

- I. The OCF will sponsor or co-sponsor the Oregon Invitational Tournament which will be held each year parallel to the Oregon Championship. The tournament will be an invitational round robin of ten players, with player numbers for pairing determined by lot. The tournament will be USCF and FIDE Rated. All players must have current USCF and OCF memberships, must be active players and Oregon residents according to the same criteria that are used for the Oregon Championship.
- II. A \$50 entry deposit will be charged, refunded to the player upon completion of all games without a forfeit loss. Time control and the prize fund, if any, will be determined by the organizer. In case of a tie, prize money will be divided equally and the players will share the title of Oregon Invitational Winners.
- III. All games of the Oregon Invitational must be played at the announced time for the rounds, which will be the same as for Oregon Championship. If both players and the tournament director all agree, a game may be rescheduled, provided, however, that the game be completed before the time announced for the last round.
- IV. Selection of Players
 1. OCF tournament coordinator (or appointed designee) will determine the ten highest rated players eligible to play in the Invitational from the pool of active players composed of:
 - A. Oregon resident with the highest score (determined by tiebreak) of the following open tournaments held in the calendar year preceding the Oregon Invitational:
 - Gresham Open
 - Senior Open
 - Junior Open
 - Harmon Memorial
 - Newport Open
 - Portland Spring Open
 - Portland Summer Open
 - Portland Fall Open
 - Portland Winter Open
 - B. Oregon resident with the second highest score (determined by tiebreak) of the following open tournaments held in the calendar year preceding the Oregon Invitational:
 - Open section of the Oregon Open
 - M/X section of the Oregon Class
 2. If there are fewer than 10 players in the Invitational pool, additional players will be invited based on rating from the list of active Oregon players that have not otherwise qualified for Oregon Championship or Oregon Invitational. For ranking purposes the same criteria as in the Oregon Championship rules will apply.
 3. The OCF Board may include additional open USCF rated tournaments into the list of qualifiers based on requests from tournament organizers. To be considered for the next year

inclusion, such requests must be submitted no later than December 1 of the current year. To serve as a qualifier, a tournament MUST require current OCF membership from Oregon residents and have 4 or more rounds with regular time control. (NOTE: regular time control means that according to the USCF Official Rules of Chess such a time control is used only for regular rating and not for quick, blitz, or dual.)

4. Players that qualify for both Oregon Championship and Oregon Invitational may choose which tournament to play in. Players that qualify for Oregon Championship and choose to play in it, will be removed from the pool of players for Oregon Invitational. **Special provision for tiebreak situation:** If a player was included into the pool based on the tiebreak, and later was removed from the pool due to qualifying and playing in Oregon Championship, the tiebreak “loser” will be added to the Invitational pool to replace the tiebreak “winner.”
5. The tournament coordinator will only contact potential players who are shown with an Oregon address on USCF records or who are known to be Oregon residents. However, an Oregon resident who shows another state on USCF records may notify the President or the tournament coordinator that he or she meets the residency requirements and wishes to be considered for an invitation (no later than December 1 of the year prior to the tournament).
6. The OCF Board will resolve any conflicts or disputes concerning selection of players for the Oregon Championship.