



24TH ANNUAL Chess-in-the-Park Rapid Open

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2025
6/SS, G/10, Unrated Event

Bethesda Fountain
Central Park
Enter at 72nd Street

FREE EVENT

REGISTER IN ADVANCE!

Limited to the first 700 entrants. Sets and boards will be provided, but clocks will not; participants should bring a clock if they have one.

Check-in: 8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Rounds: 11:00 a.m., Noon, 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 4:00 p.m.

Awards Ceremony: 4:30 p.m.

Featuring the GM Speed Chess Match at 10:00 a.m. GM will play with challengers throughout the day. There will also be chess puzzles for kids. Chess sets, trophies, medals, and other prizes will be awarded after the last round!

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Visit chessintheschools.org to register. You will need to provide a name, section, phone number, email address, and USCF chess rating (if applicable). All individual and team registrations must be completed on the CIS website.

COMPETITION SECTIONS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Youth Unrated: Open to unrated players under age 12

Adult/Teen Unrated: Open to unrated players ages 13 and up

Novice: Open to players rated under 900

Reserve: Open to players rated 900-1299

Intermediate: Open to players rated 1300 to 1699

Open Championship: Open to players rated 1700 and above

For more information, visit nyc.gov/parks or chessintheschools.org, or call (212) 643-0225 ext. 225. For accessibility information, contact Ed Feldman by Sept. 11 at (212) 360-8261 or ed.feldman@parks.nyc.gov.



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