



# New Year's Encore Swiss

**Saturday, January 2, 2027 • Open to all ages and skill levels**

*A weekend chess festival with the 2027 Arizona State Grades Championship, the Pan-American Intercollegiate Championship, and New Year's Encore Blitz*

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| <b>LOCATION:</b>      | Tempe Mission Palms Resort, 60 E 5th St., Tempe, AZ 85281                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>SPECIAL RATE:</b>  | \$129/night plus tax (1 King OR 2 Queen bed room). No resort fee.<br>To book a room: <a href="https://www.hyatt.com/events/en-US/group-booking/PHXDT/G-CHES">https://www.hyatt.com/events/en-US/group-booking/PHXDT/G-CHES</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>DESCRIPTION:</b>   | US Chess rated 4-round Swiss tournament in five sections based on <b>rating</b> .<br>Sections: Premier (1800+), U1800 (1300–1799), U1300 (1000–1299), U1000, and Scholastics (K-8, U800).<br><i>Current 2200+ rated players play free. Everyone is welcome! The event is open to players of all ages and skill levels.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>TIME CONTROL:</b>  | G/45; d5. Scholastics section: Round 1 at 10am, G/45; remaining rounds as available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>REGISTRATION:</b>  | US Chess membership required for all sections (available at <a href="http://uschess.org">uschess.org</a> ). Renew onsite through SACA before round one if needed. Players without proof of paid membership before round one will not be paired.<br>Registration online at King Registration:<br><a href="https://www.kingregistration.com/event/NewYearsEncoreSwiss">https://www.kingregistration.com/event/NewYearsEncoreSwiss</a> .<br>Onsite registration: Saturday, 8:00–8:45am (Scholastics section: 8:00–9:45am).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>ENTRY FEES:</b>    | Premier (1800+): \$60 if received by December 2. \$65 between December 3–19. \$70 after December 19.<br>U1800 (1300–1799): \$50 if received by December 2. \$55 between December 3–19. \$60 after December 19.<br>U1300 (1000–1299): \$40 if received by December 2. \$45 between December 3–19. \$50 after December 19.<br>U1000: \$35 if received by December 2. \$40 between December 3–19. \$45 after December 19.<br>Scholastics (K-8, U800): \$25 if received by December 2. \$30 between December 3–19. \$35 after December 19.<br>Play-up fee \$20 (one section only). Free entry to FIDE titled players.<br>Saturday onsite entries may receive a ½-point bye for round 1.<br>\$10 processing fee for any refunds after December 15.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>SCHEDULE:</b>      | Rounds: 9am, 11am, 12:45pm, 2:30pm.<br>Scholastics section: Round 1 at 10am, G/45; remaining rounds as available.<br><b>Please arrive by 8:45am for pairings and announcements (Scholastics: 9:45am).</b><br><b>There is no tournament check-in.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>PRIZES:</b>        | <b>Premier:</b> 1st \$350, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$150, Top Under 2000 \$100.<br><b>U1800:</b> 1st \$150, 2nd \$90, 3rd \$60.<br><b>U1300:</b> 1st \$110, 2nd \$70, 3rd \$40.<br><b>U1000:</b> Trophies to top finishers.<br><b>Scholastics (K-8, U800):</b> Trophies to top finishers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>EQUIPMENT:</b>     | Boards & sets provided. Players are responsible for scoresheets, pencils/pens, and bringing/setting their own clocks.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>CHESS WEEKEND:</b> | The New Year's Encore Swiss is part of a full weekend chess festival at Tempe Mission Palms Resort, held the day after the 2027 Arizona State Grades Championship and alongside the 2027 Pan-American Intercollegiate Team Championship, drawing 100+ college teams from across the country. Watch top boards, meet college players, and see where scholastic chess can lead!<br><br><b>2027 Arizona State Grades Championship</b><br>Friday, January 1, 2027<br>Open to grades K-12. US Chess rated 5-round Swiss tournament based on grade.<br><a href="https://www.kingregistration.com/event/2027stategrades">https://www.kingregistration.com/event/2027stategrades</a><br><br><b>New Year's Encore Blitz</b><br>Saturday, January 2, 2027<br>Open to all ages and skill levels. Two sections: Open and U1400. \$500 prize fund based on 30 entries. Onsite registration 5:00–6:00pm, Round 1 begins at 6:30pm.<br><a href="https://www.kingregistration.com/event/NewYearsEncoreBlitz">https://www.kingregistration.com/event/NewYearsEncoreBlitz</a> |
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