

# **2016 Utah Chess Blitz Championship (G/5 d/0)**

**Saturday, July 16, 2016**

## **Warnock Engineering Building (“WEB”)**

Rooms 1248, 1450 and 1460

University of Utah

72 Central Campus Drive

Salt Lake City, UT 84112

### **7-Round Double Swiss – TWO Sections (\*):**

#### **Open and Reserve (U-1500)**

**Blitz rules apply.** (See **Chapter 11** of the U.S. Chess Federation’s Official Rules of Chess, 6th edition, at pages 308-314, as amended on-line;

See: <http://www.uschess.org/docs/gov/reports/RulebookChanges.pdf>.)

(Applicable rating is USCF **Blitz** rating (\*\*)) per July 2016 rating supplement.)

(\*) – Note on Format: If either section has eight (8) or fewer players, that section may be run as a round-robin; if there are fewer than seven (7) players in either section, the number of rounds may be reduced to the number required for one complete round-robin cycle of double-round pairings. If any section is converted to a round-robin format, the following tie-break hierarchy will apply: (1) Direct Encounter (Head-to-Head); (2) Sonneborn-Berger; (3) Koya System (extended, as necessary). The Reserve Section will award **Reserve Grand Prix Points** to players in the top six (6) placements.

(\*\*) - Although USCF Blitz ratings (July 2016 Supplement) will be used for this tournament, please note the following: (1) for those registering on-line (for further information on on-line registration, see page 2), the on-line form will automatically complete the rating field after the USCF ID has been entered; (2) the rating that will appear will be the Regular rating, and there is no way to override or change this; (3) nevertheless, for any player with a published USCF Blitz rating, that rating will be used for section eligibility and prize purposes; and (4) for players who do not have any (either established or provisional) published USCF Blitz rating (but only for such players), the Regular rating will be used instead.

**Each player MUST be a current member of the USCF.** For USCF membership options or to purchase a membership prior to the tournament, go to [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org). **If you purchase a USCF membership on-line, please print a receipt and bring it to the tournament.** Memberships may also be purchased at the tournament.

**Note: Scholastic players (K-12) may purchase USCF memberships at the tournament for the discounted price of \$11.**

**EF: Open Section:** \$20 if registered and **paid** by Monday, July 11th (by mail), or Thursday, July 14th (on-line; see link below); **\$30 late/onsite**;  
**Reserve (U-1500) Section:** \$15 if registered and **paid** by Monday, July 11th (by mail), or Thursday, July 14th (on-line; see link below); **\$25 late/onsite.**

**This tournament is a BOOSTER event!** Anyone who joins the United States Chess Federation (USCF) as a new member in June 2016 or July 2016, will have his or her entry fee (EF) waived for this tournament.

(\*) - **Note**: For purposes of determining eligibility of mailed entries for advance EF discount, **postmark date shall be deemed date of entry.**

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## **Schedule:**

**(Both sections): Round One** will start promptly at **1:00 p.m.** Following rounds will be paired immediately upon completion of previous round. These rounds will begin immediately after pairings have been posted.

**Format and Time Control: Seven (7) double rounds (Each player in a pairing plays one game with White and one game with Black.) Swiss-system pairings (no eliminations).**

**Time Control: Both Sections, all rounds: G/5, d/0.**

**Byes:** Half-point byes – Players may request half-point byes for up to two (2) rounds but such byes must be requested prior to pairing of Rd 2. For any round for which a permitted bye has been requested, that player will receive two (2) half-points (*i.e.*, a total of one [1] full point for the two un-played games). Last round bye requests are irrevocable. (See USCF Rule 22C.)

**Advance Registration: Option 1: Register on-line. Click on the green “Register” button above.**

**Option 2** (by mail): Please send information and fees to UCA c/o Steve Hoisington, 1864 27th St, Ogden, UT 84403. Include name, USCF ID# and blitz rating, and section. Make checks payable to the order of **UCA**.

(#) - **Please note the following:** (1) if your Blitz rating is below 1500 and you wish to play in the Reserve Section; but (2) your Regular rating is above 1500 [see note (\*\*) on first page]; then (3) the only way to register on-line is to register for the Open Section; and (4) upon notifying the Chief TD, you can be moved to the Reserve Section and paid a \$5 refund (for the advance EF differential for the two sections). Such notification can be provided either by e-mail to [stevehoisington789@hotmail.com](mailto:stevehoisington789@hotmail.com) or by notification to the Chief TD during the on-site registration period

**Onsite Registration: From 12:00 noon to 12:30 p.m.** Players who have not pre-registered and pre-paid who arrive after 12:30 p.m. will be given two (2) half-point byes (*i.e.*, one point for two un-played games) for the first round and paired starting in round two.

**Prizes:** Cash awards will be shared equally in case of tied placements. Playoff games (up to three double rounds) at the same time control as in the tournament (G/5, d/0) will be used to break ties for titles and trophies. In the event of such a tie involving three or more players, only the players finishing in the top two places determined using standard tie-breaks (per default hierarchy in USCF Rule 34E; but see note [\*] in caption, above) will participate. In the event three consecutive double rounds of playoff games are all drawn 1-1, tie-break formulae as described above shall determine the award of title and trophies. Non-residents of Utah may compete *hors concours* with full eligibility for cash prizes and Utah Chess Grand Prix Points. Title of Utah Blitz Champion and trophies will be awarded to highest-placed Utah resident.

**Open (b/20 paid entries): 1<sup>st</sup> \$100 (+ Trophy), 2<sup>nd</sup> \$75 (+ Trophy), Class A –1<sup>st</sup>: \$60, Class B (1600 – 1799) - 1<sup>st</sup>: \$60, Class C and below (U1600) - 1<sup>st</sup>: \$60.**

**U–1500 (b/12 paid entries): 1<sup>st</sup> \$60 (+ Trophy), 2<sup>nd</sup> \$40 (+Trophy), Class G and below (U800) - 1<sup>st</sup>: \$40.**

**If a player has a claim to two (or more) prizes, cash prizes shall be awarded in accordance with USCF Rule 32B.**

**Players are responsible for supplying equipment (pieces, board and clock) and for knowing how to set clocks. (USCF Rule 16B)**