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# USVI Chess Federation Holds 2022 World Spring Festival Chess Tournament on St. Croix

May 6, 2022



(L to R): Matthew Caffee, Ivan Mendez Serrano, Colin Peter Heim, Justin M. Hair, Edwin G. Delgado Logan Chiders Pickett, Malachi Monday, Akelam Romain, Margaret Murphy, Michaela Lynn Cowart, Anthony Mongiello and FIDE arbiter Omar Abdel Aneses Bocanegra. (Photo taken by USVICF Secretary James A. Hoffman LMT)

The USVI Chess Federation held their 2022 World Chess Federation (FIDE) Spring Festival Chess Tournament at Education Connections VI in La Grande Princesse, St. Croix, from April 29 – May 1. USVI Chess Federation President Margaret Murphy, FIDE international organizer and FIDE arbiter, served as the FIDE official for these tournaments with the assistance of USVI Chess Federation Secretary James Hoffman, ASP (athletic support person).

This was a three-day, seven-round Swiss style chess event, providing 14 hours of chess competition. The tournament players included Margaret Murphy, Anthony Mongiello, Colin Peter Heim, Justin Hair, Matthew Caffee, Akelam Romain, Malachi Monday, and Michaela Lynn Cowart from St. Croix; Ernest Thyberg from St. Thomas; and Ivan Mendez Serrano, Edwin G. Delgado and Logan Childers Pickett from Puerto Rico.

Omar Abdel Aneses Bocanegra of the Punta Borinquen Chess Club, Puerto Rico, served as FIDE arbiter for this chess tournament.

Final Rankings with total points scored were:

1. Logan Childers Pickett (Puerto Rico) 6.5 points (FIDE Rating 1794)
2. Edwin G. Delgado (Puerto Rico) 5.0 points (FIDE Rating 1538)
3. Ivan Mendez Serrano (Puerto Rico) 4.5 points (FIDE Rating 1707)
4. Justin M Hair (St. Croix) 4.0 points (FIDE Rating 1505)
5. Colin Peter Heim (St. Croix) 4.0 points (FIDE Rating 1455)
5. Margaret Murphy (St. Croix) 3.5 points (FIDE Rating 0)
7. Akelam Romain (St. Croix) 3.5 points (FIDE Rating 0)
3. Anthony Mongiello (St. Croix) 3.0 points (FIDE Rating 1435)
3. Malchi Monday (St. Croix) 3.0 points (FIDE Rating 0)
3. Michaela Lynn Cowart (St. Croix) 2.5 points (FIDE rating 0)
1. Ernest Thyberg (St. Thomas) 1.5 points (FIDE Rating 0)
2. Matthew Cafee (St. Croix) 1.5 points (FIDE Rating 0)

A special thanks goes to the FIDE Planning and Development Commission for its international support and the donation of \$5,000. This tournament was also made possible by the generous support of the local community of St. Croix.

USVI Chess Federation greatly thanks Mr. and Mrs. Allen of Education Connections VI for providing the playing venue, and Titan Service Station for once again providing the ice, bottled water and sodas for the three days. Jim Hoffman donated his homemade pastries and snacks for all the participants for the three days of the tournament.

FIDE Instructor Margaret Murphy and Anthony Mongiello will resume the Saturday Chess lessons at Education Connections VI between 10 – 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 7. This will be the final instructional session before the USVI Chess Federation begins the summer break. There will be weekly Open Play 10:00-11:30 a.m. each Saturday throughout the summer for all ages; therefore, come out and have some summer fun playing with people with all levels of chess experience.

For more information, contact the USVI Chess Federation at [usvichess@gmail.com](mailto:usvichess@gmail.com) or visit their Facebook page.

The U.S. Virgin Islands Chess Federation will be posting on the federation website more chess events being scheduled throughout the rest of 2022 to grow and enhance the chess community in the territory.







**NATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION (NCF): US Virgin Islands (ISV)**

**CONTINENT: Americas**

**DEVELOPMENT LEVEL: 5**

**Please complete ALL requested fields in this report.**

**1. Programme/Project Name:**

Caribbean Friendship Spring Chess Festival Tournament

**2. Programme/Project Dates:**

April 29, 2022 to May 1, 2022

**3. Summary of Project Outcomes:**

**APPENDIX D – REPORT ON FUNDING**

Twelve players competed in this 7 round Swiss System Tournament. This regional International tournament consisted of; three players from Puerto Rico ( FIDE rated from 1536 - 1794) and nine players from the US Virgin Islands. Three were FIDE rated from 1435 -1505; Both St. Croix and St. Thomas districts were represented. This tournament afforded six unrated ISV players the opportunity to compete in an international tournament. Our rated players were given the opportunity to compete against higher rated players with the objective of developing our players competitive abilities. This event allowed for enhancement of friendships with our Caribbean Zonal neighbors. The Arbiter for this event was Omar Aneses,an IA from Puerto Rico. He is also the former President of the Puerto Rico Chess Federation. We strive to promote additional competitions to allow our unrated players to achieve FIDE ratings. Part of our future objectives would be to have our ISV players travel to Caribbean Federations to compete and build friendships. This tournament allows more females and young players to compete in FIDE rated events.

**4. Breakdown of Funding Usage (Please provide supporting documents as far as possible):**

Accommodations 3 rooms for 3 nights	\$2,250.00
Airfare	\$886.00
Prize Fund	\$600.00
Arbiter Fee	\$350.00
Tournament Supplies	\$ 757.19
Incoming wire charge	\$15.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$4,858.19</b>

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5. Any funds not yet used? Yes   X   No       

If No, please provide reasons and details on how and when the funds will be utilised:

There is \$141.81 remaining balance. If permissible may we utilize this balance toward future FIDE rated development tournament activities later in 2022 ?

6. Lessons Learned/Future Improvements:

Five new players from the Virgin Islands competed in their first chess tournament. This introduced the players to an actual tournament setting utilizing clocks, score sheet notation, and chess tournament etiquette. This tournament revitalized over the board chess competitions with our Caribbean neighbors since COVID-19 restrictions. Also, we renewed our chess relationship with our Puerto Rico neighbors which dates back 25+ years. The age of Virgin Islands players at this tournament ranged from 10 to 72 years of age. Both the youth and seniors were introduced to chess competition. We strive to grow our field of chess players with a strong emphases on the youth. The 10 year old member, competed in his first chess tournament. Now this young student is our chess ambassador at his school. Thus, promoting chess to the other students at his school with the objective of further developing chess among the youth of the Virgin Islands. The youth and young adults are the future of chess in the Virgin Islands.

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On behalf of FEDERATION

Margaret Murphy

*Margaret Murphy*

President <Federation> US Virgin Islands

Date: May 10, 2022



**April 29 - May 1, 2022**

DATE	DESCRIPTION
11/1/2023	Initial assessment and patient history.
11/2/2023	Physical examination and vital signs monitoring.
11/3/2023	Diagnostic tests and laboratory results.
11/4/2023	Medical treatment and patient education.
11/5/2023	Follow-up appointment and discharge planning.

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Friday, April 29, 2022 (3:00 PM)

Check-out

Monday, May 2, 2022 (11 AM)

3 nights, 3 rooms

### Summary

#### Standard Double Room

Average nightly rate

USD 200,00

#### Room 1

> 3 nights

USD 600,00

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> 3 nights

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- A1 - Omar Aneses
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- A3 - Logan Childers
- A4 - Ivan Mendez Serrano

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## APPENDIX C - KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

**NATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION (NCF): US Virgin Islands Chess Federation ,(ISV)**

**CONTINENT: Americas**

**DEVELOPMENT LEVEL: 5**

**PERIOD: March 19 – 20, 2022**

**KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPIs)**<sup>1</sup> are the critical (key) indicators of progress toward an intended result.

The NCF is required to measure the effectiveness of its programmes using the KPIs listed below. At the beginning of the period, the NCF is expected to complete both the **Baseline** and **End of Period-target** values. It is possible that a Federation may not be able to report on a particular KPI and this will be taken into consideration at the end of the reporting period. NCFs can also make use of the '**Comments**' field as required. The NCF is also allowed to include any additional KPIs that it considers to be relevant for reporting purposes. When the NCF is preparing its final report for the end of the reporting period, the **Actual** values of the KPIs need to be completed for each KPI identified.

### KPI STRUCTURE

The KPIs' shall be divided into 4 main categories as follows:

**Core:** These KPIs are related to the technical operations of the federation. It includes number of active players, number of tournaments, average player ratings as well as supporting 'infrastructure' e.g. number of arbiters, trainers ETC. Most of this information can be sourced from by FIDE via its website or from the Elista office. This KPI allows FIDE to ascertain the quality/quantity of the players, technical officials events, etc...

**Social/Special:** These examine the engagement in additional programmes related to the work of other FIDE Commissions and their priorities. These include: females, kids/chess in education, vulnerable groups (refugees, people with special needs, chess in prisons etc.). Federations are encouraged to engage in at least one such programme. This KPI allows federations to fulfill the horizontal goals of FIDE as chess impacts several aspects of society.

**Promotion:** This includes the focus on the dissemination and profiling of chess activities of the federation and FIDE support. This should include mainstream and social media. It is important that chess activities are highlighted so persons within the wider communities understand the value of chess and the role of FIDE which can increase the opportunities for support.

**Partnerships:** This includes sponsors, strategic partners whose objectives are aligned to the federation. Strategic partners can include other government agencies, NGOS, media outlets. This KPI tracks the efforts of federations to engage other partners in the support of their mandate so as to build increased sustainability.

Of course, Federations can also include any other KPIs they see as relevant to their operations. The KPIs are listed in the table below.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://kpi.org/KPI-Basics>





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Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Baseline-2021 <sup>2</sup>	End of Period Target	End of Period Actual	Comments
<b>CORE</b>				
Active FIDE-rated players <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Female</li> <li>All</li> </ul>	Female 0 All 6	Female 5 All 20	Female 0 All 11	A false complaint filed by GM Nigel Short to the Fair Play Commission on May 14, 2022 against the USVCF Spring Chess Festival tournament was detrimental in our development. As a result of the false accusations the tournament was unrated for 6 months before the Qualification Commission reviewed the previous decision as requested by the FIDE Council. The QC reversed the decision on November 26, 2022. Legal fees to restore the ratings of this tournament cost the USVI Chess Federation more than \$15,000 dollars.
Active players on FIDE List <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Female</li> <li>All</li> </ul>	Female 3 All 17	Female 10 All 35	Female 5 All 26	3 players achieved norms toward FIDE ratings
Certified Arbiters-Active <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Female</li> <li>All</li> </ul>	Female 1 All 2	Female 2 All 4	Female 1 All 3	1 female attended an online arbiters seminar (as a refresher course) and 1 male participated in an online arbiter seminar. He achieved the title of National Arbiter. This man presided over a blitz match as arbiter.
Certified Trainers-Active <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Female</li> <li>All</li> </ul>	Female 1 All 1	Female 11 All 16	Female 1 All 1	Plans to have a Developmental Instructor Seminar in the VI needed to be put aside until the above mentioned tournament issues were corrected. We will now attempt

<sup>2</sup> NCF to populate these fields with the current values of each KPI as at the beginning of the programme/project period.



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				this year to conduct at DI Seminar in the VI.,
Average rating of top 10 players <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Female</li> <li>All</li> </ul>	Females 1536  All 1722	Female 1600  All 1850	Female 1536  All 1931	note: 8 of the players on this FIDE list are not current active members of our Federation.  Therefore the actual average rating of our current active top 10 players is 1532
FIDE-rated tournaments organized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classic</li> <li>Hybrid</li> <li>Blitz</li> <li>Rapid</li> </ul>	Classic - 5	Classic 6	Classic 5	Note: The baseline was 4 classic tournaments not 5. We had one FIDE rated tournament as a result of this funding. Our goal for this year is to host at least 5 more.
Other tournaments-Participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online/Hybrid events</li> <li>Local events</li> <li>International chess tournaments</li> </ul>	Local 2	Local 4  International 3	Local 0  International 0	In the last 12 month period the USVICF hosted 5 classical FIDE rated tournaments. Our goal is to host as many as possible in the upcoming year.
Affiliated clubs	National 2	National 10	National 2	
<b>SOCIAL/SPECIAL</b>				
Programmes  (Females, Education, Prisons, refugees etc...)	Education 4  2 in schools  2 at the Community Center	Education 4  2 in schools  2 in community center	1 new community center location.  2 new scholastic programs	developing new programs for 2 2 new schools and a new program for the Community Center
Participants in each programme	Schools two groups: 10 and 8, all students  Community Center two classes beginners and intermediate 14 and 14	schools 8 groups  Community Center 4 classes	Beginning initial program in 3 schools  Community center 2 classes/levels	new programs above
<b>PROMOTION</b>				
Positive or neutral coverage in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mainstream media</li> <li>Social Media/Websites</li> </ul>	Newspaper,  2 websites	newspaper  2 website	Newspaper both districts	Newspapers  community Center



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• Other	community FB pages	Social media	2 websites Social media and Facebook page	2 websites
<b>PARTNERSHIPS</b>				
Chess sponsors	0	2	0	
Other Strategic Partners e.g. NOC, Media, government organizations, NGOs	NOC, Community Center  Local Businesses	NOC  Sports, Parks & Recreation  Community Center  Local Business	NOC  Community Center, Educations Connections VI	Partnerships -  members the VI Olympic Committee,  affiliated with the Education Connections VI Community Center
<b>OTHER</b>				
Please feel free to specify any other KPI that may be important to the operations of the federation	Athlete Support people 4	ASP 10	ASP Athletic Support 2	We have 2 active Athletic Support People.

On behalf of FEDERATION

*Margaret A. Murphy*  
President

<Federation>

Date:

*February 7, 2023*