

September 11, 2023

Dear CFC Voting Members;

Thank you for taking the time to review our 2025 bid for the Canadian Youth and Canadian Open Championships. We hope you will share our enthusiasm for these proposals and our community based funding model.

We offer a spacious venue, in a populous region, at affordable prices. The groundswell of community support allows our organizing team to **guarantee** that a minimum of 100% of the Canadian Open entry fees will be awarded as prizes, in addition to a generous marquis player budget.

Respectfully Submitted

Organizing Committee, Guelph 2025.

Bid Document: Guelph 2025

Proposed Dates:

July 2-13, 2025

Venue:

Guelph Sleeman Centre, 50 Woolwich Street, Guelph, ON, N1H 3T9

Home of the Guelph Storm: Junior A Hockey Team (Courtesy of Google Photos)



Beautiful Downtown Guelph - the heart of the Royal City - on the banks of the Speed River with walking trails, restaurants, cafes, pubs, museums, libraries and shops.

Organizing Committee



Hal Bond, IO, IA



Mahmud Hassain, MA, PHF (Rotarian)



Patrick McDonald, IO, IA



Michael von Keitz, IA, MSc, JD, PHF (Rotarian)

Event Partners:

The City of Guelph, Downtown Business Association, Guelph Community Foundation, The Rotary Clubs of Guelph and area, Guelph Chamber of Commerce, Major Corporations and Businesses.

WHY GUELPH?

Canadian Youth Chess Championships:

Our Commitment

- Our 17,700 Square feet venue can accommodate 600 players. **FIDE recommends 3 square metres, or 30 square feet, per player.**
- Projected Youth Fund Contribution to the CFC: **\$75,000 - \$90,000** (500-600 players)
- Free Accommodation for CFC Youth Official
- **Arbiter Budget \$6,000-\$8,000**
- All equipment, snacks and refreshments provided.
- Trophies and medals for top 5 finishers in each division
- Shuttle service from hotels to venue

Local Advantages

- Affordable accommodations: Hotels and the University of Guelph
- One hour from Pearson or Hamilton Airports. 20 minutes from Waterloo Region Airport.
- Across the street from the Guelph Train Terminal, GoBus and Guelph Transit Central hub.
- Support from Rotary Youth initiatives and Guelph Community Foundation.

Canadian Open:

Our Commitment

- Our 17,700 Square feet venue can accommodate 600 players. FIDE recommends 3 square metres, or 30 square feet, per player.
- **Minimum 100% of entry fees given as prizes; \$60K based on 250 entries**
Prize Distribution: Crown \$30K, U2000 \$12K, U1500 \$10K, U1000/unr \$8K
- Free Accommodation for CFC Official (Appeals Committee)
- DGT Broadcast minimum 10 boards
- Marquis player budget \$50,000 (40% already pledged), 20 GMs, 20 Federations
- **Arbiter Budget \$5,000-\$8,000**
- All equipment, snacks and refreshments provided.
- Shuttle service from hotels to venue
- Additional meeting space in attached Quebec Street Mall.
- Full series of side events including the World Hostage Chess Championships, blitz, simuls, and seminars.

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Prices: Subject to 13% HST

Entry fees for both tournaments will range from an **early rate of \$225 to a late rate of \$325.**

Hotel rates: Our premium hotel, the Delta, has offered our group a rate of **\$180/night** single room no breakfast, up to **\$220/night for double room and breakfast included.** We are still negotiating with the lower priced hotels and the University of Guelph residences. Prices subject to 13% HST plus 4% Hotel Tax.

Tentative Schedules

CYCC: July 2-5

Canada Day is July 1st and there will be festivities in the city, with fireworks in the evening for our early arrivals.

Players' meeting: July 2, 10:30am

Round 1, 2: Wednesday, July 2 (11am, 5pm)

Round 3,4: Thursday, July 3 (10am, 4pm)

Round 5,6: Friday, July 4 (10am, 4pm)

Round 7: Saturday, July 5 (10am)

Closing Ceremony: ~3pm~5pm and the Opening Ceremony for the OPEN

We project between 500-600 players for Guelph. We have the support from The Community Foundation and Rotary clubs to sponsor young players in need.

Canadian Open Chess Championship : July 6-13

Players' Meeting (not compulsory) : 6pm July 5

Round 1,2 Sunday, July 6 (10am and 4pm)

Round 3 Monday, July 7 (6pm)

Round 4 Tuesday, July 8 (6pm)

Round 5 Wednesday, July 9 (6pm)

Round 6 Thursday, July 10 (6pm)

Round 7 Friday, July 11 (6pm)

Round 8 Saturday, July 12 (6pm)

Round 9 Sunday, July 13 (10am)

Awards and Closing Ceremony: Sunday July 13, 5pm