



Durango Winter Chess Tournaments

**Durango Recreation Center, 2700 N. Main
Saturday, December 20, 2008**

**3 sections: Rated Quads & Youth on Saturday,
and also Quick Chess on Friday evening.**

Location: The new Durango Recreation Center, 2600 Main Street, Twilight room.

Saturday Quad Tournament: USCF rated “quads” are 4-player sections divided according to rating, where each person plays all three others in the section. Entry fee is \$15, half-price for people 60+ or anyone within 10 points of their “rating floor,” and *free for new USCF members*. Prizes are based on entries with 70% of entry fees returned. Time control is Game in 75 minutes with a 5 second time increment added with each move. A six-player section may be created if necessary.

Saturday Youth Section: This will be a five-round, non-elimination tournament designed for young people grades 12 and below. Everyone plays five games. Players are paired with opponents in the same score group. The entry fee is \$10, but is free for participants of the chess camp. Trophies will be awarded to top finishers in different age categories. Other prizes such as books and chess software may also be awarded. US Chess Federation membership is NOT required. However, current USCF members may elect to have their games rated when playing other USCF members.

Friday Night Quick Chess Tournament: USCF rated Game/15 tournament (3-second delay), 6-round Swiss System pairings. Entry fee is \$10, Juniors and Seniors \$5, new USCF members play free. Prizes are based on entries so that every player has a reasonable chance of winning. Register by mail or from 5:30-6:00. Play begins at 6:30 and will finish around 10pm.

Registration: Onsite registration for the tournament from 8:45 to 9:15am. To register ahead of time by mail, call John Mical at (209) 770-0543 or send payment to 750 E. 31st St, Durango, CO 81301. Please include your USCF identification number with your registration, and make sure that your membership is current by visiting www.uschess.org online.

Round Times: There will be a players meeting 9:30am, and the first round begins immediately thereafter. The youth tournament will finish around 4:00pm, and the adult Quads around 6:00pm. An awards ceremony for each section will be held when all games are finished.

USCF Membership: USCF membership is required for the tournament. Please join or renew your membership online at www.uschess.org before the tournament begins!

Contact Info: For questions about the tournament or side events, contact the event organizer and director, John Mical, at (209) 770-0543 or email him at micalorama@gmail.com.

Tournament Site: The new Durango Recreation Center, on 2700 Main Street, is in downtown Durango just north of the high school and fair grounds. There will be a separate room for parents, pairings and analysis. No smoking at the site. Fast food is readily available near the tournament site.

About Durango: Durango is a beautiful town at the foot of the San Juan Mountains in Southwest Colorado, famous for its narrow-gauge railroad to Silverton, for great shopping and dining in it's historic downtown area, for it's outstanding mountain-biking, 4WD and hiking trails.