

We seek to balance the comfort of informality with strict competitive conditions. The unifying concept to achieve this is to have respect for all: in the interactions among the players themselves, and with the organizers. We strive to make each section meet the desires of the players to show their growth in chess, as well as to be a very competitive contest. Each player wants to play as many games as available. Please inform the TD if you cannot or do not wish to play another round. Any unannounced withdrawal will have a penalty.

Regarding food: A high-level tourney would have a refreshment bar off-stage. Here we have a skittles area, and unlike many other tournaments in the Northwest, have provided adequate time between rounds for a meal. So, please, no food at the board if it disturbs the other players because of the lack of space, noise, or aroma. If you need more food for energy while playing, we ask that you consume this just a short distance away in the skittles area. Water, coffee, juice may be consumed at the board if there is space available.

Players must write their moves on a score-sheet; their own, or on the one provided by the organizers, after each move. No exceptions to this, unless previously cleared with the TD; and not doing so may invite a penalty.

Please be prompt for each round. We would like clocks to be ready, and set to go by five minutes before each round start time. One hour after the round start time is the forfeiture time.

Please turn off all cell phones and any electronic equipment that might disturb the concentration of the players in the playing room. Penalties will be assessed for any infractions.

Picture taking with flash equipment will be permitted only during the first five minutes of any round.

Please help us keep the playing site and outer rooms clean by putting all trash into garbage bins as soon as possible. We also ask that you not use the vending machines in the playing room while the games are being played.