

US Open 2019 –General Information

<p>Venue</p>	<p>The tournaments will take place in Huntington, NY - a historical town located in NY Metropolitan Area (1 hour by train to the center of Manhattan) with beautiful village, museums and shopping malls. The competition venue is:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Station Branch of the Huntington Public Library 1335 New York Avenue Huntington Station, NY 11746</p> <p style="text-align: center;">More information about the town can be read here.</p>																																												
<p>Dates / Schedule</p>	<p>The main tournament will be held August 17-23, 2019 with Swiss system, 7-9 rounds depending on the number of participants. If time permits, we will schedule blitz tournament and some social activities. Approximate schedule (subject to adjust per players' preferences) is below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="522 789 1312 1121"> <tr> <td>17-Aug</td> <td>Saturday</td> <td>10 am -12 pm</td> <td>Player registration, opening ceremony</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>12 pm - 5 pm</td> <td>Round 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>18-Aug</td> <td>Sunday</td> <td>12 pm - 5 pm</td> <td>Round 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>19-Aug</td> <td>Monday</td> <td>9 am - 2 pm</td> <td>Round 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>3:30 pm - 8:30 pm</td> <td>Round 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20-Aug</td> <td>Tuesday</td> <td>9 am - 2 pm</td> <td>Round 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>21-Aug</td> <td>Wednesday</td> <td>9 am - 2 pm</td> <td>Round 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>3:30 pm - 8:30 pm</td> <td>Round 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22-Aug</td> <td>Thursday</td> <td>9 am - 2 pm</td> <td>Round 8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23-Aug</td> <td>Friday</td> <td>9 am - 2 pm</td> <td>Round 9 or Blitz</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>2:30 pm - 4 pm</td> <td>Closing, awards</td> </tr> </table>	17-Aug	Saturday	10 am -12 pm	Player registration, opening ceremony			12 pm - 5 pm	Round 1	18-Aug	Sunday	12 pm - 5 pm	Round 2	19-Aug	Monday	9 am - 2 pm	Round 3			3:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Round 4	20-Aug	Tuesday	9 am - 2 pm	Round 5	21-Aug	Wednesday	9 am - 2 pm	Round 6			3:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Round 7	22-Aug	Thursday	9 am - 2 pm	Round 8	23-Aug	Friday	9 am - 2 pm	Round 9 or Blitz			2:30 pm - 4 pm	Closing, awards
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<p>Time Control</p>	<p>Fisher system: 1 hour 20 minutes per game + 1 minute added per move.</p>																																												
<p>Getting There</p>	<p>By car: Use GPS or cell phone directions. Parking is free on the back of the library building.</p> <p>By public transportation: Our location is a couple minutes' walk from the Long Island Rail Road train (LIRR, Port Jefferson branch) that connects Huntington to the New York City boroughs Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn. More information on train schedule and fares is here.</p> <p>By plane: The closest airport to Huntington, NY is McArthur (abbreviated ISP). Its main airline company is SouthWest Airlines with direct flights from Florida but other options are available. We will be able to meet in the airport those who arrive to ISP. Alternatively, especially for international flights, we recommend JFK international airport. It is very easy to get to Huntington from JFK. Just follow the signs for AirTran and take it to Jamaica station. From there, you can transfer to LIRR train to Huntington (Port Jefferson Branch). If you will notify us, we will meet you at the station and drop at the hotel. LGA airport is not the best choice as it is currently under construction, and from there, no easy public transportation option is available. Another NYC option – EWR airport is very far away (over 2 hours) and is not recommended at all unless you are willing to rent a car and drive yourself.</p>																																												

<p>Rooms & Rates</p>	<p>We arranged with a local hotel Rodeway Inn in Huntington station. The rates are \$100 per day for a room with a single king bed, and \$105 for a room with 2 double beds. This rate will be held for those who desire to stay few days before or after the official tournament days.</p> <p>The rate includes continental breakfast. Each room is equipped with refrigerator and microwave oven. Rollaway beds, if needed, will be provided at no extra charge.</p> <p>We suggest to those interested to take advantage of this special rate, to confirm your participation and interest ASAP, especially if double bed room is desired as this is a small hotel and only 3 rooms of this type was made available to us (in general, quantity of the rooms is limited).</p> <p>There may be other lodging options available in the nearby area (AirBNB, etc.), but please note that we will provide transportation to and from the playing hall only to those who stay in Rodeway Inn or in close proximity. You are free to choose your own accommodation if you are responsible for your own transportation.</p> <p>It is also possible for those who wish to do so, to stay in one of the NY City boroughs and commute by metro and LIRR train.</p>
<p>Food</p>	<p>Breakfast is provided by the hotel. ICAONA will provide hot and cold drinks and light snacks during the games. We will also try to organize some festivities for opening and closing ceremonies, and potentially a beach picnic or a sightseeing trip.</p>
<p>Fee</p>	<p>\$120 USD (\$100 USD for ICAONA members in good standing, i.e., members who paid their membership fee over 2018 and 2019).</p>
<p>Deadline</p>	<p>Please confirm your participation ASAP but no later than July 31, 2019 especially if you are interested in hotel (we also have a limitation with a playing hall capacity).</p> <p>To confirm, we request all interested players to send us a non-refundable deposit of \$20 USD either by mailing the check or money order made to "ICAONA" to Rudi Azimullah at 12940 Parkview Point Ave., Baton Rouge, La 70893 or to make the same payment amount to our Paypal account by clicking here.</p> <p>If desired, you can prepay your tournament deposit (or membership fees) completely. In case you need to make the cancellation later, the deposit minus non-refundable \$20 will be returned to you.</p>
<p>Contact Info</p>	<p>For any questions and help with visa (only after deposit has been received) or to send us your participation request, please contact</p> <p>Rudi Azimullah : 1 (225) 916 2828, e-mail: Rudi.azimullah@hotmail.com Luba Turiy : 1 (631) 470-0555, e-mail: ltur@optonline.net</p>