

2017 Utah Chess Blitz Championship (G/5 d/0)

Saturday, June 24, 2017

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 – ONE Section:

With Class Prizes for each Class from “A” through “G and below”

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 June 2017 rating supplement.)

(*) - Although USCF Blitz ratings (June 2017 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 determining pairings and prize eligibility; 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. **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) who are not currently USCF members may use membership vouchers at the tournament free of charge to obtain such memberships as long as the vouchers last.

This tournament is a BOOSTER event! Anyone who joins the United States Chess Federation (USCF) as a new member in June 2017, will have his or her entry fee (EF) waived for this tournament.

EF: \$15 if registered and **paid** by Monday, June 19th (by mail), or Thursday, June 22nd (on-line; see link below); **\$25 late/onsite.**

(*) - **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: 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** (#) using link in navigation bar at:
www.utahchess.com.

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**.

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 first-place (champion) title and trophy. 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) will participate. The first double round of the playoff in which one player scores more than 1.0 point will decide the tiebreak. 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 trophy. Standard tie-breaks per default hierarchy of USCF Rule 34E will be used to break ties for the second-place trophy. 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.

Based on 30 (b/30) paid entries: 1st \$100 (+ Trophy), 2nd \$75 (+ Trophy), Class A – 1st: \$40, Class B (1600 – 1799) - 1st: \$40, Class C (1400-1599) - 1st: \$40, Class D (1200-1399) – 1st: \$40 Class E (1000-1199) – 1st: \$40; Class F (800-999) – 1st: \$40; Class G and below (U800) - 1st: \$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)