

AlphaChess FIDE Swiss Tournament Rules

- 1) We retain the right to alter a player's section at our discretion.
- 2) We retain the right to alter the tournament type at our discretion, such as accelerating a swiss.
- 3) We retain the right to deny entry without providing a valid explanation.
- 4) We adhere to the ECF safe play policy.
- 5) We adhere to the ECF safeguarding policy.
- 6) We are unable to act in loco parentis for children; thus, we strongly advise that they be accompanied by a caregiver over the age of 18.
- 7) Boards and equipment are to be handled with respect and diligence. Vandalism or mistreatment of them may result in a penalty.
- 8) If rules conflict between those of the entry form and here, the entry form takes priority.
- 9) It is a condition of entry that players agree to their rating information being published on the ECF & FIDE websites. If key information from a player's profile is missing, the English Chess Federation may invoice them.
- 10) In the event of a player's absence or withdrawal from the tournament, the organizers should be notified as soon as possible to facilitate smooth running and re-pairing if necessary. Consistent no-shows may result in future exclusion.
- 11) The tournament organizers reserve the right to make changes to the tournament schedule, format, or rules if deemed necessary for the efficient and fair conduct of the event. Such changes will be communicated to all participants in a timely manner.
- 12) The tournament organisers reserve the right to merge sections and change their rating boundaries for the smooth running of the tournament.
- 13) The decision of the chief arbiter shall be deemed final.
- 14) Digital chess clocks are to be used for this tournament. They are to be placed on the right hand side of the black player.
- 15) All mobile phones and electronic devices capable of transmitting a signal, including smart watches, must be switched off at all times in the playing area. They should be put either on the arbiter's desk or face-down on the playing table, or in a bag under the desk that must not be moved whilst games are in play. If it is evident that during play, a player's device is not turned off or a player has such a device on their person or has had access to any such device, the player shall be defaulted & will forfeit / lose the game
- 16) Any spectators (Players are classified as spectators after finishing their games), Parents/guardians/carers and others who may enter the Playing Hall must also have their mobile phones / electronic devices switched-off at all times
- 17) Photographs of players may be taken during the tournament to form the tournament photo gallery - by participating in the tournament, players acknowledge and agree to

these conditions. Photographs taken at the event may be used for publicity purposes by the Organiser. Spectators can take photos only during the first five minutes of each round - if using mobile phones to take photos in the playing hall, please ensure to keep them in flight mode at all times. Any objection to being photographed should be notified to the event organiser prior to the event

18) The arbiter's decision is final.