

2014 Kansas Open & Kansas Blitz Championship

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Dates: July 18 to July 20, 2014

Location: Holiday Inn, 8787 Reeder Rd., I-35 and 87th St, Overland Park, KS- Hotel rooms at Holiday Inn up to 4 in a room: \$89 per room (\$109 for suite) per night if reservations are made by 6/18- guaranteed. After that date special rate on availability basis- Call Holiday Inn at 913-888-8440 or 888-825-7538 (ask for Kansas Chess Association-Kansas Open when calling toll free number) Free Wifi in all rooms, Complementary parking

Map <http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/overland-park/mkcpk/hoteldetail/directions>

Note: FREE KCA Members Breakfast will be held Sunday, July 20, 7:30 - 9 AM, in conjunction with the KCA Annual Meeting, which runs 8 – 9 AM, in the main playing area.

KCA membership must be current to vote and eat for free. Please RSVP with advance entry or on-site, as we must provide a head count. Non-KCA members may eat for \$10. Attendance limited to 40.

Kansas Open 7/19 & 7/20/14

Entry Fee: \$45 advance, must be postmarked by mail by July 12th, \$55 thereafter, including onsite (no e-mail entries to get early rate- I need a check in the mail)

Special Advance Discount: There is an extra \$10 discount for those entering both the Kansas Open and the Kansas Blitz, in advance. **Scholastic Discount:** Scholastic players (K-12 students) who do NOT want to compete for cash prizes but instead play for one of three plaques, enter the Reserve section for \$10. Scholastics can play in Open section for \$10, but there are no plaques except for State Champion (see special note, next page, about arrangement with Kansas Scholastic Chess Association- KSCA- for possible free entry).

USCF & KCA membership required: KCA Membership is \$10 for family, \$7 for adults, and \$5 for juniors (18 and under). USCF and KCA memberships sold onsite. Kansas Chess Association membership required for all Kansas residents. Out of state players welcome.

On-site Registration: 6:00-7:00pm on 7/18 or 8:30am-9:30am on 7/19

5 Round SS: 7/19 - 10:00, 2:30, 7:00; 7/20 – 9:30, 2:00 (last round could start earlier). A single, 1/2 point bye is available any round upon request, but must be requested before the start of the 1st round.

Time Controls (for both Open and Reserve sections): **Game in 120 minutes, with 5 second delay**

Two Sections: Open Section – Open to all, Reserve Section – 1799, and below

Prizes: Prizes based on 80 total non-scholastic rate entries in both sections (Open + Reserve)

Open Section: 1st = \$320, 2nd = \$160, and 3rd = \$80

Class A & Below: 1st = \$160, 2nd = \$80, 3rd = \$40

Bonus prize of \$25 and plaque to top player from Kansas (State Champion)

Reserve Section: 1st = \$320, 2nd = \$160, 3rd = \$80

1599-1400: 1st = \$160, 2nd = \$80, 3rd = \$40

1399 & below & Unrated: 1st = \$160, 2nd = \$80, 3rd = \$40

Bonus prize of \$25 and plaque to top player from Kansas

NOTE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SCHOLASTIC PLAYERS WHO MUST PLAY IN STATE
SCHOLASTIC TOURNEY TO QUALIFY- KSCA (scholastic) players may play in the Kansas Open
this summer for free (only open or reserve, not quick or bughouse).
To play free the player has to meet the following list of the qualifications

1. Play in the KSCA state tournament- March 8, 2014 in Lawrence, KS
2. Free entry is only for scholastic rate, may choose to play at the adult rate
3. Must pre-register for the event (not onsite)
4. Have a current USCF membership, may purchase at tournament. (Cheaper online) See [USCF Membership](#)
5. Must have a current KCA membership, may purchase at tournament (recommend advance purchase)
6. Free Entry not eligible for side events (not blitz or bughouse), may still play in those events

Kansas Blitz Chess Championship 7/18/14

Entry Fee: \$25 advance, must be postmarked by July 14th, \$35 thereafter including onsite
USCF Membership- required of all. **KCA membership-** required of all Kansas residents (both sold onsite)

Scholastic Discount: Scholastic players (K-12 students only) who do NOT want to be eligible for cash prizes and instead play for one of three plaques, the entry fee is \$10 (no free entry for scholastic players in this event)

Onsite Registration: 6-7 PM on 7/18

5 rounds SS: 7, 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9 PM

Time Control: Game in 10 using USCF Quick Ratings, if a Blitz rating is unavailable (no time delay)

Prizes All prizes for Blitz Championship are based on 40 non-scholastic rate entries:

1st = 240, 2nd = \$160, 3rd = 80

Class A, B, and (C and below, and Unrated) each 1st = \$80, 2nd = \$40

Bonus Prize of \$25 and plaque to top player from Kansas (State Blitz Chess Champion)

Prize money for Blitz will not be paid until 7/19/13.

Kansas Bughouse Championship-7/18 (note time start change from 2013)

Entry Fee: \$10 per person (\$20 total for two-player team - pay on-site)

USCF & KCA membership: are **NOT** required

Onsite Registration: 3:30 pm till 4 pm. (CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

Either 4 or 5 Round SS: Starts at 4 pm on 7/18 - number of rounds at discretion of TD

Time Control: G/5 minutes, blitz with no time delay, two games versus each team

Prizes: 75% entry fees go towards Prize fund: plaques to each member of winning team
(see next page for Bughouse rules)

All Entries: Laurence Coker, 8013 W. 145th St, Overland Park, KS 66223
Call 913-851-1583 or email wlcoker7@hotmail.com
Checks should be made out to "Kansas Chess Association"

NOTE: Tie-breaks if necessary to determine Blitz, Open, and Reserve champions: 1) Solkoff, (2) Cumulative, (3) Modified Median and (4) Median

BUGHOUSE RULES- All standard blitz chess rules apply with addition to the following:

1. Can place check or mate with any piece.
2. Can only place pawns on the 2nd-7th rank.
3. Clock move. A move is not completed until you hit your clock. This also means that you cannot give a captured piece to your partner until you hit your clock.
4. When a promoted pawn is captured, it becomes a pawn again when given to your partner.
5. You cannot hide your pieces!! The first offense is a warning. The second is an automatic forfeit.
6. Cell phones turned off. If a phone rings while a game is in progress, the game will be forfeited by the offender on the first offense.
7. You can not drop capture. You can only drop pieces on an unoccupied square.
8. You can communicate with only your partner during your game.
9. While you can tell your partner where to move, you cannot physically touch your partner's board or the pieces on it.
10. Have fun.