13th Annual New Year Bash 2021

With an \$800.00 dollar prize fund!

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE ENTIRE FLIER FOR ADDITIONAL COVID-19 TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES AND RULES

<u>Date</u>: One Day – Saturday, January 2, 2021

Where: Hilton Garden Inn Olathe – 12080 South Strang Line Road, Olathe, Kansas, 66062

<u>Format:</u> 4 rounds Swiss – Game/60 with 5 second delay (Dual-Rated); Two Sections: Open, Reserve-U1700 (Based on January 2021 Rating Supplement and CCA minimum rating lists)

<u>Schedule:</u> Please arrive early to each of the temperature checks and round times. All players will undergo temperature checks before allowed into the playing hall.

In addition, hotel staff will sanitize all tables, chairs, and restroom facilities after each round. During these cleaning times, no players are allowed in the playing hall or restroom facilities, until the hotel staff has finished cleaning these areas.

Temperature Check #1: 8:45AM-9:15AM

Round 1 - 9:30AM

Cleaning #1: 11:30AM

Round 2 - 12:00PM

Cleaning #2: 2:00PM

Temperature Check #2: 2:30PM-3:00PM

Round 3 – 3:00PM

Cleaning #3: 5:00PM

Round 4 - 5:30PM

<u>Prizes:</u> Total Prize fund is \$800.00 in 2 sections, each for \$400. Prizes will scale up or down proportionally based on entries in **each section.**

Open (\$400 based on 24 players): \$200 - \$100 - \$50; 1st U1900 - \$50 Reserve-U1700 (\$400 based on 24 players): \$200 - \$100 - \$50; 1st U1400 - \$50

All prizes are paid in full by **check** when a clear result is determined.

Tournament Directors: NTD Brian Yang (Chief TD); NTD CJ Armenta (Assistant TD)

<u>Equipment:</u> Please bring boards, sets and clocks to the event. Limited Acerook Chess Enterprises' equipment will be available to loan per round basis.

Other: Players are expected to know the rules in <u>U.S. Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess - 7th edition</u> and any updated rule changes since the 7th edition. There is a time delay of 5 seconds. 1 Half-point bye is offered for rounds 1-3, if requested prior before the start of the tournament.

In addition, all players must follow these additional **COVID-19 TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES AND RULES**:

- **All players and staff must wear a mask.** The mask must cover both the mouth and nose. 1st violation: 10-minute penalty; 2nd violation: forfeiture from the tournament. You may bring your own face covering and is strongly recommended due to the limited supply; ACE will provide face masks as well on request.
- All players will undergo 2 temperature checks before being allowed into the playing hall; one before start of Round 1 and another before start of Round 3.
- Only registered players are allowed into the playing hall --- no spectators are allowed in the playing room. One parent/guardian of a playing minor child is strongly recommended be at the playing venue. The entire 2nd floor (excluding guest rooms) is considered the playing venue and restricted to only registered players and TDs; those that are not registered players or TDs will be asked to leave.

- No food or drinks allowed in the playing hall. There will be no water stations in the ballroom either. Players must consume their snacks outside the playing hall at one of the high-top tables, which are socially distanced at 6 feet apart.
- Players must be able to check pairings and standings online at www.acerook.com/nybinfo. For those who do not have limited access to phone/computer, players may ask the TD on the floor to obtain the board number and color, but this is strongly discouraged for those who have the capability to lookup the pairings online before they arrive at the playing hall/board.
- Players must use the organizer's provided carbon-copy scoresheet to record their moves. In order to minimize crowding around a pairing board, each table will have a result slip. Players will need to fill out the result slip and leave a copy of their scoresheet at their table; TDs will pick up the result slips when all players have finished their games. Players are considered a spectator after they have finished their game and must leave the playing hall until the cleaning staff have finished their task.

Registration:

Acerook Chess Enterprises, LLC, (ACE) recognizes the challenges presented by COVID-19. Precautionary measures will be in place to prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19 among players and limited spectators/parents allowed at the event, however Acerook Chess Enterprises, LLC, and its Tournament Directors cannot guarantee that you (or those you come in close contact with) will not become infected with COVID-19. By registering and attending this event, you acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume all risk that you may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19. A signed hardcopy waiver form will be required by every registered players and parents/guardians prior to the start of the tournament.

Due to social distancing and Johnson County Board of Public Health Order No. 002-20, capacity will be capped to the first 48 entries registered successfully using ACE online registration system. Online registration will open on <u>December 12, 2020 at 12:00PM</u>; registration system will be closed after 48 entries have registered or by January 1, 2021, 11:00PM, whichever comes first. All entries are **non-transferrable and non-refundable**.

This is to be fair to all interested players and prevents withdrawals – there will be no waitlist or lottery system to fill any vacant spots. There will be no on-site registration.

Exception: In the event that local, state, and/or federal health guidelines prevents the tournament to be held, all players' entry fees will be refunded.

Entry fee - \$48 via online entry at https://www.acerook.com/register?event=2021nybv2 Online registration will open on December 12, 2020 at 12:00PM; registration system will be close after 48 entries have registered or by January 1, 2021, 11:00PM, whichever comes first.

<u>Questions?</u> Contact Brian Yang at <u>AcerookChess@gmail.com</u>

Playing Hall:

