

19th Annual Chess-in-the-Park Rapid Open

Rules and Regulations

Description: This is a six round G/10 individual chess tournament. However, we will do our best to avoid pairing family members and students from the same school. Sections include: Open, Intermediate, Reserve, Novice, Adult/Unrated, & Youth Unrated.

Prizes: Trophies will be given to the top players in each section. The winner of each section will also receive a select chess book. Prizes will also be given to players who correctly answer puzzles in the Puzzler Competition. The Parks Department is giving away event T-shirts to registrants on a first come, first served basis.

YOU MUST: Raise your hand when your game is over to alert your section's TD of the result. **BOTH** players are required to report their result! Please make sure to report your result after your game. Failure to do so may result in forfeiting the rest of your games.

Playoffs: All ties will be determined by Standard USCF Tiebreak Methods – See USCF Rules Note: The Open section will be the only section to have a blitz play-off.

Important reminders for players:

1. You have the right to appeal a decision of a floor TD. If you wish to see the Chief TD, tell the floor TD right away. **DO NOT** wait until after the game is over to make this complaint.
2. Clock move at all times.
When finished with game, shake hands, report result, reset the chessboard, and leave the playing area.
3. The playing area must remain quiet while games are in progress. No talking during play.
4. Parents and coaches are spectators. Your help is very important to us, but you may not interfere with the chess games of players, this includes arguing about rulings.
5. Illegal moves will result in a loss of 1 minute for each infraction. If a player has less than 1 minute he/she will be forfeited for an illegal move. You cannot capture the King, a King left in check is simply an illegal move.
6. All games require a clock. Games without a clock will be marked as a draw. Players can use their smartphones to download a FREE chess clock app and use their phone as a clock with the app if their phone is on airplane mode.

Absolutely no running or play fighting will be tolerated!