

The International Checkers Association of North America/ USA,
official American National Federation of
International Draughts/Checkers (ICAONA)

proudly announces

US Open Championship 2025

in International Checkers



General Information

Where	**Best Western Plus Atlantic Beach Resort**, Miami Beach, Florida (11 miles from Miami International (MIA), 28 miles from Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport (FLL))
When	November 21 – 30, 2025
Tournament Type	Expect to compete in 3 different categories: classic, rapid, blitz. More details will be provided in the Tournament Rules & Regulations.
Fee	$120 USD Main Classic Tournament, $30 USD Rapid, $20 USD Blitz. See below for deadlines
Prizes	Trophies and monetary prizes will be awarded for leading places (Classic, Rapid and Blitz): US Open Tournament, US National Championship (see below), Best Woman result (if 3 or more women participate, Classic only) Will try to keep the prizes at or above US Open 2024 level (see US Open 2024)
Dates / Schedule	The rapid tournament will be held with 7 round Swiss system 15 minutes + 15 seconds add time each player, classic tournament - 8 round Swiss system (preliminary 1 hour 20 minutes + 1 minute add time each player), Blitz – 5 minutes + 3 second add time, either Round Robin or Swiss system.

Nov 21	Friday	All day	Arrivals. Technical briefing in the evening
Nov 22	Saturday	1 pm*	Opening ceremony, Rounds 1-4 Rapid
Nov 23	Sunday	3 pm*	Rounds 5-7 Rapid
Nov 24	Monday	9 am & 3 pm	Rounds 1 & 2 Classic
Nov 25	Tuesday	3 pm	Round 3 Classic
Nov 26	Wednesday	9 am & 3 pm	Rounds 4 & 5 Classic
Nov 27	Thursday	9 am	Round 6 Classic (Thanksgiving Holiday)
Nov 28	Friday	3 pm	Round 7 Classic (Black Friday shopping)
Nov 29	Saturday	8:30 am	Round 8 Classic
		2:30 pm	Blitz tournament, closing ceremony, awards
Nov 30	Sunday	All day	Departures

*Preliminary, subject to change

Rooms and Rates	$137.00 per day with choice of 1 big king size bed or 2 double beds (each bed can still fit 2) for the first 2 people in the room. $10 extra for each additional person (up to 4). Extra children are free. King size room layout allows for extra rollaway bed (additional $10 per day). Rate includes free Internet, refrigerator, coffee maker and resort facilities (beach chairs with umbrella, pool towels, etc.). Good breakfast is optional at discounted price of $13 per person (tax and gratuity included, must be requested at the time of the reservation). Menu can be provided. ICAONA is holding a small number of rooms at this heavily discounted price. Availability is first come, first serve, so RSVP in advance with your deposit to hold the room for you – please specify your preference. Let us know If interested to share a room and we will try to find a roommate (this is not guaranteed). See "Reservation Instructions" section for more information.
Local Transportation	ICAONA will try to organize airport pickups when possible (please provide your airline flight information). Otherwise, shuttle buses, taxis, and car rentals are available at both airports. A public bus stop next to the hotel can take you to shopping and sightseeing locations.
Car parking	$20 per day for commuting players at the hotel's garage. There is a municipal parking charging hourly rates nearby.
USA Specific Qualifications	This event is also an official USA National Championship 2025 for USA players - active members of ICAONA, who will in parallel compete for national ranking and qualifications. The best USA player(s) will be announced as US Champions 2025 in all categories and will receive traditional wall plagues to commemorate these achievements. US Champion 2025 and possibly US Vice Champion 2025 in Classic version will earn the right to represent USA in Pan-Am Championship 2026 together with US Champion 2024. If you permanently reside in USA but are not yet a member of national federation, and want to be ranked and qualified as above, you need to make a payment of $100 prior to the event's start. See below for the instructions on how to pay. Update in FMJD database will be needed if currently registered in FMJD with another national organization – will contact for details and instructions. Otherwise, you will only be participating in the Open part of the competition, and will have no rights for qualification and national ranking regardless of place of residence.
Deadline	**Please confirm your participation ASAP but no later than October 15, 2025.** Due to the tournament room size limitation, we may stop the registration earlier if we reach the full capacity before the deadline. Refer to Reservation Instructions below for payment and deadlines information.
Contact	**Visa Support:** Eugene Sklyarov +1 (516) 564-7231 (phone or Whatsup), yevgeniy76@gmail.com **Payments/Hotel RSVP:** Luba Turiy +1 (631) 428-4066 (phone or Whatsup), admin@icaona.org **General Qs/Membership:** Rudi Azimullah +1 (225) 916 2828 (phone or Whatsup), Rudi.azimullah@hotmail.com

Reservation Instructions

We are looking forward to welcome you at US Open 2025!
Please see the instructions below to reserve your spot at the open tournament and optional hotel.

1. Due to the playing room limitation, we may limit the number of participants, similar as it was done in 2022. Therefore, we urge you to confirm your participation **ASAP** with the $120 USD inscription fee to ICAONA ($20 USD of which is non-refundable) using one of the payment methods listed below. The final payment deadline **is October 15, 2025.**
2. If you need an invitation letter to support your visa application, you will need to contact Yevgeniy Sklyarov once you send at least the $20 USD non-refundable part of inscription fee, and provide him with the following information:
    a. Copy of the passport front page
    b. Home address
    c. FMJD title (if any)

    Be aware that USA visa processing can take long time, so please apply ASAP.
3. Players who need hotel stay, please be aware of the following conditions:

    1. ICAONA is holding small number of rooms on the discounted rate listed above, that will be available on the first come, first serve basis. Therefore, to put your room on hold we require a first night deposit of $137 USD to be received ASAP, but not later than **October 15, 2025.**
    Important:
        a. Before sending your deposit, please confirm with us that there are still rooms available. If they are not - we will inform you of other options.
        b. The rooms we are holding are reserved from **November 22** through **November 30**.
        If you need to arrive early or stay later, the room can be extended up to 3 days before or after, at the same price, subject to hotel availability. Therefore, you need to contact us as soon as your plans are finalized to make sure that extending of your stay is possible.
    2. The participants must submit the remaining payment for the hotel room no later than **October 15, 2025.**
    3. In case the room will be shared by 2 or more players, only one deposit of $137 USD is needed. Please note that ICAONA can try to find roommates upon request, but our possibilities are limited, and such an option is not guaranteed. Please let us know if you are interested to share when making your reservation. We also encourage you to look for a possible roommate on your own.
    4. Please be aware that if you make your own reservation in the hotel, you will be responsible for the separate resort fee and government taxes, also possible much higher room rates.
    5. Hotel cancellation policy: your room can be cancelled without penalty by **October 22, 2025.** After that deadline, the payment is not-refundable.
        a. If your plans change and we need to reimburse you, be advised that ICAONA will subtract from the refund amount the fees if any imposed on us by the payment system (e.g., wire transfer or PayPal).
    6. Upon checking into the hotel, the guests must present to the reception desk a valid credit card. The card will be charged only for the amount spent on hotel services or liability (standard hotel practice in USA).

Payment Instructions

1. No fees - best options, if you can do:
    a. Zelle payment to:
    Recipient name: INTERNATIONAL CHECKERS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA INC
    Zelle ID: +16314284066
    b. Deposit directly to ICAONA Chase bank account 852969641
    This is a good option if you have a Chase bank branch where you live.
2. Bank fees added:
    a. PayPal - contact us before with what you want to prepay, and we will generate an invoice.
    b. Bank Wire to:
    Recipient name: INTERNATIONAL CHECKERS ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA INC
    Recipient Account number: 852969641
    Recipient bank SWIFT / number: CHASUS33 (**International)**
    Receiving bank's ABA routing / transit number: 021000021 **(Domestic)**
    Recipient mailing address: 12472 BERKELEY SQUARE DR., TAMPA, FL 33626
    Receiving bank address: 270 Park Ave., New York, NY 10017
    If utilizing this option, please add to the transferred amount $15 USD fee charged by Chase.
    It also is advisable in this case to combine multiple payments into one to save on bank fees.

Cancellation Requests

If, for any reason, you need to cancel your participation in the US Open 2025, please inform us ASAP.
We will refund you your prepaid amounts except for non-refundable $20 USD.
Be mindful of the hotel cancellation policy above if you pre-reserved the room in the hotel: make sure you have instructed us to cancel your room ahead of the deadlines listed above to avoid their cancellation penalty.
Finally, if you request your refund to be wired from our Chase bank account, we will have to charge you $35 USD for transfers within USA, and $50 USD for international transfers with currency conversion.