

2015 Kansas Open Chess Championship

Sponsored by the Kansas Chess Association

www.kansaschess.org

Dates: Friday, July 17, for Blitz and Bughouse, July 18 - July 19, for Kansas Open Championship

Location: Holiday Inn, 549 South Rock Rd. Wichita, KS 67207

Room rates: \$90 (up to 4 in a room) or \$112 for Jacuzzi suite. Free Wi-Fi in all rooms, complimentary parking.

Reservations must be made by July 3rd, 2015 – call 316-686-7131, or 877-863-4780, and mention room code “KOC”. Tournament held in South Ballroom at Holiday Inn.

Map: <http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/wichita/ictks/hoteldetail/directions>

Kansas Open 7/18 & 7/19/15 (note- Three sections this year!)

Entry Fee: \$45 advance, must be postmarked by July 11th, \$55 thereafter, including onsite

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 two plaques in Reserve or Amateur, can enter the Reserve or Amateur sections for \$10. Scholastics can play in Open section for \$10, but there are no plaques for them in that section except for State Champion plaque (see special note, below, 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 7/17 or 8:30am-9:30am on 7/18

5 Round SS: 7/18 - 10:00, 2:30, 7:00; 7/19 – 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 Open, Reserve, and Amateur sections): **Game in 120 minutes, with 5 second delay**

Three Sections!: **Open Section** – Open to all, **Reserve Section** – 1799 and below, **Amateur**- 1399 and below

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

Open Section: 1st = \$350, 2nd = \$250, and 3rd = \$150

U1900: 1st - \$100

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

Reserve Section: 1st - \$300, 2nd - \$200, 3rd - \$100

U1600 1st - \$75

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

Amateur Section 1st - \$250, 2nd - \$150, 3rd - \$50

U1200 1st - \$50

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, reserve, or amateur, not Blitz or bughouse).

To play free the player has to meet the following list of the qualifications

1. Play in the KSCA state tournament- March 14, 2015 in Wichita, 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 7/17/15

Entry Fee: \$25 advance, must be postmarked by July 11th, \$35 thereafter including onsite (see note on previous page concerning special combined advanced entry discount (\$10) for those playing in both Blitz and Open, Reserve, or Amateur)

USCF Membership- required of all. **KCA membership-** required of all Kansas residents (both sold onsite)
Other states welcome with no requirement for state membership.

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 7/17 in South Ballroom at Holiday Inn

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

Time Control: Game in 10 delay 0 using highest USCF rating, be it Regular, Quick, or Blitz for pairings and for prizes

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

1st = 180, 2nd = \$120, 3rd = 60

U2100- \$60, U1800- \$60, U1500 & unrated- \$60

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

Prize money for Blitz will not be paid until 7/18/15.

Kansas Bughouse Championship-7/17

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

Either 4 or 5 Round SS: Starts at 4 pm, number of rounds at discretion of tourney director

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

2/3 prize money goes to first place team, 1/3 prize money goes to second place team

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, Reserve, and Amateur champions: 1) Solkoff, (2) Cumulative, (3) Modified Median and (4) Median . No Insufficient losing chances for all events at the 2015 Kansas Open. Players are expected to know the rules in the U.S. Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess - 6th edition and any updated rule changes since the 6th edition

Annual Kansas Chess Association meeting is 8 to 9 am on 7/19. Breakfast is not served in conjunction with meeting. Participants are to make arrangements for their own breakfast.

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!!!!