

2026 South Dakota Governor's Cup

\$12,000 prize fund unconditionally guaranteed

Presented by Chess Weekend, Inc. and the South Dakota Chess Association

US Chess Grand Prix Points: 80

October 16-18 or 17-18, 2026

Denny Sanford Premier Center (Sioux Falls Convention Center)

1201 N West Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57107

Tournament hotel rate: details to come

5 rounds, Swiss System
Choice of 2-day or 3-day schedule

Sections and Prizes

- **Premier (*FIDE Rated*):** \$1500-900-400-250, U2300 \$650-400-200, U2100-\$650, 400, 200, U1900 \$600-375-175
- **Reserve Under 1800:** \$1100-500-250, U1600 \$600-350-175, U1400 \$600-350-175
- **Booster Under 1200:** \$400-250-150, U1000 \$250-150

October 2026 Official Regular US Chess rating will be used. Unrated players may play in any section, but qualify for top prizes in each section only.

Entries

- **Premier and Reserve:** \$89; Booster \$59 early mail-in or online by 9/1/2026
- **Premier and Reserve:** \$109; Booster \$69 online by 9pm Wednesday 10/1/2026
- **Premier and Reserve:** \$129; Booster \$89 after 10/1/26 and on site
- Booster players rated 900 or higher may play up to Reserve section at Reserve section entry fee.
- Reserve players may play up to Premier section for \$20 additional.
- Re-entries for \$50 with appropriate byes
- GMs and IMs free entry if registered by 10/1/2026
- \$10 Discount for SDCA members

Registration

Register online at chessweekend.com

Mailed entries must be received 3 weeks before the tournament starts, and should include player name, US Chess ID, section you're registering for, full address, phone and email. Checks payable to and mailed to Chess Weekend, 21694 Doud Ct., Frankfort, IL 60423.

Time Controls and Playing Schedules

1/2 point byes OK all rounds, must commit by end of round 2

3-day Schedule; G/90;+30 second increment

On-site registration 6:00-6:30 pm

Friday 7:00 pm

Saturday 10:00 am, 4:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am, 3:30 pm

2-day Schedule

On-site registration 8:45-9:30 am

Saturday (G/60;d5) 10:00 am, 1:00 pm

Saturday (merged - G/90;+30 increment) 4:00 pm

Sunday (merged - G/90;+30 increment) 10:00 am, 3:30 pm

SIDE EVENTS!

Saturday Night Blitz, \$500 in prizes b/30 entries.

Full information at chessweekend.com

IMPORTANT:
Please bring sets and clocks.

For more information

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