

2017 Alabama Dual-Rated Chess Championship

On July 15, 30 players from Alabama and Florida competed at the 2017 Alabama Dual-Rated Chess Championship, hosted by Evangel Chess Club at Evangel Church in Montgomery. The tournament had four rounds of competition at a time control of game in 45 minutes with a 10-second increment per move.

Defending Open co-champions Scott Varagona and Jonathan Rasberry competed once again and finished 1st and 2nd in the nine-player Open section. Roger Johnson tied with Jonathan for 2nd place.

Christian Friedman and Isaac Snow tied for 1st among 12 players in the U1800 section, with Kristian Jordan finishing third and taking the U1500 prize. The nine-player U1200 section had four players playing their first tournament in a longer-than-quick time control. Raghavan Madabushi won the championship, followed by Mark Gordon in 2nd place. Parker Liu and Alejandro Iglesias shared the U1000 prize.

Scott Varagona (Open) was the only player from any section to finish 4.0/4.

List of winners:

OPEN

Champion: Scott Varagona (4th dual-rated state championship in the last 5 years)

2nd place/U2000 prize (tie): Jonathan Rasberry and Roger Johnson

U1800

Champion: Christian Friedman (won championship trophy on tiebreak)

Co-champion: Isaac Snow

U1500 prize: Kristian Jordan (U1200 champion in same event in 2016)

U1200

Champion: Raghavan Madabushi

2nd place: Mark Gordon

U1000 prize (tie): Parker Liu and Alejandro Iglesias