

February 13, 2025

Greetings to the Chess Federation of Canada Executive.

On behalf of the Eastern Ontario Chess Association, I would like to submit the following bid for CYCC and CO in 2026;

EOCA Bid for CYCC and CO 2026

Organizing Body; Eastern Ontario Chess Association.

Chief Organizer; Halldor P Palsson, EOCA Treasurer

Organizing Committee; EOCA Executive; Grant Schaper, Josh Myers, Jeremy Sztuka and Halldor Palsson

Dates; July 6-17th, 2026

Address; EY Centre or Nepean Sportsplex

Both venues can host 700 players. We are still working on details with respect to parking and whether having the EY Centre connected to the new LRT is worth an extra \$20K.

Sponsorship; We have secured \$55,000 from Ottawa Tourism. The letter from Ottawa Tourism is attached to this application.

We will seek local sponsors after we are awarded the event. The 2007 Ottawa CYCC and CO was well supported with \$40K raised in sponsorship while the 2013 event was a more modest \$10K.

CYCC Schedule

Monday July 6, 2026	4-10 PM	Check-in
Tuesday July 7, 2026	9-6 PM	Rounds 1&2
Wednesday Jul 8	9-6 PM	Rounds 3&4
Thursday July 9	9-6 PM	Rounds 5&6
Friday July 10	9-6 PM	Round 7

CO Schedule

Saturday July 11	9-6 PM	Rounds 1&2
Sunday July 12	9-6 PM	Rounds 3&4
Monday July 13	9-6 PM	Round 5
Tuesday July 14	9-6 PM	Round 6
Wednesday 15	9-6 PM	Round 7
Thursday 16	9-6 PM	Round 8



January 7, 2025

Re: 2026 Canadian Youth and Canadian Open Chess Championships

It is a privilege for me, on behalf of Ottawa Tourism and our industry partners, to confirm our support for the 2026 Canadian Youth and Open Chess Championships. We are extremely excited about the opportunity to bring the Championships to our Nation's Capital and strongly feel that Ottawa would be a fabulous host city for events of this calibre.

Nestled at the junction of three rivers and the UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Rideau Canal, Ottawa is considered one of the world's most beautiful capitals. The city features a thriving cultural and sporting scene, a wealth of historic landmarks, wide-open green space, parks, and delivers a truly unique Canadian experience.

Hosting these events will provide a unique opportunity to showcase elite chess players in our Nation's Capital and will generate economic impact for the City of Ottawa. As such, Ottawa Tourism and our industry partners are excited to lend our support to assist with the success of this event through a Major Event Fund contribution of \$55,000 to the Host Organizing Committee. The terms of this financial contribution will be outlined in the Major Event Funding contract, and we look forward to working collaboratively to define a proportionate suite of rights and benefits.

We look forward with great pleasure to the opportunity to welcome the top chess competitors, spectators, and families to Ottawa in 2026.

Yours sincerely,

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Friday July 17 9-6 PM Round 9

Time Controls; 90 Minutes plus 30 seconds per move.

Below are the 2024 Entry Fees to CYCC. They will be about the same in 2026.

March 1, 2024	\$275
April 1, 2024	\$300
May 1, 2024	\$325
June 1, 2024	\$350
July 1, 2024	\$375

Refund within 20 days before event are subject to 15% of entry fee as administration cost.

Revenue split with the CFC is \$150 per player registering in the 2026 CYCC.

Canadian Open

Guaranteed prize fund of \$25,000.

We will spend a minimum of \$20,000 inviting titled players to the 2026 Canadian Open in Ottawa.

The 2026 CO will be in sections A, B, C, D and E like the 2024 CO. The EOCA has an Open, U1900 and U1600 structure for its events. At the EOCA 2025 annual meeting we will ask for an exemption from that and if that does not pass it runs as Open, U1900 and U1600.

Entry fees;

Before May 1, 2026	\$200
May 1	\$220
June 1	\$260
July 1	\$280
After July 1	\$300

The EOCA ran these events in 2007 and 2013. We would like to step up and run these events again in 2026.

If you need more information from the EOCA please feel free to reach out.

Best regards,



Halldor P Palsson