



2025 World Chess Festival (East)

July 11-13, 2025

Hilton Garden Inn at Sea World Hotel

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Important Info: This Festival is Organized and Directed by the same organizer and tournament directors from the 2022, 2023, and 2024 National Junior Chess Congress Tournaments held at the Renaissance Hotel in Florida.

Tournament Name:	Sections & Prizes:	Rounds, Time Control, & Entry Fees:	Notes & Information:
<p>World Chess Festival Youth Championship (5 Rd. SS)</p> <p>(By age; Determination is as of January 1, 2025)</p>	<p>8 & Under, 11 & Under, 14 & Under, 17 & Under</p> <p>Top 6 in each section + Top 2 in ages 6 & Under, 9 & Under, 12 & Under, and 15 & Under</p>	<p>7/12: 9am, 12:30pm, 3:30pm 7/13: 9am, 12:30pm</p> <p>Game/75; increment 5 sec.</p> <p>\$80 by May 1, 2025, \$100 May 2 – July 1, \$125 on 7/2/25 or after</p>	<p>1. One, ½ point bye available. Must be requested before the start of round 2. 2. Must have current USCF membership. 3. Any section request change after July 9 will be accepted with a fee of \$20. 4. USCF membership, clocks and notation are required.</p>
<p>Friday & Saturday Adult Octos</p> <p>(2 Separate Tournaments with separate prizes & entry fees)</p>	<p>Groups of 8. Top 8 rated players in Octo 1, next 8 in Octo 2, etc. 3 round SS</p> <p>1st: \$90, 2nd: \$60, 3rd: \$40</p>	<p>7/11: 9am, 12pm, 2:15pm 7/12: 9am, 12pm, 2:15pm</p> <p>Game/60; increment 5 sec.</p> <p>\$40 by May 1, 2025, \$45 from May 2 – July 1, \$55 on 7/2/25 or after</p>	<p>Requirements:</p> <p>For players ages 15 and over and who have a USCF rating of 1200 or higher.</p> <p>USCF membership, clocks and notation all required.</p>
<p>Friday & Saturday Adult Beginners Octos**</p> <p>(2 Separate Tournaments with separate prizes & entry fees)</p>	<p>1. 1 Section where all players will play a 5 round Swiss System tournament. 2. No elimination 3. All players must have a current US Chess membership.</p> <p>1st: \$90, 2nd: \$60, 3rd: \$40</p>	<p>7/11: 9am, 10:15, 11:30, 1:30pm, 3:45pm 7/12: 9am, 10:15, 11:30, 1:30pm, 3:45pm</p> <p>Game/30, increment 5</p> <p>\$40 by May 1, 2025, \$45 from May 2 – July 1, \$55 on 7/2/25 or after</p> <p>**Beginners means new to tournament chess, not necessarily new to chess. Octos are groups of 8**</p>	<p>Requirements:</p> <p>For players ages 15 and over and who:</p> <p>1. Have no published US Chess Rating. 2. Have a provisional (25 official tournament games or less) rating of under 1200 or 3. Have a published US Chess rating of under 800. 4. Clocks and notation required.</p>
<p>Friday Youth Warm-Up Scholastic</p>	<p>Open, Under 1000, Under 500/UNR</p> <p>Top 5 in each section</p>	<p>7/11: 9am, 10:45, 1pm, 3pm Game/45, increment 5</p> <p>\$45 by 5/1/25, \$55 from 5/2-7/1, \$65 on 7/2 or after</p>	<p>Perfect warmup tournament before the main event on Saturday and Sunday. Must be a current USCF member. Clocks and notation.</p>
<p>Friday Adult & Youth Blitz</p>	<p>Open, Under 1200 (5 rd, DSS)</p> <p>Top 5 in each section</p>	<p>\$30 by 5/1/25, \$35 from 5/2-7/1, \$45 on 7/2/25 or after</p> <p>G/3; increment 2 sec</p>	<p>Adults and Youth play in same sections. Blitz rated. 10 total games per player.</p>
<p>Saturday Youth Puzzle Solving Competition</p>	<p>Open, Under 1200</p> <p>Top 5 in each section</p>	<p>7/12: 7pm-9pm</p> <p>\$30 by 5/1/25, \$35 from 5/2-7/1, \$45 on 7/2 or after.</p>	<p>Puzzles increase in difficulty. 2 hrs. to complete all. Accuracy + Total time determine awards.</p>
<p>Sun U750 Scholastic</p>	<p>1 section for all.</p> <p>Top 6</p>	<p>7/13: 9am, 10:15, 11:30, 1:15pm, 2:30 G/30; inc 5</p> <p>\$45 by 5/1, \$50 5/2-7/1, \$60 7/2 or after</p>	<p>For players rated under 750. You can play in main event on Sat then switch to U750 on Sunday.</p>
<p>Registration & Refunds/Cancellation:</p>	<p>Zelle: hanleychessacademy@gmail.com or Paypal ID: hanleychessacademy@gmail.com</p> <p>Cancellations: If requested by July 1, a full refund minus \$10. If from July 2 – July 9, full minus \$20. No refunds on 7/10 or after.</p>		