



2025 Canadian Youth & Canadian Open Chess Championships Bid
Prepared by Penny Chess Club

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CITY OF BURNABY
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MIKE HURLEY
MAYOR

GREETINGS

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the Penny Chess Club's bid to host the Canadian Youth Chess Championships and the Canadian Open Chess Championships in the vibrant city of Burnaby. As Mayor, I am thrilled at the prospect of bringing these prestigious events to our community and would like to extend my enthusiastic endorsement for this bid.

Chess is a game that fosters strategic thinking, concentration, and sportsmanship, qualities that are vital for the development of young minds and individuals of all ages. It brings people from diverse backgrounds together, promoting camaraderie and cultural exchange.

Hosting the Canadian Youth Chess Championships and the Canadian Open Chess Championships would be an opportunity to showcase Burnaby's incredible cultural diversity on a national stage, while demonstrating our city's ability to organize and facilitate major national events.

Please feel free to reach out to my office if there is anything we can do to support your bid further. I wish you all the best in your efforts to bring the Canadian Youth Chess Championships and the Canadian Open Chess Championships to Burnaby. I am eagerly looking forward to the opportunity of welcoming the chess community to our wonderful city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Hurley".

Mike Hurley
MAYOR



Welcome to the Sport City



**Sport
Burnaby**

Sport Burnaby is Tourism Burnaby's sport hosting office, providing dedicated support for sport event organizers from the starting block to the finish line. With extensive experience hosting international and multisport events, we provide local expertise and connections with venues, community partners, grants, accommodations, and volunteers, to ensure your Burnaby-based sport events are an overwhelming success.



**Tourism
Burnaby**

Tourism Burnaby is a non-profit destination marketing organization whose purpose is to support tourism promotional activities in order to increase visitation to the city. As part of its mandate, Tourism Burnaby is responsible for marketing, promoting and selling the city as a site for corporate meetings, pleasure travel, cultural, sports and special events.

Advantage Burnaby

Location, location, location. Burnaby is the heart of Metro Vancouver, and accessible from major highways and roadways, making travel for athletes and spectators easy and convenient

Bonjour, Hola, Ciao! We welcome international travellers through the Vancouver International Airport (YVR), a quick 25-minutes from Burnaby by car or taxi, and easily reachable by transit

We're in your corner. Sport Burnaby would be an enthusiastic and engaged partner, who is fully committed to supporting you and your event

It's all here, and it's all close by. The close proximity of Burnaby's competition venues, accommodations, attractions and food services ensures seamless event logistics

We got connections. With 11 rapid transit Skytrain stations in Burnaby, and many more bus stops, public transit is a convenient choice for moving around the city and beyond

West Coast vibes. Metro Vancouver is one of the world's most desirable tourist destinations, and Burnaby boasts over 200 parks – no shortage of adventures here

Have you met our neighbour? Burnaby is the closest neighbour to Vancouver. Jump on the SkyTrain to Downtown Vancouver, it's only 15-minutes away

Gold Medal Standard. Sport Burnaby was nominated for the 2016 Sport Tourism Organization of the Year by Sport Tourism Canada

About Burnaby



Nestled in the heart of Metro Vancouver, lies the growing, multicultural urban centre of Burnaby. Burnaby is British Columbia's third largest city with a population of 230,000 residents hailing from 80 different cultural backgrounds, speaking more than 100 different languages. This international flavour weaves itself through Burnaby's shopping, restaurants, cultural centres, festivals and neighbourhoods.

Burnaby's natural beauty and central location is a winning combination.

With 200 parks, Burnaby is known as a green city. One quarter of the city is lush green park space — the highest percent age for any North American city. These parks house extensive walking, hiking and biking trails, and remarkable natural attractions such as Burnaby Lake, Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area and Deer Lake Park.

About Vancouver

METRO VANCOUVER

Burnaby is centrally located in British Columbia's Metro Vancouver region. The region is comprised of 12 distinct communities, including Vancouver, Richmond and West Vancouver, and totals 2.5 million residents. Together, the communities comprise one of the world's most cosmopolitan and dynamic cities.



Packed with breathtaking mountains, oceans, lakes, rivers and beaches—the region is renowned for its incomparable natural beauty. The North Shore Mountains rise 5,000 feet from the Pacific Ocean creating an unparalleled, snow-capped backdrop. This provides the venue for a vast array of outdoor activities such as cycling, hiking, kayaking, golfing, skiing and snowboarding. Mountains and oceans create the backdrop for some of the region's most notable attractions such as Stanley Park, Granville Island, Grouse Mountain and the Capilano Suspension Bridge.

Gorgeous vistas, striking waterfront communities, phenomenal cuisine and world class attractions – Metro Vancouver really does have it all.

Proposed Venue & Accommodations

DELTA HOTELS BURNABY CONFERENCE CENTRE

4331 Dominion Street, Burnaby

[Visit Website](#)

Located in central Burnaby, close to Burnaby's business and tech districts, and British Columbia's largest shopping centre, Metropolis at Metrotown. Delta Hotels Burnaby Conference Centre is part of the Grand Villa urban resort which features a destination casino and 10 dining and entertainment outlets.

The hotel is just 25 minutes from the Vancouver International Airport, and 20 minutes to downtown Vancouver by convenient Skytrain or highway route.

Features:

- The only 4 Diamond Hotel in Burnaby
- Complimentary Parking
- Atlas Steak + Fish restaurant onsite
- Grand Villa Casino and Live Entertainment
- 24 Hour Dining
- Starbucks coffee outlet in lobby
- Largest Ballroom in the city (7420 sq. ft.)
- 24-Hour Fitness Facility
- 10 Food and Beverage Outlets





Tourism Burnaby Commitments

Sport Burnaby is excited to provide the following support for the **2025 Canadian Youth & Canadian Open Chess Championships**.

FINANCIAL

Sport Burnaby's grant support program helps sport event organizers host their events in Burnaby. This financial support assists organizers who chose to stage their event using facilities and services in Burnaby – the Sport City.

Sport Burnaby is pleased to provide a hosting grant to ensure the financial sustainability of the event, provided that **Penny Chess Club** is selected to host.

Application is required, and funding levels depend on the total number of room nights generated by the event, the level of competition, economic impact, tourism benefits and the ability of the event to leave a legacy in Burnaby.

Grant allocations depend on available funding in the annual Sport Burnaby budget.

EXPERIENCE

Tourism Burnaby is committed to enhancing a unique experience while participants are in town. Tourism Burnaby can help by supplying information on local attractions, restaurants, shopping, events, and things to do for participants while not competing.

Examples include custom blog posts of Top Things to Do, written destination content, sample itineraries, and more.

EXPERTISE

Sport Burnaby has a long history of delivering exceptional sport events. If **Penny Chess Club** is successful in its bid, Sport Burnaby commits to dedicating a staff member to support the host committee in the areas of sourcing additional accommodation options (if required), insight and connections for local suppliers and vendors, and assisting with tourism destination information.



Transportation


Transportation

In Burnaby, you can easily get from here to there, to way over there.



CAR

Centrally located in Metro Vancouver, Burnaby is easily accessible via most major highways and roadways, including Trans-Canada Hwy/BC-1 E, Lougheed Highway (BC-7), Barnet Highway, West Hastings Street, East 1st Avenue, and Marine Drive (Vancouver). Driving by car will allow you to enjoy the natural beauty of Metro Vancouver and the Province of British Columbia.


PLANE

Vancouver International Airport (YVR)  welcomes over 19+ million people annually, and is a quick 25 minutes from Burnaby by car or taxi, and is easily reachable by transit. While the Vancouver International Airport is the most popular airport and closest to Burnaby, there are other regional airports in the area.

FERRY

If you're coming from Vancouver Island, Burnaby is roughly 45 minutes from Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal  by car via BC-17 and BC-1A W/BC-99A N, and roughly 30 minutes by car from Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal  via Trans-Canada Hwy/BC-1 E. Enjoying a ferry ride from Vancouver Island, with fresh air and beautiful scenery is just the perfect way to arrive at Burnaby, BC.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

With 11 Skytrain stations in Burnaby and many more bus stops, public transit is a convenient choice for moving around the city and beyond. To ride transit, you will need to purchase a daily, monthly, or one-trip pass. Visit Translink  for fares, a trip planner, and more.

RENTAL VEHICLES AND TAXIS

If public transportation is not an option, visitors can always use a rental car or hire a taxi. With options such as Avis Car Rental, Enterprise Rent-A-Car and Hertz, you can take your travels beyond Burnaby—exploring the nearby mountains or attractions. If you prefer taking a taxi, Burnaby has many companies to choose from, including Bonny's Taxi and Capitol Hill Taxi.

BIKE

Burnaby is a great city for bike travel. Bike routes connect Burnaby from north to south, east to west and to neighbouring communities on all sides. Our leisure trails and scenic paths are worth a visit too!

Use the City Map to plan your route. 



Local Host Organizing Committee Bios

WIM Ngoc Pham (Penny) – Chief Organizer

Penny has been active as a chess coach and tournament organizer for more than 10 years. She has a successful track record of hosting tournaments with several hundred participants, most of them are children, in Canada and Vietnam. Besides that, she is also an active chess player, currently ranked 1st in the Women Section in Canada. Together with her chess insights, Penny's 10-year international business management experience and an MBA degree allows her to successfully host large chess events. She is currently holding the position of Junior Chess Coordinator at BCCF and Head Coach and Director of Penny Chess Club.

Aris Marghetis, IA, IO – Chief Arbiter

Aris is an experienced chess arbiter and organizer, holding the FIDE highest titles for the role of arbiter (IA) and organizer (IO) since 2011. He has served as Chief Arbiter, Deputy Chief TD, and/or Chief Organizer for more than 100 tournaments across Canada, the U.S., and overseas. Aris has served on the FIDE Arbiters' Commission (ARB), and is currently one of the Councillors on the FIDE Rules Commission (RC). He has also been a certified referee for basketball, soccer (football), and North American football. He is fluent in English, French, Greek, and is learning Spanish.

Paul Leblanc

Paul is currently the President of BCCF, and the Treasurer of Victoria Chess Club. He has organized dozens of tournaments every year in BC in the last 20 years, some of which attracted more than 300 players.

IM Long Le, PhD

Long is an active chess player for more than 20 years. He obtained the IM title in 2009 and a PhD in Chemistry in 2018. He is currently working as a scientist for a start-up in Vancouver. He enjoys spending weekends coaching young talents in Metro Vancouver area and helping Penny Chess Club organize tournaments.

Echo Wu

A Chartered Professional Accountant serves as the Treasurer of the Penny Chess Club. Her role involves organizing tournaments and managing the club's finances. In addition to her involvement with chess, Echo is a dedicated mom, sharing her love for the game with her own child who is an avid chess enthusiast.

Peter Dong

Serving as the Marketing Director of Penny Chess Club his journey with Penny Chess Club commenced from Day 1 where he has been instrumental in devising and executing strategic marketing and advertising campaigns. Beyond his marketing role, Peter actively participates in the club's day-to-day operations and takes a hands-on approach to organize diverse chess tournaments.



Local Host Organizing Committee Bios

Peter Yang

Serving as the Operation Director of Penny Chess Club (PCC) he is responsible for daily operations of current 5 locations of PCC in Greater Vancouver (working to expand to more locations), sourcing right tournament venues for various levels and sizes, ensuring smooth implementation of each tournament, working diligently to promote Chess to more school districts to benefit more kids.

Eric Liu

Experienced electrical designer and father of three wonderful children. Started volunteering at the Penny Chess Club since 2021 when his son became a member of PCC. Serving as an arbiter assistant, he has had the privilege to contribute to the success of many tournaments hosted by Penny Chess Club. His professional expertise has allowed him to make meaningful connections within both the chess community and his role as a parent. Looking forward to continuing this fulfilling journey of growth and service.

Organizing Body:

Penny Chess Club:

- **Led by Penny, it is currently the most popular chess club in the Metro Vancouver area with 5 locations across 5 cities to serve more than 500 students.**
- **Besides coaching, we organize numerous CFC-rated events with live broadcast top boards on a regular basis throughout the year.**
- **We are also planning to host the first IM norm tournament in BC.**
- **We coordinate with experienced FIDE arbiters and lecturers to host seminars for our team.**
- **As a result, the Penny Chess club team is familiar with the roles of arbiter and organizer for tournaments with more than 200 participants.**



Tournament Proposal

Tentative Dates:

July 7th – 16th 2025 Delta Hotels Burnaby Conference Centre

2025				
Day 1	July 7th	Monday	CYCC Round 1	CYCC Round 2
Day 2	July 8th	Tuesday	CYCC Round 3	CYCC Round 4
Day 3	July 9th	Wednesday	CYCC Round 5	CYCC Round 6
Day 4	July 10th	Thursday	CYCC Round 7	COCC Round 1
Day 5	July 11th	Friday	COCC Round 2	COCC Round 3
Day 6	July 12th	Saturday	COCC Round 4	
Day 7	July 13th	Sunday	COCC Round 5	COCC Round 6
Day 8	July 14th	Monday	COCC Round 7	
Day 9	July 15th	Tuesday	COCC Round 8	COCC Round 9
Day 10	July 16th	Wednesday	COCC Round 10	

Registration Fee Details:

CYCC:

Early Bird Rate \$255 (Before 5/1/2025)
\$285 (Before 6/1/2025)
\$315 (Before 7/1/2025)

COCC:

Early Bird Rate \$225 (Before 5/1/2025)
\$255 (Before 6/1/2025)
\$285 (Before 7/1/2025)
\$315 (After 7/1/2025)

Free Entry for GMs & IMs

Tournament Proposal



CYCC PRIZES:

Trophies for each section.

The FIDE WYCC, WCCC, Pan American Youth and North American Youth Championships are international youth chess tournaments.

The champion of each section of CYCC become the official representatives to WYCC and WCCC and will be sponsored by the CFC. In addition, the top three players, including those tied for 2nd and 3rd also may participate in the WYCC or WCCC. They may also qualify to play in the Pan American Youth Chess Championship and the North American Youth Chess Championship.

All details of the above international tournaments will be announced once available and please refer to post on CFC Chess Forum Announcements.

The sponsorship to play in the WYCC/WCCC /Pan American Youth/ North American Youth Chess Championship are the responsibility of the Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) and are covered by the youth fund and Penny Chess Club agrees to forward \$150 per CYCC player to the CFC out of the collected registration fees.

CFC has the right to change sponsorship amounts and benefits to players.



Tournament Proposal



COCC PRIZES:

The prize fund for COCC is guaranteed as \$30,000:

Open Section	Amount
1st	7000
2nd	4000
3rd	2800
4th	1600
5th	1000
6th	600
7th	500
8th	500
9th	400
10th	300
U2200 1st	900
U2200 2nd	500
U2000 1st	700
U2000 2nd	400
U1800 1st	600
U1800 2nd	300
Top Female	500
Top Veteran	500
Top Senior	500
Total	23600

U1600 Section	Amount
U1600 1st	1600
U1600 2nd	1200
U1600 3rd	600
U1400 1st	600
U1400 2nd	300
U1200 1st	500
U1200 2nd	250
U1000 1st	400
U1000 2nd	200
Top U1600 Female	250
Top U1600 Veteran	250
Top U1600 Senior	250
Total	6400

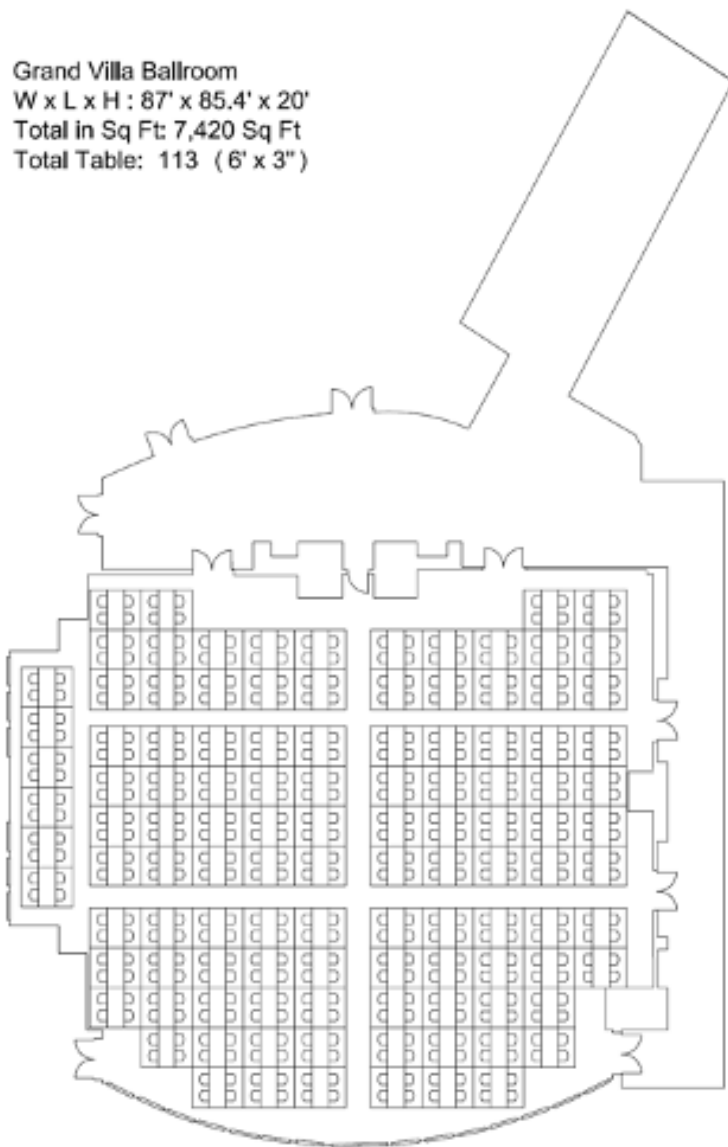


Venue Details

Main Competition Areas: (Capacity of 600 players!)

Grand Villa Ballroom: 7420 Sq. ft – (87 * 85.4 * 20) – Up to 444 players with TD tables

Grand Villa Ballroom
W x L x H : 87' x 85.4' x 20'
Total in Sq Ft: 7,420 Sq Ft
Total Table: 113 (6' x 3")

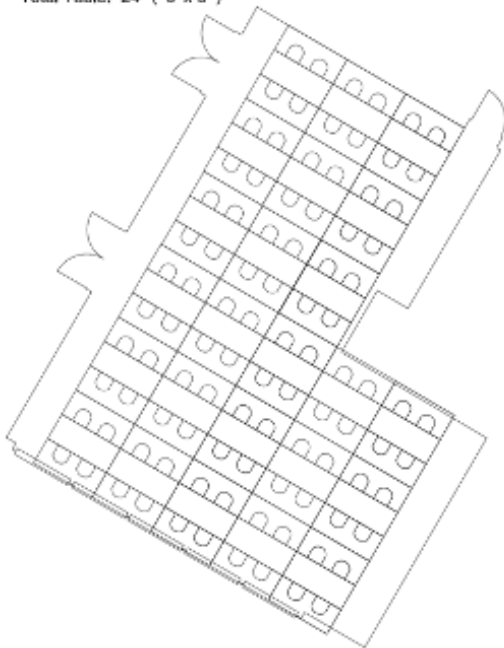


Venue Details



**Firenze & Venezia Rooms: 1358 Sq. ft – (37.2 * 44 * 20) –
Up to 96 players with TD tables**

Firenze and Venezia
W x L x H: 37.2' x 44' x 20'
Total In Sq Ft: 1,358 Sq Ft
Total Table: 24 (6' x 3")



**Veranda & Portico Rooms: 1018 Sq. ft – (55.4 * 20.4 * 8) – Up to 60 players
with TD tables**

More meeting space is available if needed:

Maranello & Carrera Rooms: 1030 Sq. ft with capacity of addition 60 players.

Skittles Room:

CYCC: We will use Maranello & Carrera Rooms if registration is close to 600.

COCC: We will use Veranda & Portico Rooms

Side Events & Advertising

CYCC Side Events:

- Opening Ceremony: 9:30AM July 7th, 2025
- CYCC Blitz Tournament: 7:30PM July 8th 2025 (3' 2" Increment)
- Closing Ceremony: 3:30PM July 10th, 2025

COCC Side Events:

- Opening Ceremony: 5:30AM July 10th, 2025
- Lecture with Titled Players: 5PM July 12th, 2025
- Bughouse Championship: 5PM July 14th, 2025
- Closing Ceremony: 4:30PM July 16th, 2025

Advertising:

Digital platforms: Facebook, YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, WeChat, Redbook etc.

Publicity:

CFC, BCCF website, other provinces' websites, Penny Chess Club Website etc.



Hotel Accommodations



Primary Option (Same as Tournament Hotel):

DELTA HOTELS BURNABY CONFERENCE CENTRE

Standard 2 Queens Bed Room (Single/Double/Triple/Quad): \$275

Deluxe 2 Queens Bed Room (Single/Double/Triple/Quad): \$290

Deluxe One king View (Single/Double): \$315

Guestroom rates are subject to 8% PST and 5% GST, and 2% Hotel Room Tax. Taxes are subject to change without notice.

SPECIAL CONCESSIONS FOR GUESTROOMS:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi in guest rooms and meeting space
- Complimentary self-parking

Secondary Option (3.6KM from Tournament Site):

Hilton Vancouver Metrotown

Deluxe King Room: \$309

Deluxe 2 Queen Room: \$339

Guestroom rates are subject to 8% PST and 5% GST, and 2% Hotel Room Tax. Rates are based on single/double occupancy.

SPECIAL CONCESSIONS FOR GUESTROOMS:

- Complimentary Wi-Fi in guest rooms and meeting space
- Discounted Day Parking of \$18 per day for the guest room



Budget

BUDGET
PLAN



2025 Canadian Open Chess Championship & Canadian Youth Chess Championship Budget

Income Items	Income:
Entry Fees based on 500 entries for CYCC	\$61,500
Entry Fees based on 300 entries for COCC	\$76,500
Sports Burnaby Hosting Grant	\$5,000
Fundraising	\$10,000
Souvenir Sales	\$5,000
Total Income	\$158,000
Expense Items	Expenses
COCC Prize Fund	\$30,000
COCC Featured Players	\$30,000
CYCC Trophies	\$6,000
Site Rental (Includes internet, audio-visual, etc)	\$57,800
Commercial General Liability Insurance	\$3,000
Tournament Directors & Head Appeals	\$6,000
Rating Fees 800 entries x \$6 / player	\$4,800
Stationary (Table numbers, Posters, Banners, TD ID, etc)	\$4,000
Advertising	\$1,000
Refreshments & Food	\$2,000
Players Package (Souvenir to all participants 800 * \$2)	\$1,600
Duplicate Scoresheets (10,000 * \$0.15)	\$1,500
Contingency	\$3,000
Total Expenses:	\$150,700
NET:	\$7,300

Acknowledgement

It is our great pleasure and honor to bid to host 2025 CYCC & COCC in Burnaby BC as Penny Chess Club has been making efforts to create and build a strong, connected and driven community of chess players in British Columbia from all levels and age groups.

With our experiences, professional team members together with the supports from local government and volunteer parents we are confident to make both CYCC and COCC great success in 2025 in Burnaby BC.

Penny Chess Club will use any profit turned from organizing the events to continue our mission of supporting schools and local libraries' chess programs with chess equipment, sponsoring organizing inter-school chess league, sponsoring BC juniors to provincial, national and international chess tournaments and provide professional training to coaches to get more people benefit from chess.

Should you have any questions or need anything further from our end please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thanks again for your attention and consideration.

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