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BC Chess Federation

HERE AND THERE

Sevenoaks Grand Chess Classic (August 15-16)



Last Summer a tournament was held to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the Sevenoaks Shopping Centre in Abbotsford. It was so successful the event was repeated this year, with the same format, a Swiss on Saturday to determine the seeding of the players for the knockout held on Sunday with the finals on the giant chess set. There were two divisions, Pro (for those with a rating) and Casual, with prizes sponsored by Screen Free Games. After the elimination knockout Tony Aung was the winner of the Casual bracket with Keanan Jazen and Giovanni Catamo second and third. The Pro bracket had extra excitement when the initial knockout game ended in a draw, necessitating a blitz playoff; after the smoke had cleared Warren Wiebe was first, Chris Mackay second and Brian McLaren third. [Report with standings](#)

FIDE ISCF World Schools Team Championship (August 12-15)



In Bulletin #482 we reported on the Canadian Online School Team Championship, won by a team from Crescent Heights Academy (Surrey) consisting of Lucas Yao, Aiden Yin, Andrew Yin, and Adela Sun. The event was also a qualifier for the American Continental Stage of the World Championship, just finished in San José, Costa Rica. A total of twenty-nine teams representing countries from North and South America and the Caribbean competed in an eight-round Swiss to determine the Continental Champions and a place in the Grand Final in December. As it turned out the final placement of the top seven or eight teams closely matched their initial ranking by average rating. In particular, top-ranked Saco Oliveros de Lince (Peru) placed first, second-ranked Harvest Park Middle School (USA) were second, and third-ranked Crescent Heights Academy (with the same personnel mentioned above) finished third with five won matches, two draws and one loss. In addition, Aiden had the best score on board three (a perfect 8.0/8) while Andrew was second-best on board four (7.0/8). [Standings](#)

Jimenez Salas, Fabiana (1947) – Yin, Aiden (1844) [B47] FIDE Schools San José (6.3), 14.08.2026

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.a3 a6 7.Be2 b5 8.0–0 Bb7 9.Be3 Nf6
10.Nb3 Be7 11.Nc5 Bc8 12.Nb3 0–0 13.f3 d6 14.a4 b4 15.Na2 d5 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Bf2 Bb7
18.c3 Rfd8 19.Qc2 bxc3 20.bxc3 Ncb4 21.Nxb4 Nxb4 22.Qb2 Nd3 23.Bxd3 Rxd3 24.Rac1 Bd6
25.Bg3 Bxg3 26.hxg3 Qb6+ 27.Rf2 Rc8 28.a5 Qc7 29.c4 Qxg3 30.Nd2 Ba8 31.Ne4 Bxe4
32.fxe4 Rb3 33.Qd2 h6 34.c5 Qe5 35.c6 Rc7 36.Qc2 Rb5 37.Qc4 Rxa5 38.Rd2 Ra1 39.Rxa1
Qxa1+ 40.Kh2 Qe5+ 41.Kh1 Qb5 42.Qd4 Qxc6 43.Rd1 Rc8 44.e5 Qc5 45.Qd7 Qc7 46.Qd4 a5
47.Qe4 Rd8 48.Re1 Qd7 49.Rf1 a4 50.Ra1 Qd5 51.Rxa4 Qd1+ 52.Kh2 Qh5+ 53.Kg3 Qg5+
54.Kh2 Qh5+ 55.Kg3 g6 56.Ra3 Rd5 57.Re3 Qg5+ 58.Kh2 Kg7 59.Kh3 Rd1 60.Re1 Qh5+
61.Kg3 Rd2 62.Re3 Qg5+ 63.Kh2 Rf2 64.Kg1 Rxd2+ 65.Kf1 Rg1+ 66.Ke2 Qg2+ 67.Kd3 Rd1+
68.Kc4 Qa2+ 69.Rb3 Rc1+ 70.Kb4 Qd2+ 71.Ka4 Ra1+ 72.Kb5 Qa5+ 73.Kc6 Rc1+ 74.Kd6 Qc7#
0–1

Okanagan Rapid Club Championship (August 12) by [Zack Metcalfe](#)



Okanagan Rapid Club Championship players (incomplete): from the left are Francisco, Gordon Taylor, Craig Bacon, Cole Toponce, Wally Steinke (front), Julian Hook, Jackson Drolet (kneeling), James Bridger, Richard Bridger, Matthew Parm, Steven Healey, Marc Geuthner (back) and Prithvi Magoo (photos courtesy of the Salmon Arm Chess Club)

On a clear August night, the Salmon Arm Chess Club hosted their Vernon counterparts for an unrated rapid tournament – twelve players, six rounds, all-play-all. This has been a long time coming. The two clubs have been sizing each other up for several years now, through chance encounters at open tournaments in Kelowna and Kamloops, through the very occasional exchange of members, and through the naked espionage of online chess accounts. A direct confrontation was often discussed, but never realized.

Until Wednesday evening, August 12, and Salmon Arm won with a score of 22.5, the Vernon Chess Club held to 13.5. It was fighting chess, beginning to end, with no easy victims and very sharp play. Of particular note was the performance of Salmon Arm's Steven Healey – a bullet player at heart – who won all six of his games with plenty of time left on his clock. Craig Bacon, also of Salmon Arm, won five of his games, while Vernon's Cole Toponce won four.



Salmon Arm Chess Club players (incomplete): from the left are Prithvi Magoo, Jackson Drolet, Craig Bacon, Steven Healey and Marc Geuthner.

“Every game I played at the tournament was a real battle,” said Toponce. “Pretty much any one of your core players could give our best players a good challenge. Hands down, you guys have the best organized club I’ve been to in the Okanagan area.” A return match is already being organized, this time hosted by the Vernon Chess Club. The hope, said Craig Bacon, is to keep these team tournaments going, and to get more local clubs involved. The working title for this string of events is the “Okanagan Rapid Club Championship,” for which there is already a trophy.

For now, this trophy stays in Salmon Arm. Any club in the region keen to claim it for themselves should email salmonarmchess@gmail.com and join the next tournament. Any lone chess enthusiasts should, in turn, join a club. The Salmon Arm Chess Club meets every Wednesday evening from 6-9pm in room 136 of the Okanagan College, Salmon Arm branch. The Vernon Chess Club meets every Tuesday evening from 6-9pm upstairs in the Vernon Library. All ages, and all skill levels, are welcome.

Vancity Chess at KitsFest (August 8-9)



For the fourth year in a row Vancity Chess was part of the annual [Kitsfest](#), a festival of volleyball, basketball, and other outdoor sports along with music and activities held at Kitsilano Beach in Vancouver. Tables were set up in the shade near the entrance and two ‘formal’ tournaments were conducted along with much casual chess as passersby sat down for a game at their leisure. The rapid event, now the [BC Outdoor Chess Championship](#), took place on the Saturday. The Open Section included twelve players rated over 2000 but it was NCM Samuel Lu who finished in first place with 5.5 points, FM Lucas Yao was clear second ahead of CM Zachary Hankun Liu, NM Leo Qu, FM John Doknjas, CM Neil Doknjas, and CM Bohan (Henry) Yang who all tied for third on 4.5 points. Niloofarsadat Nabavi won the U1400 Section with a dominant 5.5/6, a point ahead of Michael Cruz and Kendall McCutcheon who shared second. A total of some seventy players participated. The [Blitz Tournament](#) on Sunday featured a new format this year, a six-round Swiss followed by knockout Championship Bracket featuring two-game matches among the top eight finishers from the Swiss. These were NM Roman Jiganchine, CM Neil Doknjas, Nathan Yi-Hsin Yang, Daniel Zhu, Joshua Rubin, NM Tristan Taylor, Tommy To, and Gary Lin. Details are not to hand but Neil Doknjas won the knockout to become Blitz Champion, Nathan Yi-Hsin Yang was the runner-up.

Chess.com Bughouse Championship (August 6-8)

Last July we reported that local NM Janak Awatramani and American NM Isaac Chiu had won the Chess.com Bughouse Championship for 2025 by defeating the defending champion GM team of Awonder Liang and Jeffrey Xiong. The 2026 edition has just taken place with the same overall winners. Each championship involves a series of qualifiers to produce eight finalists (in this case, teams) who then compete in a double-elimination knockout final, i.e., the losers in the first round continue in their own knockout bracket, the winners of each bracket meeting in a grand final. Time control in this event was a fast 2 minutes/game, with the matches decided by the score after 20 minutes.

It was smooth sailing (figuratively speaking) in the winners bracket for Awatramani and Chiu as they won all three of their matches, 8.0-5.0, 13.0-2.0, and 10.0-8.0 in the final, this against Liang and Xiong. However, the latter joined the losers bracket and proceeded to win the final, setting up a grand final with Awatramani and Chiu. Here Liang and Xiong were victorious by 14.0-8.0, setting up a grand final reset with the same opponents to decide an ultimate winner. Awatramani and Chiu won the decisive match 7.5-4.5 to repeat as Bughouse Champions – congratulations! [Chess.com report](#) with links to many videos of the action.

BC Day Weekend Open (August 1-3) by Paul Leblanc

The turnout was considerably less than last year (thirty-one vs fifty-four), leaving some doubt about whether this is a viable weekend for a chess tournament. Nevertheless, those who attended enjoyed the experience and there were some quite interesting games. The tournament, a 5-round Swiss was held in the Douglas Fir Room at the Commonwealth Recreation Centre in Saanich. The room is well suited for chess with excellent natural light to supplement the overhead lighting, free parking and a snack bar in the building.

In the Premier Section the two pre-tournament favourites, WFM Valeria Gansvind and NM Roger Patterson were tied for first going into the last round, having already played each other to a draw. Gansvind faced off against local Victoria player Denis Shumeyko while Patterson played Ella Wu of Burnaby. Both games ended in upsets with Ella playing very solid chess to earn a draw against her much higher rated opponent and Denis pulling off a stunning upset against Valeria. Thus, Roger pulled ahead of Valeria and took first place with 4.0-1.0. Shumeyko and Gansvind tied for second at 3.5. Michael John Pascual of Langford won the U1600 Section with a score of 4.0-1.0, with Ian Chen of Vancouver, Greg Luyben of Courtenay and Tyler Fowler of Victoria tied for second with 3.5. Top Woman was Inna Rabinovich of Victoria and top unrated was Amal Guzairov, also of Victoria. Organizer and TD was Paul Leblanc, NA.

Gansvind, Valeria (2167) – Shumeyko, Denis (1871) [D02] BC Day Weekend op Victoria (5.1), 03.08.2026

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.c3 Qb6 6.Qb3 c4 7.Qxb6 axb6 8.Na3 e5 9.Nb5 Ra5 10.dxe5 Rxb5 11.exf6 Rxb2 12.e4 dxe4 13.Nd2 b5 14.Nxe4 Bf5 15.Nd2 gxf6 16.a4 b4 17.Bxc4 bxc3 18.Nf3 Rb4 19.0–0 Rxc4 20.Rfe1+ Be6 21.g3 Bb4 22.Rec1 O-O 23.Be3 Rd8 24.Ne1 Bf5 25.Ra2 Nd4 26.Bxd4 Rcx4 27.Raa1 Rd2 28.Nf3 c2 29.Nxd2 Bxd2 30.Rxc2 Bxc2 31.a5 Bd3 32.h4 Ba6 33.Kg2 Kf8 34.Kf3 Bc3 35.Ra2 Rd5 36.Ke4 Re5+ 37.Kf4 h5 38.g4 hxg4 39.Kxg4 Bc4

40.Rc2 Be6+ 41.Kg3 Bxa5 42.f4 Re3+ 43.Kg2 b5 44.Rc5 Bc4 45.h5 Kg7 46.Rf5 b4 47.Rxa5 b3
 48.Ra1 b2 49.Rb1 Rb3 50.Kf2 Bd3 51.Rg1+ Kh7 52.h6 b1=Q 53.Rg7+ Kxh6 54.Rxf7 Bg6
 55.Re7 Qa2+ 56.Re2 Rb2 0–1



Ella Wu and Roger Patterson; in the background Denis Shumeyko and Valeria Gansvind



Tyler Fowler vs Michael John Pascual, Greg Luyben vs Ian Chen on adjacent board

Fowler, Tyler (1557) – Guzairov, Amal [C45] BC Day Weekend op U1600 Victoria (4.10), 02.08.2026

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Nb3 Bb6 6.Nc3 Qf6 7.Qe2 a5 8.Nd5 Qg6 9.Bf4 d6
 10.0–0–0 a4 11.Nd2 a3 12.Nc4 axb2+ 13.Kb1 Ra4 14.Ncxb6 cxb6 15.Nc7+ Kf8 16.Bxd6+ Nge7
 17.f3 Be6 18.Bxe7+ Kxe7 19.Nd5+ Kf8 20.Qb5 Ra7 21.Qxb6 h5 22.Nb4 Qf6 23.Bb5 Rxa2 24.e5
 Ra1+ 25.Kxb2 Qxe5+ 26.c3 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Qxh2 28.Rd8+ Ke7 29.Qxb7+ Kf6 30.Nxc6 Qxg2+
 31.Ka3 Qxf3 32.Qe7+ Kf5 33.Nd4+ 1–0

Summer Champions Open (July 30–August 3)



(photo by [Chess Maps](#))

This inaugural event, hosted by the Fraser Valley Chess Academy, gave players the opportunity to participate in a nine-round FIDE-rated tournament at a slow classical time control (90 + 30). Thirty-seven entrants accepted the challenge for the FIDE-rated [Open Section](#), seven of whom were rated over 2000 and two with titles – NM Yidong Chen and NCM Aadit Arya. After nine gruelling rounds they both tied for first with 7.0 points each, top-ranked Chen was undefeated but gave up four draws while Arya lost to Chen. Close behind were Samuel Lu and Reece Harms who tied for third.

Similar winning scores were put up in the seventeen-player [U1300 Section](#) (just CFC rated): Kian Gupta finished in first place with 7.0 points, Pamuda Indiketihewage was a half-point behind in clear second, and a further half-point back was Angad Chandi who placed third. And the adjunct [Blitz](#) tournament, also lengthened to nine rounds for the occasion, saw Yongha Yang (1611 and ranked tenth) tie for first with Samuel Lu (2133) with, you guessed it, 7.0 points. Clear third was Ryan Golchin with 6.5.

2026 BBQ Invitational Chess Championship (August 2) by Scott Morgan

Braving early morning rain, eight battle-hardened tournament veterans met in a fruit-tree-lined chess garden to contest the annual BBQ Invitational Chess Tournament / potluck. This year saw the introduction of BBQ rookie Mark Gulbinowicz.

After a decorated career winning multiple BC Closed, Open and Senior Championships, Brian McLaren may have thought that his glory days were behind him, but no, he cruised to his third consecutive BBQ Invitational Championship with a perfect score, winning once again the coveted Breka Ricotta Cheesecake.

Ellen once again worked her culinary magic with burgers, salmon and charm. Joe Oszvald brought the beer, which appears to have worked in his favour.



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1 McLaren, Brian	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7.0
2 Oszvald, Joe	0	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	6.0
3 Morgan, Scott	0	0	*	0	1	1	1	1	4.0
4 Barron, Robert	0	0	1	*	0	1	½	1	3.5
5 Sullivan, Brian	0	0	0	1	*	0	1	½	2.5
6 MacDonell, Paul	0	0	0	0	1	*	1	0	2.0
7 Gulbinowicz, Mark	0	0	0	½	0	0	*	1	1.5
8 Harris, Philip	0	0	0	0	½	1	0	*	1.5

Gulbinowicz, Mark – McLaren, Brian [A01] BBQ Invitational Vancouver, 02.08.2026
[Brian McLaren]

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Qe7 3.e3 Nh6 With the boom in chess communication, there are all kinds of new humorous openings (e.g. the Bongcloud 1.e4 e5 2.Ke2; the Transvestite 1.f3 2.c3 3.Qa4 4.Qh4 5.Kd1 6.Qe1; the Monkey's Bum 1.e4 g6 2.Bc4 Bg7 3.Qf3 e6 4.d4 Bxd4 5.Nd2 Bg7 6.Nb3). In this game I played a defence to the Larsen's that I learned about 50 years ago from a grandmaster.

When I first moved to Vancouver in the early 70s, serious chess players were few and far between. I opened the phone book (for those of you who know what that is) and found a chess player living down the street in the West End. I called him and asked if he wanted to play some speed chess (now called blitz). He kindly invited me over and we played a number of games. To every move I played as White, he opened with 1...g6, then pushed his rook pawns and brought his rooks out first. He crushed me every game (of course, he was also 500 points higher rated and the strongest player in Canada - Duncan Suttles). Finally, out of desperation, I played 1.b3

and the 'system' he played against me is what I am using in this game. Once again, the GM crushed me and I thought he was still just toying with me. Years later, someone told me that the only book Suttles had read was *My System*. The next time I used his system (it was easier than reading a book on 1.b3) I realised that he was just setting up his pieces to overprotect e5 and these moves made sense. Playing like this, at the very least, it is amusing to see your opponent's reaction.

Duncan Suttles was an incredible opening innovator years ago. A lot of the Closed Sicilian and Rat lines are due to him. There is a 3-volume set of his games - *Chess On The Edge* - by another BC player, Bruce Harper, if you want to learn some really deep ideas. It is interesting that Suttles lives on the edge of Canada, and his games almost always involve the edge of the board. In the aforementioned speed session, with the White pieces, he played 1.h4 and 1.a4, followed by bringing his rooks out. He called it the Meadow Hay. It is now appearing in internet blitz games under different names. **4.Nc3 c6 5.Nf3 f6** What follows is a few light notes in a game that was played in the backyard, next to the barbie, with cans of beer on the table. **6.Be2 6.e4! 6...g6**



6...d5 7.d4 7.e4! 7...Bg7 7... e4! 8.d5 d6 9.Qd2 c5 10.Ne4 Nf7 11.Bb5+ Kf8 12.0-0-0 a6 13.Be2 b5 14.c4? 14.h4 14...Bd7? 14...f5 15.Qa5 f5 16.Nc3 b4 17.Na4 Bxa4 18.Qxa4 Qd7? Why trade off White's unfortunately placed queen? Better is: 18...e4! 19.Nd2 Bxb2+ 20.Kxb2 Nd7 19.Qxd7 Nxd7 20.h4 h6 21.Nd2 e4 22.g4 Bxb2+ 23.Kxb2 Ke7 24.f3?! 24.h5 24...exf3 25.Bxf3 fxg4 26.Bxg4 Nde5 27.Rhg1 Nxg4 28.Rxg4 Ne5 29.Re4 Raf8



30.Kc2 Missing a chance: 30.Rxe5+! dxe5 31.Ne4 30...Rf2 31.Rf1 Rhf8 32.Rxf2? 32.Rg1 32...Rxf2 33.Rf4 Rg2 34.Rf1 Rh2 35.Rf4 g5 36.hxg5 hxg5 37.Rf5 g4 38.Rg5 Rxd2+ 39.Kxd2 Nf3+ 0-1 White resigns.

GM Samy Shoker Simul (August 1)

Samy Shoker is a French-born Egyptian grandmaster and chessboxing champion, living in San Diego. On August 1 he was the guest of the [Oceanside Chess Club](#) and gave a simultaneous display in Nanaimo. Precise details are not to hand but we gather he played around seventeen opponents and gave up at least one draw. [CHEK news report](#) [the draw](#)

European Excursions

BC junior Elliot McCallum was among the thirty-five participants in the A Section of the [6th Fontainebleau Festival](#) (July 19-25) near Paris. The two top-ranked players, IMs Fabien Guilleux and Quentin Loiseau, placed first and second with 7.5 and 7.0 points respectively, followed by Daniel Yastrebov in third; Elliot scored 4.0 points, which in conjunction with other recent rating gains enabled him to claim the CM title – congratulations! For us older folks, also in the field was a name from the past: Iranian/US/French IM Kamran Shirazi, now seventy-three years old, who finished with 5.5. Then it was on to the Iberian Peninsula where Elliot joined Karson Lu and three hundred and fifty other players in the [Granada Open](#) (July 28 – August 2). The field included eleven GMs and thirty IMs headed by Finnish GM Tomi Nyback, but it was GMs Subramaniam H Bharath (India) and Yuri Solodovnichenko (Ukraine) who tied for first with 7.5/9; Karson and Elliot both finished with 4.0 points.



Karson Lu, Elliot McCallum (photos by Raluca Sgincea)

Leça da Palmeira, a town just north of Porto in Portugal, was the next stop on our tour for the [Leça Open](#) (July 31 – August 6). The one hundred and eighty-six player field included eight GMs and twenty-one IMs. Among them were Canadian legend Kevin Spraggett, now seventy-one and a long-time resident of Portugal, and current Canadian Junior Champion IM Tymur Keleberda (Edmonton), along with ACM Yash Darvekar (also Edmonton) and from this province Aiden Leong. The tournament ended with a five-way tie for first on 7.0 points between GMs Omar Almeida Quintana and Jorge Roberto Elias Reyes (both Cuba), IMs Al Muthaiah and Dey Shahil (both India), and FM Mathias Andre Casalaspro Brazil). Keleberda and Spraggett both finished with 6.0 points (but it was Keleberda who handed Spraggett his only loss in round 4), Darvekar

scored 5.5 and Leong 5.0. Finally, Karson Lu played in the [35th Pobla de Lillet Open](#) (August 5-13), La Pobla de Lillet being a municipality in Northern Spain near Andorra. Chilean IM Fernando Valenzuela Gomez won the fifty-eight player A Group with 7.0/9, Karson scored 4.0/8.

Lu, Karson (1927) – Sole Pijuan, Ferran (2174) [D35] Pobla De Lillet op 35th La Pobla de Lillet (5.8), 09.08.2026

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 c6 8.Nf3 Be7 9.0–0 Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.Bf4 Nf8 12.Be2 Ne6 13.Bh2 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Be2 0–0 17.Qc2 Rfe8 18.Qf5 a5 19.Rac1 Qb4 20.Qc2 Ng5 21.Bd3 g6 22.Rfe1 Re7 23.f3 Rae8 24.Qf2 Ne6 25.Bb1 Nd7 26.Rcd1 f5 27.a3 Qb6 28.Ba2 Kg7 29.Bxd5 cxd5 30.Nxd5 Qb3 31.Nxe7 Rxe7 32.e4 fxe4 33.fxe4 Rf7 34.Qd2 Qg3 35.Re3 Qg5 36.b3 b6 37.e5 Rf4 38.Qc3 Kh6 39.d5 Nec5 40.e6 Nf6 41.h4 Qh5 42.Qe1 Rxh4 43.Qxh4 Qxh4 44.Rh3 Qxh3 45.gxh3 Kg7 46.b4 axb4 47.axb4 Nb7 48.d6 Ne4 49.d7 Kf6 50.d8Q+ Nxd8 51.Rxd8 Kxe6 52.Rb8 h5 53.Rxb6+ Nd6 54.h4 Kd5 55.Kg2 Ke5 56.Rxd6 Kxd6 57.Kf3 Kc6 58.Kf4 Kb5 59.Kg5 Kxb4 60.Kxg6 Kc5 61.Kxh5 Kd6 62.Kg6 Ke7 63.Kg7 1–0

36th Pan-American Youth Festival (July 27 – August 1)



This year's [Pan-American Youth Championships](#), restricted to players from the Americas, took place in Medellin, Columbia. Canada sent a team of thirty-one players, including from BC CM Zachary Hankun Liu (U14), Evelyn Lou (U10G), Yaswitha Suresh (U8G), CM Barath Subramanian Suresh (U12), Martina Szeto (U12G), FM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang (U18), NCM Aiden Yin (U12), and CM Andrew Yin (U12). After nine rounds four of them finished in the top ten in their respective sections: Barath (2nd), Jingyun (3rd), Evelyn (4th), and Yaswitha (5th). Overall Canada finished in second place among the participating countries, helped by Gold Medal performances by Daniel Joshua Lee (U14) and Annie Guo (U18G). (N.B., for some reason the [U18G](#) are not included in the combined Canadian results in the link above, where Canadians finished first, second, and fifth. Report on the CFC [Facebook](#) page.)

BCCF SAFE PLAY CODE OF CONDUCT

In the Province of British Columbia, sports are overseen by ViaSport, BC. Policies regarding unacceptable behavior in sports are contained within the [BC Universal Code of Conduct](#) (BC UCC). The BCCF is not accredited with ViaSport, however the BC UCC is a useful reference for any organizer or tournament director faced with a behavioural issue at a chess event.

Definition (taken from the BC UCC) “A safe play violation is behaviour that has a serious and detrimental impact on another participant or could undermine the integrity of the sport”. Examples of safe play violations could include bullying, harassment or threatening behaviour toward an attendee.

Authority and Responsibility An organizer or arbiter at any chess event in BC has the responsibility to take appropriate action in response to an observed or reported violation of Safe Play. They are expected to use diplomacy and judgement in considering appropriate actions to protect our members. No player, parent, coach or spectator may interfere with a tournament official in the performance of their duties.

Scope of Responsibility The authority of BCCF event officials is normally limited to the venue and timeframe of the event. However, if an observed or reported incident outside the venue has a direct impact on the safe conduct of the event, it should be investigated. Any complaints that appear to be of a criminal nature must be referred to security or law enforcement authorities.

Actions to be Taken Organizers and arbiters are authorized to take whatever immediate actions they deem appropriate to protect the safety of our members. In considering such actions they must consider the seriousness of the incident, the impact on all parties involved, and the testimony of the people involved including witnesses. Authorized actions could include: Warning; Removal from the venue for a specified time such as the current round; Expulsion from the event

Report Required If action taken is greater than a warning, a report shall be submitted in writing to the BCCF containing the dates, times and names of individuals involved including witnesses, a summary of the incident and recommendations for further action by the BCCF.

COMING EVENTS: see listings at [CFC](#), [BCCF](#) and [Northwest chess](#) website

UBC Summer Open

Vancouver, August 22-23, [Details](#)

Fraser Valley Rapid 24

Abbotsford, August 29, [Details](#)

BC Elite Invitational 1

Richmond, August 29-30, [Details](#)

BC-WA Challenge Match

Richmond, September 5-7, [Details](#)

Langley Open

Langley, September 5-7, [Details](#)