



2024 USA OPEN ANNOUNCEMENT

The International Checkers Association of North America (ICAONA) proudly announces

12th US Open Championship in International Checkers - USA OPEN 2024 - Kolman Turiy Memorial

The tournament is open to all checker players regardless of ranking. Expected participation of many players from different countries.



Venue	<p>The tournaments will take place in Huntington, NY - a historical town located in NY Metropolitan Area (1 hour by train to the center of Manhattan) with beautiful village, museums and shopping malls. The competition venue is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Station Branch of the Huntington Public Library 1335 New York Avenue Huntington Station, NY 11746</p> <p>More information about the town can be read here.</p>																																
Fee	\$120 USD Main Tournament, \$20 USD Blitz. See below for deadlines																																
Prizes	<p>Trophies and monetary prizes will be awarded for leading places (classic and Blitz):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Open Tournament, • US National Championship (see below), • Best Woman resut (if 3 or more women participate, Classic only) <p>Will try to keep the prices at or above US Open 2023 level (see US Open 2023)</p>																																
Dates / Schedule	<p>The main tournament will be held September 6-13, 2024, with Swiss system, 7-9 rounds depending on the number of participants.</p> <p>Approximate schedule (subject to adjust per players' preferences) is below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="267 1176 1542 1365"> <tr><td>Sept 6</td><td>Friday</td><td>Afternoon*</td><td>Player registration, opening ceremony, Round 1</td></tr> <tr><td>Sept 7</td><td>Saturday</td><td>Morning*</td><td>Round 2</td></tr> <tr><td>Sept 8</td><td>Sunday</td><td>12 pm - 5pm</td><td>Round 3</td></tr> <tr><td>Sept 9</td><td>Monday</td><td>All day*</td><td>Rounds 4 & 5</td></tr> <tr><td>Sept 10</td><td>Tuesday</td><td>Morning*</td><td>Round 6</td></tr> <tr><td>Sept 11</td><td>Wednesday</td><td>All day*</td><td>Round 7 & 8</td></tr> <tr><td>Sept 12</td><td>Thursday</td><td>Morning*</td><td>Round 9</td></tr> <tr><td>Sept 13</td><td>Friday</td><td>Morning/afternoon*</td><td>Blitz tournament (optional, separate fee), closing ceremony, awards</td></tr> </table> <p>*Exact timing will be provided close to the start of the games. Upon discussion with players, we can add optional activities such as walking tour to New York City, beach picnic, etc.</p>	Sept 6	Friday	Afternoon*	Player registration, opening ceremony, Round 1	Sept 7	Saturday	Morning*	Round 2	Sept 8	Sunday	12 pm - 5pm	Round 3	Sept 9	Monday	All day*	Rounds 4 & 5	Sept 10	Tuesday	Morning*	Round 6	Sept 11	Wednesday	All day*	Round 7 & 8	Sept 12	Thursday	Morning*	Round 9	Sept 13	Friday	Morning/afternoon*	Blitz tournament (optional, separate fee), closing ceremony, awards
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Getting There	<p>By car: Use GPS or cell phone directions. Parking is free on the back of the library building.</p> <p>By public transportation: Our location is a couple minutes' walk from the Long Island Rail Road train (LIRR, Port Jefferson branch) that connects Huntington to the New York City boroughs Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn. More information on train schedule and fares is here.</p> <p>By plane: The closest airport to Huntington, NY is McArthur (abbreviated ISP). We will be able to meet in the airport those who arrive to ISP. Alternatively, especially for international flights, we recommend JFK international airport. It is very easy to get to Huntington from JFK. Just follow the signs for AirTrain and take it to Jamaica station. From there, you can transfer to LIRR train to Huntington (Port Jefferson Branch). La Guardia Airport (LGA): Take a free bus to Woodside Av/61 St, for Woodside LIRR station. From there, take a LIRR train to Huntington (Port Jefferson Branch). Another NYC option – EWR airport is very far away (over 2 hours) and is not recommended at all unless you are willing to rent a car and drive yourself.</p>																																

Lodging	<p>From New York City, possible to commute by LIRR train or car (free parking).</p> <p>For hotels, the closest option is Rodeway Inn in Huntington Station, NY.</p> <p>If you book through us, we will get government taxes on your stay waived off (about 25% savings) and we will transport you to and from the playing room.</p> <p>The price per room is currently \$114 USD* per night with free cancellation up to a day before (choices are: 1 king bed (1 to 3 people max) or 2 double beds (2-5 people max)). Extra rollaway beds are \$10 per night.</p> <p>Availability on rooms and beds is first come, first serve, so RSVP in advance with your deposit to hold for you – please specify your preference.</p> <p>Let us know If interested to share a room and we will try to find a roommate (this is not guaranteed).</p> <p>*This is the best current market price that can fluctuate up or down. If enough interest is received, and the hotel offers us a better rate - we will adjust all reservations done through us.</p>
Food	<p>ICAONA will provide hot and cold drinks and light snacks during the games. We will also organize light dinner for closing ceremony, and a beach picnic (time / weather permits).</p>
Time Control	<p>Fisher system: 1 hour 20 minutes per game + 1 minute per move (classic/main), 5 minutes per game + 3 seconds per move (blitz)</p>
USA Specific Quals	<p>This event is also an <u>official US Open Championship 2024</u> for long-time residents of USA who are active members of ICAONA. USA players on the record will compete separately for national ranking and qualifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The best USA player(s) will be announced as US Champions 2024 in both Classic and Blitz categories and will receive a traditional wall plaque to commemorate this. • <u>US Champion 2024</u> in Classic version will earn the right to represent USA in Pan-Am 2025. If for some reason there will be no US Championship 2025 – then the 2nd (and possibly 3rd place) Classic version, will get the right as well. <p>If you are a long-time USA player and want to be ranked and qualified as such, you need to join ICAONA and pay membership fees 2024 prior to the event start.</p> <p>See below for the instruction on how to pay.</p> <p>Update in FMJD database will be needed if currently registered in FMJD with another national organization – will contact for details and instructions.</p>
Deadline/RSVP Info	<p>Please confirm your participation ASAP but no later than Septemer 4, 2024 to help us with planning by making a non-refundable deposit of \$20 USD. Full inscription fee payment is expected by September 5, 2024.</p> <p>4 ways to pay:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zelle (free) Recipient name: <u>INTERNATIONAL CHECKERS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA INC</u> Zelle ID: +16314284066 • Direct deposit to ICAONA Chase bank account <u>852969641</u> (free if you have Chase bank near) • Our Paypal account (small fee added) by clicking here (pay with credit card there) • Bank wire (please add \$15 bank fee to your payment): Recipient Account #: <u>852969641</u>, mailing address: <u>12472 BERKELEY SQUARE DR., TAMP A, FL 33626</u> SWIFT number: <u>CHASUS33 (International)</u>, ABA routing number: <u>021000021 (Domestic)</u>, Receiving bank address: <u>270 Park Ave., New York, NY 10017</u> <p>If desired, you can prepay your tournament deposit completely.</p> <p>In case you need to cancel, the deposit minus non-refundable \$20 will be refunded</p>
Contact Info	<p>Visa Support: Yevgeniy Sklyarov +1 (516) 564-7231 (phone or Whatsup), yevgeniy76@gmail.com</p> <p>Hotel/Local Info: Luba Turiy +1 (631) 428-4066 (phone or Whatsup), admin@icaona.org</p> <p>General Qs/Membership: Rudi Azimullah +1 (225) 916 2828 (phone or Whatsup), Rudi.azimullah@hotmail.com</p>

Looking forward to welcome you here and make this event as memorable and enjoyable as possible!