



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

Month	Date	Event	Format
January	Sat. 21st, Sat. 28th	<b>New Providence Open *</b>	Swiss, G60, BCF-rated
February	Sat. 25th	<b>Warren Seymour Classic *</b>	Swiss, G30, BCF-rated
March	Sat. 17th	<b>Scholastic Individual</b>	Swiss, G45, BCF-rated, students only
	Sat. 24th	<b>March Madness</b>	Swiss, G15
April	Thur. 19th - Sun. 22nd	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Bahamas National Chess Open *</b>	Swiss, G90, BCF- and FIDE-rated
May	Sat. 12th	<b>Pohlemus Darling Memorial *</b>	Swiss, G30, BCF-rated
June	Sat. 16th	<b>Scholastic Team</b>	Swiss, G30, BCF-rated
	Sat. 23rd, Sun. 24th	<b>Summer Splash *</b>	Swiss, G60, BCF-rated
July	Sat. 7th	<b>Independence Tornado *</b>	Swiss, G39, BCF-rated
August	Sat. 4th, Sat. 11th	<b>Bahamas Junior Championship</b>	Swiss, G60, BCF-rated, under 18 only
	Sat. 25th, Sun. 26th	<b>Freedom Fest *</b>	Swiss, G45, BCF-rated
September	Sat. 15th, Sat. 22nd	<b>Fall Chess Classic *</b>	Swiss, 40 moves in 75, SD in 15, BCF- and FIDE-rated
October	Sat. 13th	<b>Heroes' Day Championship *</b>	Swiss, G25
November	Sat. 3rd – Sun. 18th	<b>Bahamas National Chess Championship</b>	Round-robin, 40 moves in 90, SD in 30, BCF- and FIDE-rated
December	Sun. 30th	<b>Bahamas Blitz Open</b>	Round-robin, G5

\* Grand Prix event (see notes on page two)

Please note that this Calendar of Events is subject to change. Venues, times and other event details will be provided in the official Tournament Notices.

To register for or enquire about a specific tournament, contact one of the following officers:

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## **Notes:**

### **Grand Prix**

In this exciting year-long competition, BCF members have the opportunity to earn points by simply participating in tournaments. Bonus points are awarded to those placing in the top four of a qualifying tournament. Points accumulate throughout the year, giving everyone a fair shot at special prizes to be awarded at the end of the year. Note that the March Madness, Bahamas Blitz, Bahamas National Championship, Bahamas Junior Championship, and Scholastic tournaments are not designated as Grand Prix events.

### **Grand Prix Tournament Point System**

1<sup>st</sup> place – 20 points

2<sup>nd</sup> place – 15 points

3<sup>rd</sup> place – 10 points

4<sup>th</sup> place – 5 points

All participants – 10 points

*(Note that top-four finishers also receive participation points. Thus the winner of a Grand Prix tournament earns a total of 30 points, while someone placing 4<sup>th</sup> receives a total of 15 points.)*

### **Cash Prizes**

The Federation reserves the right to offer non-cash prizes at some tournaments throughout the year. Details will be provided in the appropriate Tournament Notices.

### **National Qualifiers**

Each Open tournament on the calendar, except for the March Madness and Bahamas Blitz Open, is a qualifier for the Bahamas National Championship. The winner of each qualifier automatically earns a spot in the National Championship. If the winner has already qualified, the second-place finisher is offered the spot. If the second-place finisher has already qualified, the third-place finisher is provided with the spot, etc.

### **The Warren Seymour Classic**

In 2012, the Bahamas Chess Federation will introduce the Warren Seymour Classic tournament to honor the more than 30 years of service that Mr. Warren Seymour has dedicated to the Federation, the Government, and to the educational system of The Bahamas. His devotion to the game and to our youth is unmatched.

### **Bahamas Junior Championship**

Based on activity, ratings, and recent tournament performance, a small group of junior players will be selected to compete in the annual Bahamas Junior Championship.

### **Bahamas National Championship**

This closed event is intended to be a ten-player single round robin tournament. Players qualify based on their relative performances in nine designated events throughout the calendar year (*see "National Qualifiers" above*).