

The UMBC Chess Club presents

2010 UMBC Open—Alvin S. Mintzes Chess Tournament

February 27–28, 2010

University of Maryland, Baltimore County

(in Commons Building, 3rd Floor)

5-Round Swiss system in two separate sections (everyone plays 5 games)

Open to all. Spectators are free and welcome! Open Section FIDE rated.

*Held concurrently with separate **Sweet 16 Invitational**, which determines the Maryland Scholastic Champion, who wins a four-year in-state fixed-dollar tuition scholarship to UMBC (worth over \$35,000).*

	Open	Under 1800
Eligibility	Open to all *	Rated under 1800 or unrated *
Place Prizes	\$350-200-100 <i>Unconditionally guaranteed</i>	\$250-175-100** based on 40 paid entries
Class Prizes	\$100 each (based on 40 paid entries) to top U2250, U2150, U2050, U1950	\$80 each to top U1600, U1400, U1200 (based on 4)
Certificate of Achievement	Available upon request to anyone successfully completing tournament.	
Rounds	10am-3pm-7:30pm Sat; 10:30am-3:30pm Sun	
Time Controls	20/1 hour, SD/1 hour (USCF rules)	
Entrance Fees	\$40 if postmarked by 2/12; \$50 late; free to GMs (\$40 deducted from prizes); \$10 less if under 20 years old	
Registration	By mail, 8:30–9:30am on site, or 4–6pm at any Friday UMBC Club meeting.	
½-Point Byes Available	Up to 3 in Rounds 1–5 if requested at least 1 hour before round (before Rd. 2 for any Rd. 4–5 bye), but at most one ½-point bye in Rds. 4–5.	

* USCF membership required. May purchase at site (\$41 adult, \$25 under 25 yrs old, \$19 under 16 yrs old, \$36-over 64).

** Unrated players may not win more than \$200 in U1800 section

Directions to UMBC: Take Exit 47B off I95 and follow signs to UMBC. Park in Lot 9 or 16. See maps at www.umbc.edu

Send entries to: Dr. Alan T. Sherman, CSEE Dept., UMBC, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, MD 21250 ATTN Open. **Make checks payable to “UMBC.”** Cash prize winners must provide address and social security number; players may do so on their entry fee checks.

For more information: See www.umbc.edu/chess, email ChessClub@umbc.edu, or call (410) 455-8499.

Hotel: La Quinta Inn and Suites, 1734 West Nursery Road, Linthicum, MD 21090, Tel: 410-859-2333
Ask for UMBC chess rate, <http://www.lq.com>

Directions to Hotel: From I-95, take Exit 47A onto I-195 towards BWI Airport. Take Exit 2A onto 295 north towards Baltimore; take first exit, bearing right onto West Nursery Road.



UMBC Chess Club Events (open to everyone):

The *UMBC Chess Club* meets every Friday afternoon, 4–6pm, in the Commons, student activities area.

The *UMBC Championship* (5-SS) is always held in September, beginning the second Saturday after Labor Day.

The *UMBC Open—Alvin S. Mintzes Chess Tournament* (5-SS) will be held beginning the first Sat. in March.