



5th Annual Sosnick Memorial Chess Festival 2026

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April 10th, 11th, 12th — Three Exciting Days of Chess!

Venue: UC Davis Conference Center at 550 Alumni Lane, Davis CA

Calling All Chess Enthusiasts!

Whether you are a master, amateur or beginner, the Stephen Sosnick Memorial Chess Festival offers the opportunity to sharpen your skills, meet fellow chess fans, and enjoy a fun-filled weekend of competition! You may choose to participate in 1, 2 or all 3 exciting days.

Highlights:

- **NEW in 2026!** Double the prize pool. Additional rating class section with money prizes.
- **Tournaments for All Levels:** 5 sections on Saturday and Sunday for all ages + skill levels.
- **Low Entry Fees:** Join each day for just \$20 - \$40 depending on section.
- **Generous Prize Fund:** Top 3 sections \$2550 each day plus trophies for lower 2 sections.
- **Simultaneous Exhibition:** Challenge Grandmaster Benjamin on Friday evening for \$25.
- **Lunch Lecture:** Both Saturday & Sunday. Listen & learn with GM Benjamin. FREE TO ALL!
- **Game Analysis:** Ask the Grandmaster your toughest chess questions. FREE TO ALL!
- **Parent's Lounge:** Relaxing space with free internet for parents to hang out.
- **Food Trucks Onsite:** Lunch available on both Saturday and Sunday for purchase.
- **Discounted Hotel Rates and Near Amtrak:** Book by April 4th at [Hyatt Place](#) next door.

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- Registration **closes at 9pm the night before** each tournament. No onsite entries.
- Beat the late fee! **Join before April 4th.**
- **US Chess membership** required for tournament play: new.uschess.org/join-us-chess
- **Questions?** Please contact Michael Aigner: michael@fpawn.com.

Event Schedule:

- **Friday, April 10th:** 6:30 – 10pm: **Grandmaster Simultaneous Exhibition** (25 player max)
- **Saturday, April 11th:**
9am - 6pm (8:30 Check-in): **Action Chess Tournament** (5 rounds G/30' + 10" increment)
- **Sunday, April 12th:**
9am - 6pm (8:30 Check-in): **Rapid Chess Tournament** (7 rounds G/15' + 10" increment)



About Grandmaster Joel Benjamin:

- Youngest National Master at age 13, breaking Bobby Fischer's record.
- 3-time U.S. Champion & 6-time USA Olympiad team member.
- GM consultant for IBM's Deep Blue, which defeated Kasparov in 1997.
- Renowned author, scholastic teacher and coach for players at all levels.