

Dear Good People,

Welcome to the 2020-21 CalChess (Superly) State Championship organized by BayAreaChess and ChessStream, and licensed by CalChess! The tournament directors for this tournament are National TD Tom Langland (USCF ID 11236219), Associate National TD Jordan Langland (12998998), Senior TD Salman Azhar (12448551), and Chacha Nugroho (12780191).

1. After Registering:
 - a. Please check <https://bayarea.chess.stream/states/preentries> ASAP to confirm that your registration is processed correctly.¹
 - b. Report errors or request changes using <https://forms.gle/stVrnYPU4TDxBKAe9>.²
 - c. If you see "Waiting for Payment" next to your name, please click and pay.
 - d. If you are not a current USChess or CalChess member, please purchase at <http://www.bayareachess.com/my/membership> and play without worries.
 - e. Review instructions at <https://bayarea.chess.stream/states/HowToPlay>
2. Make plans to play based on the [schedule](#) for your section(s). (Tip: Keep this schedule handy, physically or electronically, for the tournament day.)
3. On the tournament day:
 - a. Plan your day based on your section's [schedule](#).^{3 4 5 6}
 - b. Shortly before each game's scheduled start time, find your section at <https://bayarea.chess.stream/states/pairing> and follow the steps below before each scheduled game (aka round):
 - i. Check your pairing
 - ii. Select "Click Here To Play" to start your game
 - c. After joining:
 - i. Do not close (or X) a board for any reason (such as an absent opponent) because the TDs may not be able to recreate your virtual board.

¹ Q: When would the sections be finalized like OTB live tournaments? And would that be available/final the morning off?

A: The sections will be finalized on the morning of the tournament.

² Q: When I registered-its forced me to select 2 groups to participate before letting me go to the payment section. my son is registered under the k-8 beginner and k-8 varsity sections. our intention was to register for only k-8 beginner.

A: Please use <https://forms.gle/stVrnYPU4TDxBKAe9>.

³ Q: What is the time control for the games?

A: The time Control for all non-Championship sections is G/15 +2 (15 mins/game +2 secs/move for both players). The time Control for all Championship sections is G/25 +5 (25 mins/game +5 secs/move for both players). See <https://bayareachess.com/events/21/states/#schedule> for details.

⁴ Q: How many rounds?

A: All sections will have 5 rounds.

⁵ Q: Will there be any breaks in between rounds? Can the kid take a recess break and come back for the next round?

A: Generally, yes most players will likely be about 30 or more minutes between games. Please see the schedule for the timings of each round.

⁶ Q: Do we need to click on anything like pairings to get into the tournament and or does the pairings just pop up on our screen?

A: The pairings for each section will be available at <https://bayarea.chess.stream/states/pairing> at or around the scheduled round time for that section.

- ii. (Only the players paired on a given board can play on that board.)
- d. After every round, check the results at the following links and report any errors immediately:
 - i. <https://bayarea.chess.stream/states/standing>
 - ii. <https://bayarea.chess.stream/states/teamstanding>
- e. If you need help during the event:
 - i. Join <https://zoom.us/j/91847146324> (after logging into your zoom account) and change your zoom name to be the same as the section name followed by the player name.⁷
 - ii. You are not required to join the Zoom meeting (or allow us to invade your privacy with cameras) unless you need help.
- f. There are no knockouts and every player should play all rounds, regardless of results.
- g. Please, inform us ASAP if you can't play in any round (or the tournament) using <https://forms.gle/stVrnYPU4TDxBKAe9>.
 - i. Absence (without sufficient notice) is inconsiderate and there are no refunds for no-shows without sufficient notice.
 - ii. Furthermore, repeated offenses may result in further negative consequences, such as penalties and sanctions.
- 4. Qualification:
 - a. All players with a score of 3.5 or higher (out of 5) are guaranteed an invitation to compete in the OTB playoffs (that will determine the official state title and standings).⁸
 - b. We will try to invite players with 3 points and lower (in order of their points) depending on COVID protocols and space availability.
 - c. The OTB tournament will have a separate entry fee and registration (to defray costs) and financial aid will be available as needed for qualified players.⁹

Please check <https://bayareachess.com/states> for more information and attend the virtual town hall meeting at 7pm on the Thursday before the tournament (using zoom invite sent to registered emails). We will share the recording of the town hall meeting in case you miss it.

We will post the results at <https://bayareachess.com/ratings-results-photos/> and rate the tournament after all fairplay checks.

⁷ See <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201363203-Customizing-your-profile> for directions.

⁸ Q: If my kid qualifies this sat and plays the next sat as well but don't qualify in that one, what would be counted for later championship?

A: Your children will play for all sections for which they qualify. All OTB playoffs will be conducted on three separate dates corresponding to the qualifiers on three separate dates. Accordingly, anyone who qualifies for any section will be able to play in the OTB playoffs for that section.

⁹ Q: Where will the OTB tournament take place?

A: It will be somewhere in the Bay Area in the Fall, based on the availability.

Much love to everyone, especially those who have helped us stay alive and reopen...

Salman & Friends

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