

# Big Sky Country Open

## An MCA Grand Prix Event

The Montana Chess Association and the Flathead Valley Chess Club proudly present the 2023-2024 season opener in Kalispell, Montana.

**Dates:** September 16 - 17, 2023

**Location:** Red Lion Hotel, 20 North Main Street, Kalispell, MT  
We have reserved a beautiful 1650 sq ft playing hall!

**Rooms:** Discounted room rate of \$99 is available if reserved by September 8, 2023 -  
Call 406-751-5050 to book this rate.

**Format:** Five rounds, Swiss pairings

**Time Control:** G/105; d5 ( Game in 1 hr 45 minutes; delay 5 seconds )

**Entry Fee:** \$35 if registered before noon, Friday, September 15.  
\$40 for registration after noon, Friday, September 15.  
Entry Fee to be paid by Cash during registration Saturday morning.

**Registration:** [www.montanachess.org](http://www.montanachess.org)  
Your registration will be confirmed by email.

USCF membership required.

MCA membership for MT residents required. MCA annual membership is \$15.

Unrated MT residents: First Annual MCA membership is waived.

**On-site Registration & Entry Fees:** 8:00-8:30 am Saturday  
Entry Fee must be paid by the end of registration to be paired.

**Rounds:** Saturday: 9:00am, 1:30pm, 6:30pm Sunday: 8:30am, 12:30pm or asap

**Byes:** One 1/2-point bye available.  
Byes for rounds 4 & 5 must be requested before round 3 begins – 6:30 pm.

**Prize Fund:** \$ 300 - Based on 20 paid entries.  
\$\$ increased if possible and with additional entries.

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