

# 5th Stephen Sosnick Memorial Chess Festival, April 10-12, 2026

UC Davis Alumni Center - 550 Alumni Lane in Davis, CA

SATURDAY ACTION - 5 Rounds at Game in 30 min + 10 sec/move added - USCF Regular Rated

SUNDAY RAPID - 7 Rounds at Game in 15 min + 10 sec/move added - USCF Quick Rated

Sections	Age	Min Rating	Max Rating	Entry	Prizes	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
<b>Master/Expert 2000+</b>	Any	1800	3000	\$40	\$1,250	\$500	\$300	\$200	\$150	\$100
<b>1500-1999 Section</b>	Any	1300	1999	\$40	\$775	\$300	\$175	\$125	\$100	\$75
<b>1000-1499 Section</b>	Any	800	1499	\$40	\$525	\$175	\$125	\$100	\$75	\$50
<b>U1000 / Unrated Section</b>	Any	Unrated	999	\$20	Trophies to 1st through 5th					
<b>Elementary U800 / Unrated</b>	K-6 Only	Unrated	799	\$20	Trophies to 1st through 5th					

Same five Sections on both days.

Register online today! [Saturday](#) [Sunday](#)

All entry fees \$10 more after April 4.

Registration closes at 9:00 PM the previous evening. No exceptions!

\$2550 total prize fund on both days. Trophies for lowest two Sections.

8:30 AM check-in, 9:00 AM round 1 begins.

Lunch break from Noon to 1:00 PM. Food truck available.

GM Joel Benjamin lecture both days starting at Noon.

Awards ceremony at approximately 5:30 PM.

[See schedule page for complete round schedule](#)

One half point bye may be requested each day before round 1 begins.

[Book a hotel room at UC Davis Hyatt Place with a group rate by April 4, 2026.](#)

[US Chess membership is required.](#)

On Saturday, a player's official USCF Regular Rating will be used for pairing and prize purposes. On Sunday, a player's official USCF Quick Rating will be used for pairing and prize purposes; USCF Regular Rating used if no Quick Rating.

No USCF rating? You are considered to be Unrated. You may enter one of the lowest two Sections or choose to play in a higher Section. All players earn an official USCF rating after this event.

Questions? Email to [michael@fpawn.com](mailto:michael@fpawn.com)

## **Grandmaster Joel Benjamin Simultaneous Exhibition**

Friday evening at 6:30 PM. Mandatory check-in 6:00 to 6:25 PM.

[Reserve your seat online.](#)

Restricted to the first 25 participants.

\$25 entry fee. On-site registration only if seats remain.

US Chess membership is NOT required for the Simul.

Spectators are welcome to observe at no charge.