

NOV. 30-DEC. 2 OR 1-2 Houston Open

US CHESS GRAND PRIX POINTS: 30

5SS, 2-day or 3-day Schedules Avail. (Open & U2000 Sections are G/90, i30, and FIDE rated using FIDE rules; All other Sections are G/120 d5). Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs & WIMs (EF deducted from winnings). Houston Marriott North, 255 North Sam Houston Parkway East, Houston 77060, (281-875-4000). To maintain the integrity of our players games, the tournament hall will be closed to spectators per FIDE regulations. **SIDE EVENTS:** Sat. (12/1) Indiv. & Team Schol. Tournament at 10am, (4SS, G/30 d5, 1-day only); 5-min. Blitz "CAJUN KNOCK-OUT" (Sat. night after Rd. 3). Separate for schol. players. **PRIZES:** \$10,000 b/200 full-paid ent. 5 Sects. **OPEN:** \$1400-800-500-300-200; U2200: \$700-400; **U2000:** \$800-400-200-100-50; **U1800:** \$800-400-200-100-50; **U1600/Unr*:** \$800-400-200-100-50; **U1300:** \$400-300-200-100-50. *Unrated players may only win 50% of the prize fund except in the Open Sect. where they must pay full EF and are eligible for full prize fund. **Byes:** Avail. all Rds. (commit before Rd. 3). Schol. Sects. (Indiv. & Team): K-2, K-5, K-8, K-12. Must have 3 members from same school in same section to make a team; top 4 scores count for final team standings. Prizes: Trophies to top 5 individuals and top 2 teams in each section. Every non-trophy winner receives a souvenir chess medal. Scholastic players may play in both main tourn. and scholastic tourn. by registering for both (3-day schedule in main event with a 1/2-pt. bye for Rd. 2 in the main event and then registering for the scholastic tournament – discounted entry fee offered for those playing in both). USCF-recommended computer tiebreaks will decide trophy and medal placements for winners of all schol. sections. Free gift to oldest player and to player who travels farthest to main event. **CAJUN BOUNTY:** Defeat the top ranked player and win free entry to our next tournament! EF: \$95 by 11/15; \$105 by 11/25; \$120 at site. Unr. (U1600) and Jrs. (under 19 yrs of age and playing in U1300 or U1600 Sections) \$69 by 11/15; \$79 by 11/25; \$95 at site. Schol. EF: \$20 by 11/15; \$25 by 11/25; \$40 at site; Re-Entry Fee: \$35 (avail. up to Rd. 3 - no re-entry in OPEN or U2000 sects due to FIDE; 3 re-entries or 2 Jr. entries count as one additional entry for prize fund). **3-day Sched:** Reg. Fri. 5:30-7pm, Rds. Fri. 8pm; Sat. 2-7, Sun. 10-3. **2-day Sched:** Reg. Sat. 8-8:30am, (Rds. Sat. 9-2-7, Sun. 10-3. Both schedules merge at Rd. 2. Schol. Sched: (All 4 rds. G/30 d5--one day only, Sat., Dec. 1). Reg. Sat. 8:30-9:30am, Rds. at 10am – 11:30am – 1:15pm & 2:30pm. HR: \$89 (281-875-4000), reserve by Nov. 14th and mention Cajun Chess tournament to assure group rate. **ENT:** On-line registration, on-line hotel reservation, printable entry form, and more detailed info at www.cajunchess.com, or mail entry form to Cajun Chess, 12405 Hillary Step Dr., Olive Branch, MS 38654. **Info or Phone Ent:** 504-208-9596 or 504-905-2971. Major credit cards accepted (no checks at site). FIDE.