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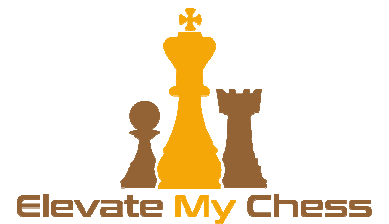
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2018 Ontario Girls U-19 Championship Qualification tournament for the 2018 Susan Polgar Foundation Girls' Invitational (SPFGI) and for the 2018 Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC)



What: The 2018 Ontario U-19 Girls Championship serves as a provincial qualification tournament for the SPFGI. GM Susan Polgar and Webster University kindly invite Canadian girls to take part in “*The 15th Annual Susan Polgar Foundation Girls’ Invitational*” scheduled to take place in Saint Louis, Missouri (July 2018, exact dates TBA). That event will offer more than \$200K in prizes and scholarships. The annual Susan Polgar Foundation Girls’ Invitational is the most prestigious All-Girls event in the United States. **Our FIDE-rated tournament will determine an official representative from Ontario to whom the SPF grants free accommodation on campus.** At the same time, this event serves as a **qualifier for the Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC) that will take place in Québec City on July 01-05, 2018.** This is a unique opportunity for Ontario girls of all ages to qualify in a safe and secure environment and to boost their FIDE and CFC ratings ahead of the CYCC! Every girl who achieves at least the 50% score will qualify, upon approval by the Canadian Chess Federation (CFC).

Eligibility: Female players under 19 years old on January 01, 2018, who reside in Ontario. Players must have been enrolled in a school (up to 12th grade) located in Ontario for the 2017-18 school year. Students who have never attended traditional college on a full-time basis prior to July 1, 2018 are eligible. **All participants need to have valid CFC membership or purchase it before the start.**

Format: Regular Swiss, 5 rounds. Rated: FIDE / CFC / CMA.
Tiebreaks: For the 1st place: Armageddon W6’- B5’. Other: Direct Encounter, then Median Buchholz.
Time control: 60’/end + 30” incr. Clocks and chess sets supplied. Bring your own if you prefer.
Organizer: Elevate My Chess Canada Inc.
Chief Arbiter: Vadim Tsypin, FIDE Arbiter.

When: February 24-25, 2018.
Late registration Saturday, February 24 from 9 am to 9:30 am.
Rounds 1, 2, 3 Saturday, February 24 @ 10 am, 1:30 pm, 5 pm.
Rounds 4, 5 Sunday, February 25 @ 1 pm and 4:30 pm.

Where: Erindale United Church, 1444 Dundas Crescent, Mississauga, Ontario L5C 1E7
Entry fees: Best price: \$60 if registered and paid before 2018-Jan-15. Add \$15 afterwards. Add \$25 on site. No reimbursement after 2018-Jan-15. Cancellation fee of \$20 prior to Jan 15.

Payment: Online at <http://elevatemychess.com/ontariopolgar/>
Prizes: The winner becomes the 2018 Ontario U-19 Girls Champion and the official Ontario representative for the SPFGI. Beautiful trophies for the Top-3 players. Certificates of Qualification for the 2018 CYCC in a corresponding age group. The winner will receive a transportation grant of up to \$500 (based on 20 paid registrations) to attend the SPFGI in St. Louis, Missouri, in July 2018. This money is payable upon successful completion of all rounds of the SPFGI.

Information: Via e-mail to info@elevatemychess.com