



SW Florida Chess Club

Tournament Rules

Amended 2014

Event Format

All Club rated events will be held on the first Saturday of the month and start at 9:55am. Such events or tournaments will be structured as a three-round Swiss System Event (3/SS) with all rounds scheduled on the first Saturday of the month. There may be an extra monthly tournament game for any 5th week Saturday, this would be a Quick Play Event. This event will be announced in advance by email and in the Club's monthly Newsletter. Quick Play Format and time control tentatively set at G/24 t/d5sec. (G/29)

Registration / Round Times / Time Control

Registration is required and ends at 9:45 sharp! Rounds start promptly at 9:55am. Everyone registered will be automatically "paired" to play every round until the event is finished. Confirmation by phone: 239-218-2116 or e-mail: swflchess@yahoo.com, prior to RD1 is appreciated, however, you're not Registered/Entered until your Entry Fee is paid. The time control is **G/55+5sec.inc**; that is each player starts with **55 minutes** for the entire game, with **5 seconds added** with each move (or delayed if no increment is available). Players using non-increment/delay clocks will start their clocks with 55 minutes per side for the entire game, as per USCF Rule 5F1d.

Note: an incremental/delay clock such as; Saitek's Competition Pro, DGT, Chronos or Game Pro II is preferred (incremental/delay aka Fischer/Bronstein).

Ratings

Any player may be assigned any rating deemed appropriate by the TD. Generally, the most recent USCF rating available online is used: <http://main.uschess.org/msa/MbrLst.php>.

Byes

No "Byes" are available... this is an all in one day 3 round event. Players must commit to all rounds. If you absolutely must miss a round notify the TD.

Forfeits

Forfeits are rude and unacceptable. If you are paired for a round and do not show up to play that game, you will forfeit that game. Once you have forfeited, you will be withdrawn from the event.

Entry Fee

There are no entry fees for Club events. Each player must be a member in good standing of the USCF. Note: there is a one time \$10 fee to join the Estero Recreation Center (lifetime membership)

Prize Fund

There is no "Prize Fund". Tournaments are for Ratings Only.



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Conduct / Cell Phones

All participants are bound by the Club's "Rules of Conduct" available online at www.swfloridachessclub.com/Learning.html. For the benefit of all players, food and conversation will not be allowed in the playing area. Please do not post game outside the tournament room. Cell phones should be set on vibrate or silent.

Rules Questions / Claims

The USCF's amended "Official Rules of Chess, 6th Edition" govern all tournament games. Players are responsible for knowing these rules. If you have a question or claim during your game, stop/pause the clock and immediately summon the Tournament Director, even if he is also playing. Players are responsible for knowing how to set and operate their clocks. If using your opponent's clock, make sure you understand how to start, stop and pause the clock. Make sure and verify the clock is set properly.

While You Are Playing

You must record your moves and your opponent's moves. This is how one proves they made the necessary number of moves or make other claims. The "touch-move rule" applies: if you touch one of your pieces, you must move it if you legally can; if you touch one of your opponent's pieces, you must capture it if you legally can. If you touch one of the pieces to adjust its position on its square, you must say "adjust" (or "j' adoube") while doing so, during your time to move.

After Your Game

Both players are responsible to make sure their game result is recorded on the pairing sheet located at the TD table. If we do not have your result, you might not be paired the next round. Once your game is finished and you've entered the result on the "pairing sheet", step outside the room, or be quiet.

Courtesy

Please refrain from talking while games are in progress. We are guests of the Estero Rec Center, so please keep the room clean and pick up after yourself.

USCF Certified Tournament Director

Local TD Greg Gordon

Club TD Larry Cerrato

Club Monthly Newsletter

Please check the Newsletter, or Club website [Events page](#) for all Club Tournament announcements and Event formats. Any month with a 5th Saturday may have a separate Quick Play Event. All rounds to be completed that day. This event would be set at a Time Control less than G/30, so as to qualify for USCF quick rating. The preferred format is G/25 t/d4sec., players without a digital clock, would set their analog clock at G/25.