



ROCHESTER CHESS  
**FESTIVAL**

JULY 18-20, 2025

MAYO CIVIC CENTER IN  
ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA

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FEATURING 1ST EVER MIDWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR WOMEN & GIRLS

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Friday 7 PM Simultaneous Chess Exhibition (only \$10) featuring Minnesota International Masters John Bartholomew & Sean Nagle. First 50 participants for Simultaneous Chess Exhibition get in FREE thanks to sponsorship by [ChessGoals!](#)
- Leading Women's Senior TD Sarah Wahl who has expertly directed more than 120 chess tournaments in Minnesota
- Commentary and game review by popular MN chess streaming personality and ChessGoals founder Matt Jensen.
- Local media coverage of chess festival
- Winner of Midwest Women & Girls Regional Championship receives free entry fee for All Girls Nationals, US Women's Open or US Open (champion's choice)
- Free entry for Masters registered by July 3
- Rochester Open runs concurrently at venue and is open to all chess players
- Rochester Open is part of the 2025 MSCA Summer Grand Prix series
- MSCA & Rochester Chess are partnering to produce this festival

5-RD Swiss System: USCF-rated (membership required)

Time Control: G/60 +30 second increment per move

Saturday: 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM, 6:00 PM; Sunday: 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM

Rochester Open - \$5,000 in prizes based on 150 participants

Midwest Regional Women & Girls Championship - \$2,000 in prizes based on 60 participants

\$80 entry fee if registered on-line by May 1

\$90 entry fee if registered on-line by June 1

\$100 entry fee if registered on-line by July 1

\$110 entry fee if registered online by 7pm on July 18

\$120 entry fee if registered in-person 8:30-9:30am on July 19

Entry fees \$20 less for U1500 & U1100 sections, and \$30 less for U700 section

### **Projected Prizes**

\$5,000 for the Rochester Open Based on 30 players per Section:

Premier Section: 1st=\$750, 2nd=\$500, Top U2100=\$250

U1900 Section: 1st=\$600, 2nd=\$400, Top U1600=\$200

U1500 Section: 1st=\$500, 2nd=\$250, Top U1300=\$150

U1100 Section: 1st=\$400, 2nd=\$250, Top U800=\$150

U700 Section: 1st=\$250, 2nd=\$150, Top U500=\$100, Top UNR=\$100

### **Projected Prizes**

\$2,000 for the Midwest Regional Women & Girls Championship Based on 20 players per Section:

Premier Section: 1st=\$600, 2nd=\$400, Top U1500=\$200

U1100 Section: 1st=\$300, 2nd=\$200, Top U800=\$100

U700 Section: Trophies for Top 10 finishers

**For all event details and registration, please visit**

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