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Kingston, Ont., to play host to 2019 North American Youth Chess Championships

After waiting three years, Canada wins another opportunity to host the North American Youth Chess Championships (NAYCC), announced in Batumi, Georgia at the 89th World Chess Federation (FIDE) semi-annual Congress.

The 2019 NAYCC will be played August 16-20, 2019 at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. This will be the first time Kingston hosts a FIDE event and the fourth Canadian city to host this international 9 round tournament.

NAYCC will be organized by the Chess and Math Association (CMA). "The Chess Federation of Canada looks forward to hosting its North American Youth Chess Championships, this time in Kingston Ontario," states Larry Bevand, Executive Director of CMA. "Once again the Chess and Math Association has stepped up and lent their world class organizing expertise to this elite youth chess event. The 2019 NAYCC promises to be a memorable tournament".

Players from Canada, United States and Mexico will be able to compete, eat and sleep on Queen's campus.

Nicole Braatz, Sales and Marketing Manager with Queen's Event Services, states, "During the summer months, Queen's University offers hotel style accommodations and dining allowing this large group of chess players and their families to stay on campus. Our Ban Righ Hall conference centre offers over 9,000 square feet of flat floor space which provides a perfect spot for this tournament".

Players and their families will be able to enjoy Kingston's warm hospitality next summer. Murray Matheson, Interim Executive Director at Tourism Kingston comments, "We're thrilled to have the opportunity to host a World Chess Event and to showcase Kingston's vibrant culture to domestic and international visitors. 2019 will be a major year for sport tourism and we are delighted to work with Queen's University to offer a centralized atmosphere for participants".

Registration will open on January 15, 2019. Information can be found at www.chess-math.org

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