

OREGON CLOSED

The Oregon Chess Federation (OCF) will sponsor or co-sponsor the Oregon Closed tournament each year.

1. Tournament Conditions:

- a. There are two sections, Championship and Challengers, both of which are an eight player round robin.
- b. A \$50 entry fee will be charged, refunded to the player upon completion of all games without a forfeit loss.
- c. Both sections are US Chess rated and FIDE rated if possible. All players must have current US Chess and OCF memberships through the dates of the tournament.
- d. The time control and schedule will be determined by the organizer(s).
- e. The prize fund will be determined by the OCF Board. The winner(s) of the Championship section receive(s) the title of Oregon State Champion for the current year and the winner(s) of the Challengers section receive(s) the title of Oregon Challengers Winner for the current year. For the Championship section there is a perpetual trophy which is engraved with the champions' name and year.
- f. Games must generally be played at the announced time for that round. If both players and the tournament director agree, a game may be rescheduled provided it is completed before the announced time of the last round. If possible, the tournament director should consult with the other players in the section before approving a request to reschedule a game.
- g. Reasonable expenses such as site rental, director's fees, and rating fees will be paid by the sponsor(s).

2. Selection of Players.

All players must be Oregon residents (see section 3). A player will be disqualified from playing if they have played in another state's closed championship or closed qualifier for a national tournament the same or prior year. A player who forfeits a game in the Oregon Closed without a valid reason in the judgment of the chief tournament director will not be eligible to play in the Oregon Closed the following year. The Tournament Coordinator will only extend invitations to "active" players (see section 4) in good standing based on the following criteria in the order they are given:

A. Championship Section.

I. The current Oregon Champion or Co-Champions.

II. The Oregon resident with the highest score in the top or only section of the Oregon Open (broken by tiebreak if necessary-see section 5) held in the calendar year preceding the Oregon Closed.

III. The Oregon resident with the highest score in the top section of the Oregon Class Championships (broken by tiebreak if necessary) held in the calendar year preceding the Oregon Closed.

IV. The current Oregon Challengers Champion (broken by tiebreak if necessary), provided their regular rating in the current US Chess rating supplement sixty days before the start date of the tournament is at least 1900.

V. The Oregon residents with the highest established regular rating (after possible adjustment) in the current US Chess rating supplement sixty days before the start date of the tournament. Players who have played less than fifteen US Chess regular or dual rated games in Oregon during the calendar year prior to the Oregon Closed will have their rating adjusted downward by ten points for each game less than fifteen played. Games played in the previous Oregon Closed do not count toward the fifteen games.

B. Challengers Section.

I. The Oregon resident with the highest score among those who do not qualify for the Championship section (broken by tiebreak if necessary) in the top or only section of each of the following open tournaments (assuming the tournament has at least four rounds with a regular-only time control and requires OCF membership from Oregon residents in the qualifying section), if held in the calendar year preceding the Challengers:

- o Oregon Open
- o Oregon Class Championships
- o Neil Dale Memorial Open
- o Clark Harmon Memorial Open (when held in Oregon)
- o GM Arthur Dake Memorial Open
- o Rose City Sectionals
- o National Chess Day-Portland Fall Open
- o Portland Spring Open
- o Portland Summer Open
- o Portland Winter Open
- o Portland Chess Club two-day tournament in August

The OCF Board may include additional open US Chess rated tournaments to the list of qualifiers on requests from tournament organizers. To be considered for inclusion, the request must be submitted no later than December 1 of the year prior to the year of the tournament. To be able to serve as a qualifier, the tournament must be held in Oregon, have at least four rounds with a regular-only time control, and require OCF membership from Oregon residents in the qualifying section. If there are more than eight players who would qualify for the Challengers through a qualifying tournament, the eight of these players that qualify for the Challengers will be based on rating, using the same rating criteria as in section 2-A-VI.

II. The Oregon residents with the highest rating among those who do not qualify for the Championship section, based on the same rating criteria given in section 2-A-VI.

3. Residency Requirement.

For playing in the Oregon Closed, an Oregon resident is defined as one of the following:

- a. A person who has lived continuously in Oregon for the six-month period prior to the month the invitations are sent out.
- b. A student who attends school outside Oregon and who lives with Oregon resident parents during summer vacation or another comparable situation.
- c. Oregon resident on active military duty.

The OCF Tournament Coordinator will only attempt to contact players who are shown with an Oregon address on US Chess records or who are known to be Oregon residents. An Oregon resident who shows another state in US Chess records may notify the OCF Tournament Coordinator or President that he or she meets the residency requirements and wishes to be considered for an invitation before the first day of the month prior to the month the tournament starts in (e.g. by December 31 if the tournament is held in February). It is ultimately the players' responsibility to ensure that the OCF Board has the correct contact information for them in order to be able to receive an invitation.

4. Definition of "Active" Players.

For playing in the Oregon Closed, an "active" player is defined as a player who has played at least one US Chess-rated game anywhere during the calendar year prior to the Oregon Closed or has been a member of US Chess sometime within three years prior to the start date of the Oregon Closed and notifies the Tournament Coordinator or President before the first day of the month prior to the month the tournament starts in of their interest in playing. If the Tournament Coordinator extended an invitation to the Oregon Closed and the player failed to respond, the Tournament Coordinator will not extend an invitation in subsequent years unless the player notifies the Tournament Coordinator or President that he or she wishes to be considered for an invitation before the first day of the month prior to the month the tournament starts in.

5. Tiebreaking.

The tiebreak method used to break a tie at an Oregon Closed qualifier shall be the main method given in the current version of the US Chess rulebook (which is currently 1.Modified Median, 2.Solkoff, 3.Cumulative, 4.Cumulative of Opposition for Swiss tournaments and 1.Sonneborn-Berger, 2.Head-to-Head for round robin tournaments).

6. Challenge Matches.

A match may be played anytime between the Oregon Champion and another person with the state title at stake, provided:

- a. The challenger meets the residency requirements of section 3.
- b. The match is US Chess rated and FIDE rated if possible.

c. The match has the approval of the current Oregon Champion and OCF Board.

If the title changes hands due to a match, the new Oregon champion is seeded into the next Championship and the former Oregon Champion loses his automatic seeding.

7. Appeals.

The OCF Board will resolve any disputes concerning the selection of players for the Oregon Closed.