

2026 Championships Program

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as may be determined by the program director**

I. Overview

The Championships Program is intended to provide an ongoing competition to first qualify for and then win the title of Club Champion. As it is a club championship, the program is designed to require and encourage both participation and performance. Players earn points towards qualifying by finishing in the top places of the event. A gating factor is that points must be earned from some N number of events.

Two championship titles will be awarded:

- Club Champion – For any players who qualify
- Class Champion – For players U1700 who qualify

The Championship tournament will be run concurrent with the main events for the month, making in all four sections, Club, Class, Open and U1700.

II. Qualifying for an Invitation

A. Club Championship specific

- The top six point earners from among all players in the club are invited to participate in the Club Championship section.
- If someone is unable to play in the event, the invitations continue to progress down the list until six players are found to participate.

B. Class Championship specific

- The top six point earners whose rating as of the February supplement remains below 1700 will be invited to play in the Class Championship section.
- If a player also qualifies to play in the Club section, they have the option to play in that section and relinquish their spot in the Class section.
- If someone is unable to play in the event, the invitations continue to progress down the list until six players are found to participate.

C. For all players

- Points must be earned from a **minimum of 4 events**.
 - If this number of events is not met, they will not receive an invitation

III. Points Allocation

- Points and standings will be tracked using a Google Sheet
 - See the website homepage for the link
- Points shall be awarded in the same manner as prizes are for chess tournaments.
- The Allocation of points for events during the year are as follows:

Place Points Awarded				
	4 Weeks		5 Weeks	
Place	Open Pts	Under Pts	Open Pts	Under Pts
1	40	20	50	25
2	32	16	40	20
3	24	12	30	15
4	16	8	20	10
	112	56	140	70
	168		210	

IV. Tournament details

- Both sections will be:
 - 5-RR, G/90; d5 with random seeding
 - This results in pairings being known in advance for all five rounds
- Players should only accept the invitation if they can commit to play all 5 rounds.
 - If a player knows in advance, they will not be able to play only one round, they can inquire if accommodation may be made but must not expect that it will be.
- If the club cannot meet for some reason, the round will be made up during the following month's event.
 - If the game cannot be made up due to both opponents being unable to find a common night, both shall receive half-point byes
- If a game cannot be played due to one player being unable to play, the game may be made up with agreement of the opponent during the following month's event.
- If the player who was initially unable to play cannot be accommodated by the opponent to make up the game, the player will receive a zero point bye and his opponent a half-point bye.

V. Prizes

- The prizes for the Championship Sections are:

Club	\$ 160
	\$ 120
	\$ 100
Class	\$ 120
	\$ 100
	\$ 60

Prize Fund: \$ 660

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