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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Swiss – Sep 7,14,21,28; Oct 5,12,19,26  
Saturday Increment – Sep 8,15,22,29; Oct 6,13,20,27  
84th Annual Southwest Open – Aug 30 – Sep 3  
DCC FIDE Open IX – Sep 15-16  
Dallas Open, Amateur and Novice – Oct 6-7  
South Central Regional All Women & Girls Chess Championships – Oct 20-21  
DCC FIDE Open X – Oct 27-28  
2nd Annual North/Central Texas Grade Championships – Nov 2-4

2018 US Class Championships – Nov 9-11  
2018 National K-12 Grade Championships – Dec 14-16

North American Youth Chess Championships – Nov 16-21

*Refer to the calendar on the DCC website link below for any updates and event details.*

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## GM Fabiano Caruana

By Chase Frutos



The United States Chess Federation (USCF) is proud to have Fabiano Caruana representing the United States in the 2018 World Chess Championships against the reigning World Champion, Norwegian Grand Master Magnus Carlsen. The World Chess Championships are in London, England from November 9 through November 28, 2018.

Fabiano Caruana was born on July 30, 1992 in Miami, Florida to Italian parents. He is both an American citizen and an Italian citizen. Fabiano was first introduced to chess at the age of five at school in New York and shortly after began competing in tournaments. Because of his eagerness to learn more about the game, Fabiano, at the age of six, got his first coach, NM Bruce Pandolfini.

The young Fabiano quickly became a rising phenom and at only ten years old, he defeated his first Grand Master. Over the next two years, he won many national championships and won two gold medals at the Pan-American Youth Championships where he received his Fide Master title. His family moved to Europe where Fabiano further pursued chess.

In 2005, Fabiano Caruana switched from the USCF to the Italian Chess Federation. He received additional coaching from International Master Boris Zlotnik and Grand Master Alexander Chernin. Caruana received his final Grand Master norm at the age of 14 where he became, at the time, the youngest player to become a Grand Master, beating Hikaru Nakamura's previously set record.

In an interview with Caruana right after he won the Candidates tournament, he was asked how he thought his chances were with Magnus Carlsen in the upcoming World Championship. Fabiano replied with:

"I think it's about 50-50. If I come well prepared, and I assume he will come well prepared as well, then it's going to be very close. I'll need to work very hard to get in form before the tournament because it's clear that against Magnus it's not really usually about openings. You just get a game somehow. With one color or the other, you get a game. So, I'll have to be able to play chess at the same level that he's playing chess..."

## SPOTLIGHT



NM Atulya Vaidya

Congratulations to NM Atulya Vaidya for winning the US Junior Open held in New Orleans June 22-24. Atulya won out right first place at the US Junior Open with 5.5 points out of 6, putting him ahead of the next player by half a point. This impressive performance qualifies him for the 2019 US Junior Closed Championships. We wish him the best of luck at this event!

## ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

We are writing an article on sibling chess players and how it enhances chess play and creates special memories. We have some brotherly pairs, but no sister or mixed pairs yet, which we also would like to include.

How has playing chess with your sibling(s) enhanced your chess play and/or what special memories would you like to share?

Please send your submissions for the Sibling article and/or other chess submissions for publication to:

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Fabiano most recently competed in the 2018 Rex Sinquefield Cup where he went undefeated, tying for first with Magnus Carlsen and Levon



Aronian with 5.5 points out of 9 rounds. Fabiano led the tournament for about the last half of the tournament where he was half a point ahead of the other competitors. In the last round of the tournament, Magnus and Levon both managed to pull off wins while Fabiano ended with a draw. This strong performance is a good foreshadowing of what might happen at The World Chess Championships against Magnus.

We wish Fabiano congratulations on his most recent victory and the best of luck at the 2018 World Chess Championships.

### Fabiano Caruana's Major Achievements

#### 2007

- Obtained Grand Master title at the age of 14 (breaking record for youngest GM at that time)

#### 2008

- Played at Board 1 for the Olympiad
- Won the first board prize at the Mitropa Cup with 7.5 points out of 9 games
- Won the Corus C Group

#### 2009

- Competed in his first ever World Cup
- Won the Corus B group where reached a peak performance of 2751

#### 2012

- Won the Reykjavik Open in Iceland

#### 2014

- Finished 2nd place in the World Rapid Championships but achieved the World's best world Rapid Rankings with a rating of 2858
- This year, he achieved the 3rd highest rating ever recorded with a 2851
- This same year, he achieved one of the greatest performances ratings at the 2014 Sinquefield Cup with a performance rating of 3080

#### 2015

- Qualified for the Candidates Tournament

#### 2016

- US Chess Champion

#### 2017

- Won the 2017 London Chess Classic

#### 2018

- Won the Candidates Tournament where he earned the right to face Magnus Carlsen for the World Chess Championship this November
- Tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place with Magnus Carlsen and Levon Aronian in the Rex Sinquefield Cup
- Qualified for the 2018 London Chess Classic

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