



**WMCA PRESENTS:**  
**THE 98TH ANNUAL**  
**WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS/CONNECTICUT**  
**VALLEY**  
**CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup> 2024**

THE ALUMNI HOUSE AT AMHERST COLLEGE  
75 CHURCHILL STREET, AMHERST, MA  
01002

**\$200 BONUS TO  
CLEAR 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**OPEN** - Revolving Trophy, A Personal Engraved Trophy Plus **An Unprecedented Cash Prize!**  
**Courtesy Of A 50% Donation to clear 1<sup>st</sup>!!**

**TROPHIES TO TOP:** - EXPERT, A, B, C, D, UNDER 1200, UNRATED & BIGGEST UPSET

**\* 1-DAY OR 2-DAY SCHEDULE \*** **NOTE: no time controls or rounds will be altered nor forced half point byes given due to snow unless a state of emergency is declared. Plan ahead in case of forecasted snow. Any withdrawals forfeit that and any subsequent rounds.**

**2-DAY FORMAT & SCHEDULE: SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

**5ss With Accelerated Pairings G/90; D10**

**REGISTRATION: 8:30AM - 9:15AM CUTOFF. SATURDAY, 2/24 \*LATE ENTRIES WILL RECEIVE 1 HALF POINT BYE, AND BE PAIRED IN ROUND 2\*.**

**ROUNDS: Saturday: 10am, Lunch Break, 1:45pm, 5:30/ ASAP; Sunday: 2:00pm, 5:45pm/ ASAP.**

**1-DAY FORMAT & SCHEDULE**

**ROUNDS: 1-3; G/45; d10, 4 & 5: G/90; d10**

**BOTH SCHEDULES MERGE AT ROUND 4 ON SUNDAY, 2/25**

**REGISTRATION: MUST BE BY ADVANCED ENTRY ONLY FOR THIS SCHEDULE. NO AT DOOR!**

**CHECK-IN ONLY: 8:00AM-8:15, CUTOFF. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH \*LATE ENTRIES WILL RECEIVE 1 HALF POINT BYE, AND BE PAIRED IN ROUND 2\*.**

**ROUNDS: Sunday 8:30AM, 10:15, 12:00, 2:00, 5:45/ ASAP.**

**BYES: Limit Of One ½ Point Bye: Specify Round With Entry Or Before Round 3 Pairing.**

**NATIONAL MASTERS ADDITIONAL \$5 OFF**

**ADVANCED ENTRY FEES: Online At: [wmcaevents.com](http://wmcaevents.com)**

**BY 2/23. Rated Players \$30, Unrated \$10, National Masters \$25**

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL ONLINE ONLY, BY 1/26:**

**\$5 WMCA & Extra Unrated Discount; Rated Players \$25, Unrated \$5, National Masters \$20**

**AT SITE: Rated players \$35, Unrated \$15, National Masters \$30**

**RE-ENTRY INTO 1-DAY SCHEDULE: \$20 CASH ON SATURDAY ONLY**

**Advance: Rated \$30, Unrated \$10, National Masters \$25**

**Mail cash or check BY 2/19:**

**QUESTIONS:** Gaetano  
[gbompastore@gmail.com](mailto:gbompastore@gmail.com)  
(413)-356-0303

**TO: WMCA**  
**C/O ED KOSTREBA**  
**45 FAIRVIEW PALMER, MA 01069**



**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE  
SPEED CHESS  
TIEBREAK PLAYOFF**

In the case of 2 or more players having a tied score for 1<sup>st</sup> place at the end of the tournament, they will have a speed chess match to determine the one true Western Massachusetts/ Connecticut Valley Chess Champion, and split the cash prize!

**FORMAT:**

4 rounds of game in 5 minutes with no delay.

**4R/ G5/0**

**The 1<sup>st</sup> player with 2 and ½ points gets the title, \$150 cash bonus, and the revolving trophy! Runner up gets \$50.**

**ARMAGEDDON FINAL**

In the case of a 4 – 4 tie, there will be one final playoff game of 5 minutes, no delay! The rule is, that white **MUST WIN** to obtain the point. **If black DRAWS, he/ she wins.** Color is decided by bid. Both players write their color of choice on paper, and hand them to the TD. If they picked the same color pieces, they each write a number equaling minutes to bid, and hand them to the TD, the player who wins the bid of giving up the most time off the clock, wins the color matching their bid. If they pick opposite colors, no bidding is necessary, as they will play those colors.

**FORMAT : 1R G/ 5/0**

 <https://www.facebook.com/Western.Massachusetts.Chess?mibextid=ZbWKwL>

**WMCA WEBSITE:** <http://www.wmass-chess.us>

**REGISTRATION:** [wmcaevents.com](http://wmcaevents.com)

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**\*WMCA REGISTRATION FORM: \*REQUIRED INFORMATION TO ENTER TOURNAMENT\***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_

½ Point Bye Requested Round: 1 \_\_\_ 2 \_\_\_ 3 \_\_\_ 4 \_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_

Schedule: 1-Day \_\_\_\_\_ 2-Day \_\_\_\_\_

U.S.C.F. ID. No. & expiration (If member): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Chess Federation membership Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ (Fill out USCF Membership Form)

W.M.C.A. membership (Circle one) NEW RENEWING: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*ATTN: ANY INCOMPLETE PAPER REGISTRATION FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED\***