold out**, whichever comes first.

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