

Frequently Asked Questions for the USCF TD/Affiliate Support Area (Last Revision: April 9, 2008)

This document is divided into two parts. The [first part](#) deals with questions about how the USCF TD/Affiliate Support Area works and how to get signed up and started using it. The [second part](#) deals with how to handle specific situations that arise in using the TD/Affiliate Support Area.

Part 1 - How TD/A works

I tried to register for access or request a new password, why didn't I get a response?

Here are several possibilities:

1. You didn't give us your correct USCF ID, login ID or name on the request form.
2. You have a spam blocker service that needs to be set to accept mail from uscf@uschess.org. This must be done from your end, as most of the spam blocker methods use authorization methods that are specifically designed not to be automated from the sender's end.
3. If this is a request for a new password, you may not have an e-mail address on file with the USCF. For security reasons, we will only send any information about an existing TD/Affiliate Support Area login ID to the e-mail address that we have on file for that USCF member (or affiliate.)

If this is the case, you will need to register an e-mail address. USCF members can generally do this from the form in the Members Only Area, affiliates must contact the USCF membership department.

Why is this so complicated?

Getting access to the TD/Affiliate Support Area takes several steps and they are rather precise ones, but directing a tournament is also a fairly specific and precise task. Keep in mind that once you have gained access, you will have a lot of new abilities, such as the ability to get new member IDs assigned in just a few minutes and the ability to submit events for rating and get a report on them within minutes.

Most of the complaints we get are about things that we hope have been explained in the online documentation for the TD/Affiliate Support Area. If you think there are areas that need more or better explanation, please let us know using the contact form for the TD/Affiliate Support Area.

Why do I need two separate login IDs?

Your USCF membership is separate from your affiliate's USCF membership, and the same separation applies to access to the TD/Affiliate Support Area. Each USCF ID (TD or affiliate) can have exactly one login ID to access the TD/Affiliate area, and each login ID must be associated with exactly one USCF ID.

There are really two separate but related sections of the TD/Affiliate Support Area. One section deals with the things that TDs do, the other deals with the things that USCF Affiliates do:

Tournament Director	Affiliate
Memberships	Memberships
Rating Reports	Update Club Directory
	Generate Custom Ratings Lists

	Tournament Life Announcements (online TLAs only)
	Chess Life Tournament Life Announcements (coming soon)

Items in **red** are available now, the others will become available over the next few months. You must be logged in as a TD to do the tasks listed in the TD column, and you must be logged in as an Affiliate to do the tasks listed in the Affiliate column. (Both TDs and Affiliates can submit memberships, but keep on reading.)

Under USCF rules, only USCF Affiliates can run rated tournaments or submit memberships with an affiliate discount. However, rating reports must be signed by a certified tournament director. Also, at many tournaments it is the TD who collects USCF memberships during registration.

The easiest way to handle this was to separate affiliate functions from TD functions. However, we recognize that in many cases TDs also process memberships at the tournaments they direct, so while only a TD can submit a rating report, TDs and affiliate can both submit memberships. To submit either rating reports or memberships, the TD has to be authorized by an affiliate to do that.

As a result, we need to have separate logins for TDs and for affiliates. That's because a TD can direct events for more than one affiliate, and an affiliate can have more than one TD directing the events it sanctions. Only those TDs who have been specifically authorized by an affiliate to submit memberships or rating reports will be able to use that affiliate's ID on the memberships or rating reports he or she submits.

In many cases, the TD is also the person running the affiliate, in which case the TD will need to sign up for two separate login IDs. Most of the work will be done from the TD's login.

Why can't I use my USCF ID and PIN to access the TD/Affiliate Support Area?

This is a security measure. The PIN for members is part of the label information on the back page of your *Chess Life*, so it isn't very secure. Also, it wouldn't be that hard for a hacker to either guess your PIN or try all possible PIN combinations for your ID. Having a login ID that is different than your USCF ID and giving you the ability to set your own password means that only you should know both your login ID and password. (The USCF office cannot decrypt your password, so they have no way to find out what it is.)

I tried applying for a login ID for my affiliate, but it tells me I'm not an officer. Why??

USCF's records have not always been maintained very well over the years. Also, until fairly recently we didn't have a place to record the USCF ID for several officers or for the contact person for an affiliate. We do now, but that often means that our records need to be updated to add that information before a request can be approved.

We review the requests that are not approved. In some cases we can add the ID of the person requesting the login ID and reprocess the request. (If we do reprocess it, you will get a second e-mail about it.)

However, if that person's name is not anywhere in the affiliate record, one of the listed officers must either make the login ID request or contact the USCF to have us add another person's USCF ID to our records for that affiliate.

While this is a bit inconvenient, this is also an important security precaution to help make sure that an unauthorized person doesn't gain control of your affiliate.

None of the officers of our scholastic affiliate are USCF members. How can we use the TD/Affiliate Support Area?

In this case, an officer will need to contact the USCF office and have them set up a login ID for the affiliate. The affiliate will need to have a valid e-mail address on file, as all administrative contacts for the TD/Affiliate Support Area are done via e-mail. You can request a login ID via e-mail by writing to uscf@uschess.org. You will need to supply enough information about yourself and your affiliate to establish your connection with the affiliate and you will need to provide three choices for a login ID.

I tried applying, but I got a message about something not matching. Why?

The only information we have about you is your name and address, and for most USCF members your birthdate. The PIN for the Members Only area has always been printed on the outside cover of *Chess Life*, so others could easily have seen it.

As a result, we need to be VERY precise in matching your information, because once we've approved a login ID, there are many things that can be done in the name of that TD or affiliate. (In other words, in **your** name.)

Now, to make matters more confusing, our printer runs the mailing list we send them every month through an address correction program, which may change your street address or the spelling of your city, and sometimes even the name of the city. However, they don't tell us what changes they make.

We did run our mailing list through a similar service in September 2005, and we think that should clear up many of the matching issues, but you do need to be fairly careful in typing the information.

If you can't get a match to work, please contact the USCF, we'll work with you to establish your identity and get your login ID set up.

I need to submit memberships or ratings, why does it tell me I'm not authorized by an affiliate?

Only certified TDs can submit rating reports. Affiliates must indicate which TDs are authorized to submit rating reports on behalf of that affiliate. A TD who is authorized to submit rating reports on behalf of an affiliate is also authorized to submit memberships on behalf of that affiliate.

If you are not authorized by the affiliate, you need to contact the affiliate and have them update their list of TDs authorized to submit memberships and rating reports using their affiliate ID. Even if this is **your** affiliate, and you are the only one who will ever use it to submit memberships or rating reports, you still need to apply for a login ID for that affiliate. See above for why you need two separate logins. Also, see the question below on adding TDs to the list of authorized TDs for an affiliate.

A USCF member who is not yet a certified USCF TD can become a club TD. Go to the 'Brochures and Forms' section of the website (look under Publications), print out the 'Application to Be a U. S. Chess Federation Certified Club Tournament Director' form, fill it out, and send or fax it to the USCF office.

Note that authorizing a TD to submit rating reports or memberships on behalf of an affiliate has absolutely nothing to do with whether or not the TD is an officer of the affiliate. Affiliate/club officers are not necessarily TDs (they may not even be USCF members), and TDs do not have to be officers of an affiliate to be authorized to submit rating reports from that affiliate.

Why did I got a message telling me I'm not a certified TD?

There are several possibilities here.

If you are a currently certified TD, the USCF's records may be out of date. You need to contact the USCF ratings department using the contact page and let them know what level of TD certification you have and when it expires.

If your TD certification has expired, you will have to be recertified. Contact the USCF ratings department using the contact page.

If you have never been certified as a TD, you can become a club TD by printing out a form, completing it and sending it to the USCF. To get to that form go to 'Resources' on the USCF website, then to 'Forms'.

Part 2 - Using TD/A

I lost my login ID or my password. Can you help?

Passwords are stored in an encrypted form, and the USCF office does not have any way to tell you what your current password is. Once you have registered an e-mail address, we can send you a new temporary password. See the 'I lost my password' link on the TD/Affiliate Home Page.

If you don't remember your login ID or don't know if you have one, you can request a reminder notice of the TD/A login for your USCF ID. This notice will be emailed to the address the USCF has on file for you (or your affiliate.)

If I submit memberships online and pay for them by check, can I still take the affiliate discount?

Yes, and you can take the online discount as well. It will even compute the net total due from you. However, those memberships will not be activated until the check has been processed by the USCF office, and you also will not be able to submit any rating reports involving those members until the membership check has been processed.

I just tried to upload a file and I got a 'Page Not Found' error. What's the problem?

We think this may be a browser issue. A number of the people who have experienced this problem have solved it by trying the upload using a different browser or a different computer. (Mozilla Firefox seems to work better than Internet Explorer 6, though we have been told that the latest version of IE6 fixes a bug that may be related to this problem, so make sure you're installed the latest service pack for IE6.)

Also, based on working with users with this problem, sometimes it appears to occur if there is a space in the path or the file name being uploaded. For example, if you have the file on the desktop, that folder may have 'Documents and Settings' as part of the path to it. It may also happen if you have the file in 'My Documents'. Try putting the file in a different folder or changing the file name so that there aren't any spaces in it.

I need to have a TD authorized to submit events through my affiliate. Can you add him to the list?

In a word, no. The USCF office does not have the ability to make changes to the list of TDs authorized to submit events using your affiliate ID. Only the affiliate can do that, by using the online form in the TD/Affiliate Support Area.

I have a foreign FIDE-titled player in my tournament but he doesn't have a USCF ID yet. How do I handle this?

Under USCF regulations, foreign FIDE-titled players (GM, IM, WGM, WIM) can play in USCF-rated events without having to pay USCF dues. However, these players still have to have a USCF ID and they must be listed on FIDE's records as a GM, IM, WGM or WIM and listed under a country other than the USA. (Note, however, that these players will NOT earn Grand Prix points from your event unless they become dues-paying USCF members.)

If there is no USCF ID on file for this player, the TD can create one and add the player's FIDE ID to that record. There is a two-step process for this:

1. Create a membership batch and put this person in as a new member using the 'non-member registration' membership choice which is at the bottom of the list. Be sure to include the player's FIDE ID. When you process this batch you will get a new ID for this individual.

(This is also the way to generate a new ID for other exception requests, such as house players who have never been USCF members.)

2. If you included the player's FIDE ID in the above step, the validation program will check that player's FIDE status. If the player is a foreign GM, IM, WGM or WIM, it does not need to check the player's expiration date. However, if there is no FIDE ID on file for that player, then when you submit your event online this individual will be flagged as an error if he or she is a non-member. At that point you can submit a membership exception request to indicate that this person is a foreign FIDE-titled player and provide the player's FIDE information. It will check the FIDE ID, title, and country of registry against the latest FIDE list, and if they match it will update our records to add the player's FIDE ID to his or her USCF record.

If you know you will have a foreign FIDE-titled player in your event, we recommend that you follow the first step shown above to create a USCF ID for that player before your event starts. If the player's name in FIDE's records does not match the player's name in USCF's record, it may be necessary to have the USCF office add the FIDE ID manually. FIDE IDs are shown on MSA.

Under the ratings formula, a player who does not yet have a USCF rating but has a FIDE rating receives an initial USCF rating based on that FIDE rating. The conversion formula uses the player's FIDE rating as of the starting date of the event:

For a player with a FIDE rating under 2200, the starting USCF rating will be the same as that player's FIDE rating. If the FIDE rating is 2150 or lower, it will be treated as if it was a provisional rating based on 5 games. For FIDE ratings over 2150, the starting USCF rating will be treated as if it was a provisional rating based on 10 games.

For a player with a FIDE rating between 2200 and 2600, the starting USCF rating will be $FIDE + (FIDE - 2200) / 8$ (based on 10 games.) (Example: a FIDE rating of 2264 will produce an initial USCF rating of 2272 based on 10 games.)

For a player with a FIDE rating of 2600 or higher, the starting USCF rating will be $FIDE + 50$ (based on 10 games.)

Whether you use this starting rating as the player's USCF rating for section and prize eligibility purposes or use one of the other guidelines in the current USCF rulebook is up to you.

I have a non-member in my adult tournament. How do I do a tournament membership?

First, does this player have a USCF ID yet? If not, see the answer to the previous question (dealing with a foreign player who does not have have an ID yet) and follow the first step to get a USCF ID for this person.

Once you have an ID, you can use it in the rating report. When you validate the rating report, this person will be flagged as a non-member, causing an error.

Players who are under 25 qualify for the a \$7 Junior Tournament Membership, all others qualify for the \$12 Adult Tournament Membership. \$5 of a \$7 Junior TM fee and \$10 of a \$12 Adult TM fee can be applied towards a USCF membership if purchased within 60 days. If at all possible, please supply us with an email

address for Tournament Members so that we can notify them and give them a chance to apply that credit towards a USCF membership.)

When you go to edit the rating report, there should be a checkbox to purchase a tournament membership for this player. (Tournament Memberships are not applicable to USCF National Events.)

Once you check the tournament membership box, have the rating report checked for errors again.

The tournament membership fee will be added in to the total fee when you submit the rating report, along with the rating report fee and any other fees, such as Enhanced Grand Prix fees or FIDE fees.

Please note that the member must already have a USCF ID, if there is no USCF ID associated with that member this will generate an error that must be corrected before the Tournament Membership box will be displayed.

One of my memberships has a spelling error in it. How do I correct it?

There is now a form for correcting minor spelling errors on the 'membership batch select' page. However, changes in someone's legal name and other name changes must still be submitted with proper documentation to the USCF membership department.

A player who used to be a USCF member many years ago played in my event, but his old ID isn't on MSA, so I can't submit his membership yet. How do I reactivate an old ID that's not on MSA?

Follow these steps:

1. Use the old ID on the rating report. When you check the event, this player will be shown as having an invalid USCF ID error.
2. Submit a Membership Exception Report for this player, using the 'Office Action' reason code. Indicate in the comments that this is an old ID that needs to be reactivated. You will need to supply current address information plus any other information you can provide, such as birthdate, that will help the USCF office look up that person in our records. If you know when the person last played, let us know the approximate date and rating, as that will help ensure that we find the right player and get the old rating restored along with the old USCF ID.
3. When the Membership Exception Report is reviewed by the USCF office, we will let you know whether we could find the member in our records and when the ID has been reactivated so that you can then submit a membership renewal.
4. Once the membership has been processed, when you re-check your event the invalid USCF ID error should go away.

Do I have to enter an address or birthdate on a renewal?

If we have a valid address on file for a renewing member, you do not need to enter one on a renewal.

If we do not have a valid address on file, you will be required to provide one.

If the membership is in a category that is age-specific (eg, scholastic, youth, senior, family), if we have a birthdate on file for a renewing member you do not need to enter one. If we do not already have a birthdate on file you will need to enter one, so make sure you always get a birthdate if the membership is in an age-specific category.

If the membership is in a category that is not age-specific (eg, regular adult), you do not need to enter a birthdate, but it is helpful and recommended.

You always have to enter the first and last name, because we match those against the ID to make sure the ID is the correct one.

How do I submit a rating report online?

Follow these steps:

1. Sign up for a login ID to the TD/Affiliate Support Area for yourself (as a TD.)
2. Make sure the affiliate you use has its own login ID to TD/A and has authorized you to submit events through that affiliate. (If the affiliate doesn't have a login ID, an officer of the affiliate will have to sign up for access.)
3. Upload the 3 .DBF files that your pairing program creates (the ones you would put on a floppy disk if using that method.) You can also enter the information manually using the online editing form. (Use the 'Enter New Tournament' option.)
4. Check the event for errors. (The TD is the person responsible for submitting an error-free event. To assist you in catching errors we have color-coded the online edit form to make potential problems more visible. You can also order a crosstable via e-mail of a pending event.)
5. If there are errors, you can correct them online using the editing form and repeat step 4 or you can create a new set of files and start again at step 3. (If you upload the event again, you will have to delete the old event ID from your workarea.)
6. When the event passes the validation check and you are satisfied that there are no errors in it, submit it for rating.
 - o If you pay online via credit card it will be rated in the next hourly cycle. (Normally we rate events every hour from 7AM to 11PM Central Time.)
 - o When deposit accounts are made available, if your affiliate has sufficient funds in its deposit account and you are authorized to utilize those funds, you may pay the ratings fee from the deposit account and the event will be rated in the next hourly cycle.
 - o If you send a check to the USCF the event will be rated when the check has been received.

How do I submit a FIDE-rated event online?

There are several things you need to do to submit a FIDE-rated event:

- The event should generally be registered with FIDE in advance. Contact the USCF office for this.
- The 'Section Type' in the FIDE-rated section(s) should be changed to FIDE-Rated.
- It is **very important** to give precise and detailed information about the time controls used for FIDE-rated sections, especially if there are multiple schedules for some rounds or if some rounds have a different time control than other rounds. That's because the report to FIDE can only include those games played under FIDE-ratable conditions. Also, the time control may affect whether FIDE title norms can be earned from your event.
- There are additional fees for FIDE-rated events. Contact the USCF office about this, as those fees may be changing as a result of changes by FIDE.
- Note that as of January 1, 2007, FIDE is requiring color information. A new version of the USCF's tournament reporting file format is in development. Until it is ready and the major pairing programs are updated to support it, you will need to supply a crosstable of your FIDE rated event (including color information) to the USCF office. Contact Walter Brown (wbrown@uschess.org) to make arrangements to supply that crosstable.

What time control do I report?

Let's handle the easy case first: If all games in a section are played at the same time control, that's what you should report. (Remember to report primary Sudden Death time controls like this: Game/10, Game/30, Game/90, Game/120, etc.)

If there are multiple schedules for a round, or if not all rounds use the same time control, in general the slowest time control used for any game in any round determines whether the event can be regular rated only, dual-rated, or quick rated only.

Two important principles to remember are that games played at a primary time control faster than 30 minutes can **never** be regular-rated and games played at a time control that is slower than Game/60 or not a sudden death primary time control can **never** be quick-rated.

Another important rule is that adjustments to the initial time period because of an increment or delay mode clock **do not** change the primary time control for ratings purposes. Thus, if the time control is Game/30 with 5 seconds delay and players are permitted to set clocks supporting delay mode at 25 minutes (per rule 5F in the USCF rulebook), this is still a Game/30 time control for ratings purposes. (See the final paragraph of this entry for further complications.)

If all games are between Game/5 and Game/29, then it can only be quick-rated.

If all games are at primary Sudden Death time controls of between Game/30 and Game/60, then it must be dual-rated. This is **not** an option that the organizer or TD can choose, it is a USCF regulation. Contrary to what it may say on older rating report forms (which may also have the wrong fees on them), there is no additional fee to dual rate events, even if submitting them on paper.

If not all rounds are at a primary Sudden Death time control or if any round is at a primary Sudden Death time control slower than Game/60, then the section can only be regular-rated.

Here's the complicated part: If some rounds are faster than Game/30 and other rounds are Game/30 or slower (or not a primary Sudden Death time control) then you should break the event into two sections for rating purposes. The rounds played at time controls faster than Game/30 would be quick-rated only, the others would be dual-rated or regular-rated, depending upon the slowest time control for any of those rounds.

What order are games rated in?

All games by a player in a section are pooled together and rated at the same time using the ratings formula (available [here](#)). This is true even if a player had more than one pairing number in a section, because of things like multiple schedules that are merged into a single section or because of reentries.

The ratings formula does not pay any attention to the order in which the games were played. A loss to a 1200 player in round 1 and a win against a 1300 player in round 2 would produce the same post-event ratings as a win against a 1300 player in round 1 and a loss to a 1200 player in round 2.

The order in which we rate sections is predetermined based on the following:

1. Section ending date.
2. Section beginning date.
3. 12 digit USCF Event ID.
4. Section number as assigned by the TD.

(The 3rd term only comes into play when there are multiple events with the same beginning and ending date, but is needed to ensure that we are completely consistent about the order in which we rate events.)

Suppose an event has 4 sections:

Section 1 begins on March 10th and ends on March 11th
Section 2 begins and ends on March 10th.

Section 3 begins and ends on March 11th.
Section 4 begins and ends on March 11th.

We would rate those events in the following order:

- A - Section 2, since it started and ended first.
- B - Section 1, since it ended later than section 2.
- C - Section 3, since it started later than section 1 or 2.
- D - Section 4, since it has a higher section number than section 3.

We have no way to track intra-day timing or when particular rounds were played with the information we have, the starting and ending dates for a section. If there are two sections, one held in the morning and one held in the afternoon, we would rate them in section number order. It is up to the TD to assign the section numbers in intra-day order if that is significant.

For events that run longer than about six weeks, TDs are requested to submit monthly rating reports, so that those games are rated promptly and in a reasonable order with other events that those players may have played in.

It is inappropriate to give false information regarding the starting and ending date of sections in order to try to force a different rating order, and that will inevitably lead to complaints from players that we have the section starting and ending dates wrong.

I had a no-show from someone who is not a current USCF member, what do I do about that?

The easiest way to handle this is to change the ID to 25000000, that's a special ID you can use for no-shows. (It cannot be used for any ratable games, though.)

I left a round or some players off an event that has been rated. How do I correct an event that has been rated? How do I delete a section of an event after it has been rated?

For simple corrections (changing results or player IDs), you need to send the correction to the USCF office. You can email the correction to ratingsmgr@uschess.org. The office will need this information:

- The 12 digit USCF event ID and event name.
- The section number and name.
- The players' pairing numbers. (Keep in mind that the pairing numbers as shown on MSA may not match those in the original rating report. We need the *original* pairing numbers.)
- The players' USCF IDs and names. (Please note: If an ID appears more than once in the crosstable, correctly or because of an ID error, you will need to provide enough information, such as the final score or round-by-round results, to uniquely identify the pairing # that needs to be changed.)
- If player IDs need to be changed, list the correct IDs and player names.
- If game results need to be changed, list the results as originally reported and the corrections needed.

If the section dates, the time control or the rating system need to be changed, we need the event ID, the event name, the section number and the section name, along with the current information and the correction to be made to that information, such as the section dates, the correct time control or the correct ratings system(s).

If the event ending date is incorrect, or if you left some players off completely or need to add a round, the only way to correct those types of errors is to have the USCF office delete the section or event. Then you

can re-enter it. TDs usually choose to delete all sections of an event and redo the entire event so that all sections appear under the same 12 digit USCF Event ID.

To have a section (or all sections) of an event deleted, send the 12 digit USCF Event ID, the event name, the section number and the section name to the USCF office. You can e-mail that information to the ratings manager (ratingsmgr@uschess.org) or to Judy Misner, jmisner@uschess.org.

Once the section or event has been deleted, you can upload the section or event again. Contact the ratings manager (ratingsmrg@uschess.org) or Judy Misner (jmisner@uschess.org), they can tell you the amount of any additional rating fee needed and/or waive the ratings fee waived for the corrected event.

How do I enter split (or inconsistent) results such as a win for one player and a draw for the other player?

First of all, is this **really necessary**? This topic has come up several times in the [USCF Forums](#). While there may be reasons to do this for prize purposes, it is harder to justify why that should affect the ratings from that event.

However, the way to do this is to edit the event after uploading it (but before submitting it for rating) to use a different result code for the two players to indicate what the result should be for each player for rating purposes. This will prevent an inconsistent results error. Use this table to determine the result code:

Result	Result Code
Win	N (as in wiN)
Draw	R (as in dRaw)
Loss	S (as in losS)

How do I handle a house player who isn't a USCF member?

See [Non-Member House Players](#).

How do I decide if a side event or extra game between two players is a match?

Under the new match rules, any section in which there are just two players is a match if there are two or more games involved.

For sections in which there is just one game. here's how to decide whether or not the section should be coded as a match:

- **If two players come to you and ask you to rate a game between them, then that's a match, because the players chose to play each other.**
- **If this is a one-game playoff between two players (such as a playoff to decide prizes), that's a match, too. (However, see below.)**
- **But, if this is a house player situation or due to some pairing issues, which means that you, the TD, decided that these two players should face each other instead of facing some other players, then it is not a match.**

If a two-player playoff involves players who do not have established ratings or where there is a ratings difference of more than 400 points, you will have to contact the office to explain the circumstances and have them override the match rules requirement before you can rate those games.

The USCF office also has the discretion to treat any event in which two players play each other three or more times (even if spread across multiple sections) as if those games were a match.

I'm working on an event, but I have the wrong ending date or a section needs to be deleted. How can I fix that?

The tournament ending date is used to generate the 12 digit USCF Event ID, so you can't change it.

However, there is a way to fix this by copying the event and creating a new event with the right tournament ending date and a new event ID.

There is an option on the TD/Affiliate menu, 'Copy a pending event'. This will allow you to copy your event, changing the tournament ending date and generating a new event ID. This tool will also enable you to select which sections to copy, so it can be used to delete unneeded or erroneous sections.

You can then make any additional corrections needed to the copy and check it for errors. (Remember to delete the original copy of your event under the old event ID when you're sure you no longer need it.)

Can I renew my affiliate online?

Yes, you can renew your affiliate membership through the USCF Webstore.

An affiliate can also renew its affiliate membership through the membership module in the TD/Affiliate Support Area. However, TDs cannot renew any affiliates and an affiliate can only renew its own affiliate, not that of other affiliates.

How do I report a Round Robin, such as a quad?

You have two choices:

- 1. Use the Round Robin format, in which the column represents the opponent number, so the grid for a quad is 4x4. In this format the result square should only contain the result, e.g., W, L or D, with a * in the 1x1, 2x2, 3x3 and 4x4 grid squares. (If you don't put in the same number for the players and 'rounds', you will get an error message.)**
- 2. Treat it as a Swiss using the Crenshaw-Berger pairings for each round.**

Either method will generate the same ratings.