

Canton Scholastic Chess League Tournament Guidelines

2009-01 When unofficial ratings are used, players with four provisional games will only move up one section, even if their unofficial rating calls for a higher section. Players with eight provisional games or more will be placed in the section determined by their latest unofficial rating. The decision of the chief tournament director is final regarding section eligibility, rating adjustments, conversions, and unofficial ratings.

2009-2 Players who have registered for a tournament and did not request a bye but are not present at their assigned board at the start of round one, will be assumed to have withdrawn from the tournament. The TD will manually re-pair the opponents of such withdrawn players at the beginning of round 1. Starting with the second round and for the remainder of the tournament, players who did not request a bye and do not appear at their assigned board before half of the time for the first time control has elapsed shall forfeit that game and be withdrawn from the tournament. Any player withdrawn from a tournament under either scenario may be readmitted to the tournament at the discretion of the chief TD.

2009-3 A player who answers a cell phone call, sends a text message, or reads an incoming text message during a game shall immediately forfeit that game. A player whose cell phone or pager audibly rings during a game shall receive a warning for the first such incident, and forfeit the game upon a second such incident during the same tournament. The chief TD may use his or her discretion to remove a player from the remainder of the tournament for repeated violations of either rule.

2009-4 Floor monitors or other volunteers who are not certified TDs may assist with administrative duties at the score table or in the playing area; they shall not discuss game-related issues with players who have games in progress or make rulings on any claims.

2009-5 The TD shall avoid pairing players together who are enrolled in the same school whenever possible, but shall not move players to other score groups solely to avoid pairing teammates.

2009-6 The use of clocks shall be standard in all rated sections of every tournament. If either player provides one, consent of the opponent or TD shall not be required, but all USCF equipment rules apply (choice of clocks, defective clocks, etc.). Players unaccustomed to playing with clocks should be prepared to do so in the event an opponent or the TD provides one.

2009-7 A TD has the option to place a clock on any game in order to bring the game to a timely end. In such cases, each player shall be given the same amount of remaining time, and no less than five minutes each.

2009-10 Time controls in all events shall use a 5-second time delay. Non-delay clocks may be used, but delay clocks take priority. Clocks shall be set for the time control as announced; players using delay shall not deduct time from clocks, and players not using delay shall not add time.

2009-11 A TD may use his or her discretion to intervene in any game without a claim by a player to deal with an opponent's behavior which is disruptive or unsportsmanlike, or which violates the rules of chess.

2009-12 In non-rated sections regardless of grade level, players shall be excused from the requirement to take notation. However, by not keeping notation, players may be ineligible to make certain claims which require a complete score sheet.

2009-14 The Board may modify these event guidelines from time to time. TDs, coaches, parents and players should ensure they are referring to the most recent version before entering any event.

2010-1 Players in the first round do not have the option of taking full point byes because of forfeited games. If a repairing can be made then they must play the game or receive a zero point bye for that round. No re-pairings will be made after the first round. If a player does not show in any subsequent round then the opponent will receive a full point forfeit win. (see 2009-2) Extra rated games may be set up and played at the discretion of the Chief TD and any two willing players. These extra rated games are not part of the tournament and no score will be added to the tournament results for such a game.

2010-2 Players may request up to one 1/2 point bye in any four round event excluding the last round and two 1/2 point byes in any 5 round tournament excluding the last round. All 1/2 point byes must be requested prior to the first round being paired. Zero point byes are available for any additional rounds.

2010-3 Late, arrivals may start the second or a later round with zero point byes for all previous rounds at the discretion of the Chief TD. Any requests for byes after the first round pairings are done are zero point byes.

2010-4 The current monthly USCF rating supplement will be used unless unofficial ratings are used which will be stated on the flyer with the published date of the unofficial rating being used.

2010-5 amended (see 2011-1)

2010-6 Any CSCL Team or Provisional CSCL Team that does not have at least one volunteer either at the tournament or at the setup the night before will not qualify for team awards. Sign-up sheets will be at the registration desk prior to the start of round one. Extenuating circumstances can excuse a team from this task at the discretion of the President or Vice President of the CSCL.

2010-7 All JTP membership players are permitted to play in the K-2 Novice section. Once a player has purchased a USCF membership to play in other events other than JTP sections they no longer can play in the K-2 Novice section, but must play in the section according to their rating.

2011-1 Any novice player winning 4 games in a 4 round tournament will be moved up to the next higher section in their next event. The CSCL will purchase a one year regular scholastic USCF membership for league members when they compete at their next CSCL event, if moving up to a rated section. Non league players will need to purchase a USCF membership, before playing in the next CSCL tournament if moving up to a rated section.

2012-1 The CSCL Board reserves the right to grant a waiver to any guideline for a player on a case by case matter. Requests for any waiver must be submitted in writing to the President of the CSCL and state all pertinent facts.

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