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## North American School Chess Championship "Tijuana-Mexico 2025"

**TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO, OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 4**

### INVITATION

The Chess Confederation for America (CCA) and the National Chess Federation of Mexico, A.C. (FENAMAC), in coordination with the H. City Council of Tijuana through the Municipal Sports Institute of Tijuana (IMDET) and the Chess Players Association of Baja California, A.C. (AABCAC), invite the federations of North America (Canada, United States of America, and Mexico) to the North American School Chess Championship "Tijuana-Mexico 2025", to be held from October 30 to November 5, 2025, in the city of Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico.

Children and adolescents aged 5 to 17 from the 3 National Federations (Canada, United States of America, and Mexico) affiliated with the CCA of the North American Region are invited to participate in this event, and all champion winners of each category and gender in contention will be awarded.

Furthermore, the organizers intend to take advantage of the holidays to promote tourism and the host country among visitors.



**Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. One of the most visited cities in the world.**



The name Tijuana comes from a ranch named “Rancho Tía Juana”, which existed in the mid-19th century.

The municipality has a territory of 1,239.49 km<sup>2</sup>, a population of 1,902,385 inhabitants; its metropolitan area, together with Rosarito, Tecate, and San Diego, California, has a population of 2.5 million inhabitants and an average altitude of 56 meters above sea level. It is located northwest of the state, bordering San Diego, California, United States to the north, Playas de Rosarito and Ensenada to the south, Tecate to the east, and the Pacific Ocean to the west. Tijuana has been recognized as an important new cultural mecca. It is the most visited border city in the world.

## I.- VENUE, DATES AND PLACE OF PLAY

The North American School Chess Championship "Tijuana-Mexico 2025" will be held from October 30 to November 5, 2025, in the city of Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. The venue is Hotel Palacio Azteca, located at Boulevard Cuauhtémoc Sur 213, Colonia Dávila, 22044, Tijuana, B.C.



**Hotel Palacio Azteca, Boulevard Cuauhtémoc Sur 213, Colonia Dávila, 22044, Tijuana, B.C.**



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## II.- PARTICIPANTS

### a) OFFICIAL PLAYERS.

One official player in each open and female category, and a head of delegation, designated by the Federations (Canada, United States of America, and Mexico) of the CCA North American region, will be considered Official Players.

The organization is 100% responsible for the food and lodging of the Official Players and the head of the delegation.

### b) UNOFFICIAL PLAYERS AND COMPANIONS.

Each Federation may present any number of unofficial players without restriction, who must cover their own registration, travel, accommodation, and food expenses.

Companions must also cover all their travel, accommodation, and food expenses, with both players and companions being registered for the event by their respective Federation.

### c) ENDORSEMENT OF THE FEDERATION TO WHICH THEY BELONG.

All participants must present a guarantee from the Federation to which they belong. No player may be registered without the endorsement of their own Federation or if they do not belong to a Federation in the North American region.

EXCEPT LOCAL PARTICIPANTS (MEXICANS) WHO MAY REGISTER ONLY BY PRESENTING THEIR CURRENT AFFILIATION RECEIPT.

### d) SECTIONS.

The Championship will be divided into six (6) sections in Open and Female sections, as follows:

- Under 7 Open Category (born after January 1, 2018)
- Under 7 Female Category (born after January 1, 2018)
- Under 9 Open Category (born after January 1, 2016)
- Under 9 Female Category (born after January 1, 2016)
- Under 11 Open Category (born after January 1, 2014)
- Under 11 Female Category (born after January 1, 2014)
- Under 13 Open Category (born after January 1, 2012)
- Under 13 Female Category (born after January 1, 2012)
- Under 15 Open Category (born after January 1, 2010)
- Under 15 Female Category (born after January 1, 2010)
- Under 17 Open Category (born after January 1, 2008)
- Under 17 Female Category (born after January 1, 2008)



### III. EVENT PROGRAM

- Llegada el jueves 30 de octubre de 2025 – Salida el miércoles 5 de noviembre de 2025.
- Ceremonia de Inauguración, el viernes 31 de octubre de 2025 a las 09:30 horas.
- Ceremonia de Clausura, el miércoles 4 de noviembre de 2025 a las 16:00 horas.
- Torneo Blitz, sábado 4 de noviembre de 2025 a las 14:30 horas.
- Consulte el cronograma detallado en el Reglamento Técnico (página 9).

### IV. TECHNICAL INFORMATION

The event will be conducted in accordance with FIDE laws and regulations, the CCA financial regulations for events, and the specific regulations for the North American School Chess Championship "Tijuana-Mexico 2025", established by the CCA.

The organization of the North American School Chess Championship "Tijuana-Mexico 2025" will be carried out by the National Chess Federation of Mexico, A.C. (FENAMAC) in conjunction with the Chess Confederation for America (CCA).

Consult the Technical Regulations for the North American School Chess Championship "Tijuana-Mexico 2025" which forms an integral part of this invitation (page 9).

### V.- ACCOMMODATION PACKAGES; REGISTRATION FEES; DEPOSITS

#### Hotel Palacio Azteca



Official Championship Hotel Link: HOTEL PALACIO AZTECA

<https://hotelpalacioazteca.com/>



All values must be paid to the Event Organization (FENAMAC).

Meals are considered from dinner on October 30 to breakfast on November 5, and include (breakfast, lunch, and dinner).

- Hotel check-in: From 15:00 on Thursday, October 30.
- Hotel check-out: Before 12:00 on Thursday, November 5.

Payments will be accepted in US dollars.

A player who does not pay the totality of the costs to the Event Organization (FENAMAC) will not be registered in the tournament.

Unofficial players who do not stay at the official hotel must pay a penalty of USD 100 to the Event Organization (FENAMAC).

<b>HOTEL PALACIO AZTECA</b>				201 ROOMS
(5 stars)				
	ROOMS			
PRICE PER ROOM (TAX INCLUDED)	SINGLE EUROPEAN PLAN	DOUBLE EUROPEAN PLAN	SINGLE AMERICAN PLAN	DOUBLE AMERICAN PLAN
	1 PERSON	2 PEOPLE	1 PERSON	2 PEOPLE
	USD DOLLARS	USD DOLLARS	USD DOLLARS	USD DOLLARS
OFFICIALS / OTHERS	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$119.00

\*Prices per night and room.

Extra person costs \$14.50 USD including taxes, without food.

Extra person costs \$22.00 USD including taxes, on American Plan.

Transfer service from Abelardo L. Rodríguez International Airport - Hotel Palacio Azteca - Abelardo L. Rodríguez International Airport, as well as from the international border between San Ysidro, California and Tijuana, Mexico (El Chaparral) - Hotel Palacio Azteca - international border between San Ysidro, California and Tijuana, Mexico (El Chaparral), will be provided free of charge by Hotel Palacio Azteca.



## REGISTRATION COSTS.

**Official Players:** 140 DLS EUA (includes payment to CCA).

**Extra Players:** 140 DLS EUA (includes payment to CCA).

**Blitz:** 25 DLS EUA (includes payment to CCA).

**Accreditation (Credential) for delegates, coaches, or companions:** 20 DLS EUA each.

Presentation of accreditation will be mandatory to access the COP venue.

## INFORMATION, REGISTRATIONS AND RESERVATIONS.

National Chess Federation of Mexico, A.C. (FENAMAC)

Email: [norteamericanoescolar@fenamac.info](mailto:norteamericanoescolar@fenamac.info)

Official Players Registration: <https://forms.gle/oBme6gwHAZDCK4su9>

Unofficial Players Registration: <https://forms.gle/zSjPysdhLJx8MQmi7>

Credentials (Parents, companions, coaches, spectators.):

FENAMAC, cell phone and WhatsApp: +52449 999 5511

## BANK TRANSFERS.

### FOR NATIONALS (ONLY IN MEXICO)

<b>BENEFICIARY</b>	FEDERACIÓN NACIONAL DE AJEDREZ DE MÉXICO, A.C.
<b>BANK</b>	SANTANDER
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	65505675381
<b>INTERBANK CLABE</b>	014180655056753811

- In case the participant makes a national or international bank transfer, any administrative cost incurred will be borne by the interested party.



## FOR INTERNATIONALS (OUTSIDE OF MEXICO)

<b>BENEFICIARY</b>	FEDERACIÓN NACIONAL DE AJEDREZ DE MÉXICO, A.C.
<b>BANK</b>	SANTANDER MÉXICO, S.A., INSTITUCIÓN DE BANCA MÚLTIPLE, GRUPO FINANCIERO SANTANDER MÉXICO
<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	65505675381
<b>INTERBANK CLABE</b>	014180655056753811
<b>SWIFT CODE</b>	BMSXMXMMXXX
<b>BANK ADDRESS</b>	MÓDULO 112, EDIFICIO CORPORATIVO SANTA FE, COL. LOMAS DE SANTA FE, CIUDAD DE MÉXICO, MÉXICO

- In case the participant makes a national or international bank transfer, any administrative cost incurred will be borne by the drawer.

## QUICK REGISTRATION GUIDE.

The quick registration guide, which includes the online form for official and extra players, will be shared via WhatsApp and email to each Federation.

Online form link:

**OFFICIAL PLAYERS REGISTRATION:** <https://forms.gle/oBme6qwHAZDCK4su9>

**UNOFFICIAL PLAYERS REGISTRATION:** <https://forms.gle/zSjPysdhLJx8MQmi7>

To receive official information during the event, all athletes must join the WhatsApp group by ABSOLUTE and FEMALE categories.

## VI. REGISTRATIONS AND DEADLINES.

### ABOUT PARTICIPANTS.

Official players must register via the online form by 18:00 on September 30, 2025, attaching:

1. Proof of registration payment.
2. Full name(s).
3. FIDE ID.



#### 4. Date of birth.

Once this deadline has passed, any player will be considered unofficial or extra and, consequently, must pay 100% of their accommodation and food during the competition, and other participation costs indicated in these rules.

Registration will definitively close on October 22, 2025, at 18:00 (Mexico City time).

Federations must send the corresponding endorsement of their official players to the organizer's email: [norteamericanoescolar@fenamac.info](mailto:norteamericanoescolar@fenamac.info)

### VII.- PRIZES

Consult the Technical Regulations for the North American School Chess Championship "Tijuana-Mexico 2025", which forms an integral part of this Invitation, for a complete description of the individual prizes.

Prizes will be awarded at the official closing ceremony. All players will receive their prizes in person.

### VIII.- TOURNAMENT DIRECTORY

Organizing Committee

National Chess Federation of Mexico, A.C. (FENAMAC)

Email: [norteamericanoescolar@fenamac.info](mailto:norteamericanoescolar@fenamac.info)

FENAMAC, cell phone and WhatsApp: +52449 999 5511

Website: [www.fideamerica.net](http://www.fideamerica.net)



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# TECHNICAL REGULATIONS NORTH AMERICAN SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN AND FEMALE - 2025 TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO. OCTOBER 30 TO NOVEMBER 5

## IX.- APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

The North American School Chess Championship Open and Female "Tijuana 2025" will be played in accordance with FIDE Laws of Chess, FIDE General Competition Regulations, applicable CCA Rules, and these Technical Regulations.

At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen event not covered by the above rules will be referred to the CCA for final decision.

## VIII.- FORMAT AND SYSTEM

The Tournament will be played using the Swiss system of nine rounds, or Round Robin if the tournament has 10 participants or fewer.

## IX.- TIME CONTROL

The following time control will be used for all games:

Playing time: 60 minutes plus 30 seconds increment per move, from the first move.

Tolerance time once the round has started is 30 minutes.

If a player arrives at the chessboard more than the tolerance time late, they will be declared lost by default.

## X.- TIE-BREAKS

CCA tournaments use technical tie-breaks according to the current FIDE Tie-break Regulations.

For categories where the competition is played as a Swiss system event, the final ranking order of players is determined by the number of points obtained.

If at the end of the tournament, two or more players are tied, the tie will be broken as follows, systems in strict order:



### Swiss System:

- a) Direct encounter
- b) Rating Performance
- c) Buchholz Cut 1 (worst)
- d) Total Buchholz
- e) Sonneborn-Berger with real points

For categories where the competition is played as a round-robin event, the final ranking order of players is determined by the number of points obtained.

If at the end of the tournament, two or more players are tied, the tie will be broken as follows:

### Round Robin:

- a) Direct encounter
- b) Koya System
- c) Sonneborn-Berger with real points
- d) Greater number of victories
- e) Greater number of games with black pieces

### XI.- SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 30	DELEGATIONS ARRIVAL	15.00
THURSDAY	OCTOBER 30	TECHNICAL MEETING	17.00
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 31	OPENING CEREMONY	09.30
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 31	ROUND 1	10.00
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 31	ROUND 2	16.00
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 1	ROUND 3	10.00
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 1	ROUND 4	16.00
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 2	ROUND 5	10.00
SUNDAY	NOVEMBER 2	ROUND 6	16.00
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 3	ROUND 7	10.00
MONDAY	NOVEMBER 3	ROUND 8	16.00
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 4	ROUND 9	09.00
MARTES	NOVEMBER 4	BLITZ	14.30
TUESDAY	NOVEMBER 4	AWARD CEREMONY	16.00
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 5	DELEGATIONS DEPARTURE	12.00



## **XII.- ATHLETE CONDUCT**

All participants are subject to the Laws of Chess and shall behave at all times during the tournament in accordance with the statutes of the CCA and FIDE and the highest principles of sportsmanship.

Athletes are expected to be present at all official CCA and Organizer approved events, including opening and closing ceremonies, technical meeting.

If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other technical meetings.

Players are expected to cooperate with the media and be available for brief interviews immediately after each game.

Players must comply with the requirements of the FIDE Regulations to maintain a dignified appearance at all times during the event.

## **XIII.- FAIR PLAY; ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

Fair play measures will be implemented according to FIDE anti-cheating guidelines.

With the sole exception of movement recording equipment.

During the game, players are prohibited from having any electronic device in the playing area and may not carry bags or backpacks.

Companions or spectators are not allowed to enter the playing hall.

## **XIV.- APPEALS COMMITTEE**

The CCA and the Organizer will appoint the president and two (2) other members of the Appeals Committee, as well as two (2) reserve members.

All names will be announced no later than the start of the Technical Meeting before Round 1.

None of the three (3) members of the Appeals Committee may judge a dispute involving a player from their national chess federation.

A reserve member takes their place in such a case.

Only a player can submit a protest. All protests must be submitted to the Appeals Committee in writing no more than one (1) hour after the end of the relevant game, or an alleged occurrence of a reported infringement.

Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of USD 100 (One hundred US dollars).

If the protest is accepted, the fee will be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee will be forfeited.

The Appeals Committee may decide on the following matters:

- a) an appeal against an arbiter's decision,
- b) a protest against a player's behavior,
- c) all other matters that the Committee deems relevant.

The written decision of the Appeals Committee is final.



## XV.- PRIZES

The winner of each category of the North American School Chess Championship Open and Female "Tijuana 2025" will receive the title of Champion and the corresponding prizes established below:

The Champion in each Open and Female category earns the right to be designated as an official participant in the 2026 Pan American School Championship.

### INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

The first five (05) places in each category in the open and female sections will be awarded as follows:

Place	Prize
1°	Trophy + Medal
2°	Trophy + Medal
3°	Trophy + Medal
4°	Medal
5°	Medal



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**XVI.- APPLICABLE REGULATIONS**

The Blitz Championship will be played in accordance with FIDE Laws of Chess, FIDE General Competition Regulations, and will be valid for FIDE Blitz ELO. Registration will be done jointly with the Championship; athletes who do not play in the main tournament can participate and will pay a fee of USD 20 (twenty US dollars).

The Tournament will be played in an Open Swiss system format of 09 rounds. Playing time: 3 minutes plus 2 seconds increment per move, from the first move. For categories where the competition is played as a Swiss system event, the final ranking order of players is determined by the number of points obtained. If at the end of the tournament, two or more players are tied, the tie will be broken as follows, systems in strict order:

- a) Direct encounter
- b) Rating Performance
- c) Buchholz Cut 1 (worst)
- d) Total Buchholz
- e) Sonneborn-Berger with real points

The first three (03) places in each category in the open and female sections will be awarded as follows:

Place	Prize
1°	Trophy
2°	Medal
3°	Medal



## CATEGORIES:

- Under 17 (Born in 2008 or later)
- Under 15 (Born in 2010 or later)
- Under 13 (Born in 2012 or later)
- Under 11 (Born in 2014 or later)
- Under 09 (Born in 2016 or later)
- Under 07 (Born in 2018 or later)
- OPEN (All competitors)

**Female and Open categories will be played together.**

## BLITZ TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION PROCESS

Participants must register by 17:00 on Monday, November 3, 2025, to the email [norteamericanoescolar@fenamac.info](mailto:norteamericanoescolar@fenamac.info)

## Organizing Committee

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