

Players / Parents: **Thank you** for registering for the Virginia Commonwealth Games Tournament!

-- **Round 1** of the tournament is at 10am Eastern Time (USA) on **Saturday, July 24, 2021**. Rounds 2 and 3 also are on Saturday, at 1PM and 5PM, eastern time.

-- **On Sunday, July 25th**, we play Rounds 4 and 5 at 10am and 1pm.

PLEASE READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.

STEP 1: You Have Successfully Pre-Registered. You're signed up and ready to "join" our team. Log in to your LiChess account using the **same username you gave us when you registered and paid your Entry Fee.**

-- DO NOT change your UserName!!

STEP 2: Join the Team. After you've logged-in, **request to join our team** on LiChess at the link <https://lichess.org/team/va-commonwealth-games-2021> (make sure to solve the chess captcha problem when you request to join the team).

-- Select the green "Join Team" button-bar.

-- PLEASE JOIN THE TEAM on Friday evening, or by 8AM on Saturday morning! If you don't request to join at least 30 minutes before the tournament starts we cannot guarantee being able to approve you in time for Round 1. For the one player who is taking a Bye for Round 1 on Saturday morning (Username Chancho-o-o), please sign on between 12 and 12:30PM to be sure you are ready for Round 2.

-- We will quickly process your "Join Team" request.

-- Read "Note 1" below, it's important.

STEP 3: Now, Join the Tournament. After we approve your "Join Team" request from Step 2 above, go to the tournament page at <https://lichess.org/swiss/A3jG2dl3> and **click the green Join button**, then enter the tournament's password: **VACGames-1234** After you complete these 3 steps your Username should show up in the list of players and you'll be ready to play!

ON SATURDAY MORNING:

-- Sign-in to your LiChess account at least 30 minutes before the tournament starts. Just hang-out and wait for play to start, there's nothing else you need to do!

-- After you finish your first game, just be sure you are at your computer (and logged-in to the Tournament according to Note 3) by 12:45PM for Round 2, and by 4:45PM for Round 3. Repeat the process on Sunday for Round 4 at 10AM.

Notes:

-- **Note 1:** Because of the low number of entries, **ALL PLAYERS will play in one consolidated section.** PRIZES, however, will be distributed according to the pre-event tournament publicity (e.g., Gold-Silver-Bronze medals for players with US Chess ratings above 1800 (Open Section), 1200--1800 (Amateur), and Under 1200 (Novice)). In other words, there are a maximum of 9 medals that can be distributed!!

-- **Note 2:** All players will be paired using their LiChess rating. After the tournament we will turn-in the results to the US Chess Federation, which will update (or create) your "Online Regular Rating."

-- **Note 3:** To reach me, Mike Hoffpauir (Tournament Director), during the event please TEXT ME at the cell number below. I'll monitor email, too, but that is less reliable.

WARNINGS about Cheating:

1. It is tempting to use a cellphone or chess engine to cheat in online play. I am well-versed at catching such people, so don't try it.

2. If I suspect a player is cheating, I will contact them (or the parents) directly using the

phone number provided to me during your Registration Process.

3. Let's not have any of this ... PLAY FUN and PLAY FAIR!!

4. If I have any other tournament communications during the tournament I will use the LiChess chat feature and email.

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