

SW Florida Chess Club

Scholastics Section

About Ratings

A rating is a numerical measure of a player's strength, calculated by the United States Chess Federation (USCF) based on games the player has played against other rated players. Ratings are used to define sections where players will all be at a comparable level of ability. The competition gets tougher as the ratings get higher.

For rated players, their rating will determine the lowest section in which they are eligible to play, but they also may choose to play in any higher (more difficult) section than the one where their rating puts them. Unrated players (players who have not yet earned a USCF rating) may play in any section, but usually it is best that they play in one of the lower sections. All children at the SWFCC will play in the Scholastic Section until their rating exceeds USCF 1200.

To help decide what your rating might be, compute a "rating" for yourself using the formula **(grade just completed x 100) + 150**. For example, a player who just completed second grade would have a "rating" of 350 [(2 x 100) + 150]; a player who just completed fifth grade would have a "rating" of 650.

Grade Completed	(grade just completed x 100) + 150	Approx. Rating
1 st grade	(1x100) + 150	250
2 nd grade	(2x100) + 150	350
3 rd grade	(3x100) + 150	450
4 th grade	(4x100) + 150	550
5 th grade	(5x100) + 150	650
6 th grade	(6x100) + 150	750
7 th grade	(7x100) + 150	850
8 th grade	(8x100) + 150	950

Note: This is just a tool to estimate a rating for an unrated player. Your actual rating may be above or below the estimate.