



2026 Groundhog Day Quad/Mini Swiss Chess Tournament February 3, 2026

LOCATION: Panera Bread, 2001 Indian River Blvd, Vero Beach, FL 32960

Date: Tuesday, February 3, 2026

ROUNDS: Three Rounds, first round starts at approximately 6:30 PM.

TIME CONTROL: G15; d5

Limited to the first 32 players based on space.

PRIZES: \$50 for first place at each Quad (if two players tied for 1st place \$25 each) *A donation of \$5 will be made per Quad to Military Chess*
(<https://new.uschess.org/form/donate>).

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 if you pay by Tuesday January 12 by 11:59 pm. \$25 after that and at the door. USCF membership is required. *A donation of \$5 will be made per Quad/Mini Swiss to Military Chess.*

Register online: [Click here](#).

Please check your USCF ID and renew it if it has expired.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Due to space limitation to secure your spot Pay ahead of time! BRING YOUR CHESS CLOCK and Chess Board and Pieces!!!

WHAT IS THE QUAD CHESS TOURNAMENT? After all the players have entered, they're ordered from highest rating

to lowest. Unrated players are placed at the low end. The top four players are placed into their own section (a "quad"), then the next four highest in another section, and so on down the list. The players in each quad play a round robin, one game against each of the players in their section, for a total of three games each. If there is not an even multiple of four players, the lowest section (usually) will have the few extra players and play a three round Swiss tournament rather than a round robin. The quad format is popular in one day events, and results in players of the most similar playing strengths being paired together for all three rounds. A Quad Tournament consists of the top four ranked players (#s 1-4) on the Chess Ladder playing each other, then the second top four ranked players (#s 5-8) playing each other, then the third top four ranked players (#s 9-12) playing each other, and so forth. Each group of four chess players is called a Quad.

ADVANTAGES OF QUAD TOURNAMENTS: The advantage of Quad Tournaments, and why players enjoy them so much, is that players of the same strength and experience can compete against each other. In addition, the less experienced players can win the same "First Place" prizes as their more experienced, stronger counterparts in Quad I and II. You have the opportunity for your rating to go up faster!!!

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