

## OREGON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The OCF will sponsor or co-sponsor the Oregon Championship Tournament which will be held each year before May 1.

### 1. Tournament Conditions:

- a. The tournament will be an invitational round robin of ten players, with player numbers for pairing determined by lot.
- b. A \$50 entry fee will be charged, refunded to the player upon completion of all games without a forfeit loss.
- c. Time control will be determined by the organizer.
- d. The prize fund, if any, will be determined by the organizer.
- e. The perpetual trophy will be engraved with the champion's name and the year at the sponsor's expense.
- f. The tournament will be USCF rated and FIDE Rated as a Futurity tournament. All players must have current USCF and OCF memberships.
- g. In case of a tie, prize money will be divided equally. The players will share the title of Oregon Champion and will have possession of the perpetual trophy for equal periods of time. If all of the tied players do not wish to be co-champions, the title and possession of the trophy will be determined by a playoff, the format of which will be agreeable to all tied players. The OCF Board will have the right of veto on financial grounds. If the tie-breaking event results in a tie or the players and OCF Board cannot agree on the playoff format, then the tied players will be declared co-champions and have possession of the perpetual trophy for equal periods of time.
- h. Reasonable expenses such as site rental, director's fees, rating fees and postage will be paid by the sponsor(s).
- i. Except as stated in this subsection, all games must be played at the announced time for the rounds. If both players and the tournament director all agree, a game may be rescheduled, provided, however, that the game is completed before the time announced for the last round. If at all possible the tournament director should consult with the other players before approving a request to reschedule a game.

### 2. Selection of Players.

All players must be Oregon residents (see section 3). The President will appoint the tournament coordinator who will determine the ten active players (see Section 4) eligible to play in the championship according to the following criteria in the order they are given:

- a. The current Oregon Champion or Co-Champions.
- b. The Oregon resident with the highest score in the last Oregon Open (determined by tiebreak).
- c. The winner of the Oregon Junior Closed Championship (determined by tiebreak) provided his or her rating appearing in the current USCF Annual List is over 1900 and he

or she has played 15 USCF regular (slow, not Quick Chess) rated games (excluding matches and the previous Oregon Championship or the previous Oregon Junior Closed Championship) during the calendar year prior to the year of the Championship. If the Oregon Junior Championship is not held in the calendar year prior to the Championship, no player will be seeded into the Championship that year.

- d. The Oregon Resident with the highest score in the Master/Expert section of the last Oregon Class Championship (determined by tiebreak). If the Oregon Class Championship is not held in the calendar year prior to the Championship, no player will be seeded into the Championship that year.
- e. The Oregon resident with the highest score in the Oregon Invitational held in the calendar year immediately prior to the Closed Championship, so long as the player's rating is at least 1900 in the USCF Annual List.
- f. All remaining Oregon players who meet the Residency Requirements (see section 3) will be ranked by rating, excepting those players who have played less than 15 USCF regular (slow, not Quick Chess) rated games within Oregon during the calendar year prior to the year of the championship. For ranking purposes, those players who have played less than 15 USCF regular (slow) rated games during the calendar year prior to the year of the championship will have their rating adjusted downward by 10 points for each game less than 15 played. Any games played at  $\frac{1}{2}$  K will count as  $\frac{1}{2}$  game towards the aforementioned 15 games. Games played in the previous Oregon Championship shall not count toward the aforementioned 15 games.
- g. A player shall be disqualified from playing in the Oregon Championship tournament if he or she has played in another state's closed championship or qualifier for a national tournament.
- h. A player who forfeits a game in the Oregon Championship (Closed or Invitational) without valid excuse in the judgment of the tournament director shall not be eligible to play in the Oregon Championship in the following year.

### 3. Residency Requirements.

For the purpose of playing in the Oregon Championship tournament, an Oregon Resident is defined as follows:

- a. Any person who has lived in Oregon continuously from September 1 before the tournament through the start of the tournament, provided that he or she has not played in any other state's championship during the calendar year prior to the Championship.
- b. A student who attends school outside Oregon and who lives with Oregon-resident parents during summer vacation or other comparable situation, provided that he or she has not played in any other state's championship during the calendar year prior to the Championship.
- c. Oregon residents on active military duty are considered to have met the residency requirements for that year, provided that he or she has not played in any other state's championship during the calendar year prior to the year of the championship.

- d. 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.

#### 4. Definition of "Active" Players.

The tournament coordinator will only extend invitations to active players, defined as players who either:

- a. have played at least one USCF-rated game anywhere during the calendar year prior to the year of the championship; or
- b. have been members of the USCF at some time within three years prior to the date of the Championship and notify the OCF President or the tournament coordinator no later than December 31 of the year prior to the year of the championship of their interest in playing in the next championship; provided, however, that if the tournament coordinator has extended an invitation to the Oregon Championship (Closed or Invitational) and the player declines or fails to respond, the tournament coordinator will not extend invitations in subsequent years unless the player notifies the President or the tournament coordinator that he or she does want to receive an invitation, if he or she would otherwise qualify.

#### 5. Challenge Matches.

A match may be played at any time between the Oregon state champion and any other person with the state title at stake, provided:

- a. The match is USCF rated and FIDE rated if both players have a FIDE rating.
- b. The match has the approval of the OCF Board.
- c. The match has the approval of the current Oregon champion
- d. The challenger meets the residency requirements of sub-section 3 above.

Should the title change hands as a result of such a match, the new Oregon champion would be seeded into the next Oregon Championship under section 2 above and the former Oregon champion would lose his automatic seeding.

#### 6. Appeals.

The OCF Board will resolve any conflicts or disputes concerning selection of players for the Oregon Championship.