

TAFCA INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

RULES

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 An organiser shall be elected at the AGM. The organiser shall co-opt a sub-committee to assist in the running of the event if they so wish,
- 1.2 Except where modified by these rules. FIDE rules of chess will apply.
- 1.3 Participation in this event implies acceptance of the events competition rules herein.

2. FUNDING

- 2.1 The event shall endeavour to be self-financing. However TAFCA shall underwrite the event to a limit approved at the AGM. This will include payment of grading fees.
- 2.2 An entry fee will be charged for this event.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 Only players of affiliated TAFCA clubs (*Bona fide*) can take part.
- 3.2 All players must be fully paid up members of their respective affiliated TAFCA chess clubs.
- 3.3 While clubs are responsible for their own membership structure, (*TAFCA has no say in this matter*), TAFCA have the right to ask clubs to confirm if a player is a fully paid up member.
- 3.4 TAFCA has the right to refuse entry to anyone without given a reason.

4. FORMAT

- 4.1 The individual will be a 5 or 6 round Swiss weekend congress style event, conducted over two or three days.
- 4.2 The pairings will be done either by hand or a computer program using either, FIDE, Chess Scotland or any other program that meets the pairing criteria.
- 4.3 Byes can be requested in the first 4 or 5 rounds (*depending if 5 or 6 rounds*), but not in the last round.
- 4.4 Only one bye per player allowed.
- 4.5 In the last round, "King of the Hill" pairings where possible will be used in the Presidents Cup and Challenge Shield.

5. TIME-CONTROLS

- 5.1 TAFCA League time controls will be used.

6. POINTS SYSTEM

- 6.1 Win = 1 point: Draw = ½ point: Lose = Zero points.

7. PLACINGS

- 7.1 The player(s) will be sorted in highest points order.
- 7.2 The player(s) with the most points at the end of the each competition will be the winners.

8. TIE-BREAKS

- 8.1 In the event of a tie, the titles will be shared.

9. TROPHIES

- 9.1 There are 3 main sections in this tournament:

- a) TAFCA Individual Champion (Open Event)
- b) President's Cup (Under 1650): grading based.
- c) Challenge Shield (Under 1400): grading based

9.2 Trophies will be presented after the event has finished for publicity photographs. Then they will be handed back for engraving and presented officially at the TAFCA AGM. (*see TAFCA rule book, rules 26.1 & 26*)

10. PRIZE MONEY

- 10.1 Prize money will be subject to entries, but the following winners/places will be allocated prize money:

- a) Individual Champion
- b) Individual Runner-up
- c) President's winner
- d) Challenge Shield winner

10.2 Only if funding allows will grading prizes be given.

11. REFUND POLICY

- 11.1 Players withdrawing on the day before the event, will be eligible for a refund, less £5 admin charge.

12. PHOTOGRAPHS

12.1 Photographs taken at the event may be used for publicity and record purposes.

12.2 By entering this event you are deemed to have given permission for us to use any photo's taken for publicity purposes (*newspapers, Websites, Facebook, etc*).

12.3 Any objections to this policy should be notified to the event organiser prior to the event taking place.

13. DISPUTES

13.1 The organiser/Arbiter's decision is final in all matters. No appeals will be entertained.

14. CONTROL

14.1 The organisers (*TAFCA*) have the right to take any measures to ensure the smooth running of the event.

15. J.R.CHALMERS MEMORIAL GRAND PRIX

15.1 The TAFCA OTB Individual is a designated J.R.Chalmers Grand Prix event (*see rules on the J.R.Chalmers Grand Prix*).

THE GEORGE PYRICH ALLEGRO CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

RULES

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The organiser shall be elected at the AGM. The organiser shall co-opt a sub-committee to assist in the running of the event if they so wish.
- 1.2 Except where modified by these rules, FIDE rules of chess apply.
- 1.3 Participation in this event implies acceptance of the events competition rules herein.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Only players of affiliated TAFCA clubs (*Bona fide*) can take part.
- 2.2 All players must be fully paid up members of their respective affiliated TAFCA chess clubs.
- 2.3 While clubs are responsible for their own membership structure, (*TAFCA has no say in this matter*), TAFCA have the right to ask clubs to confirm if a player is a fully paid up member.
- 2.4 TAFCA has the right to refuse entry to anyone without given a reason.

3. FORMAT

- 3.1 The George Pyrich Allegro Championship Series will consist of 5 individual allegro championship nights.
- 3.2 Each of the main clubs (*not including University clubs*) shall hold the championship on their official club night.
- 3.3 Players register on the night by turning up at the event.
- 3.4 The allegro will be a 5 round Swiss conducted by hand, or a computer program using either, FIDE, Chess Scotland, or any other program that meets the paring criteria.
- 3.5 Players can leave the competition at anytime, but “MUST” do so before the next round draw is made or you will be paired even if you leave the competition and someone will be left without a game!
- 3.6 Chess Scotland allegro gradings will be used.

4. TIME-CONTROL

- 4.1 All moves in 15 minutes each player.

5. ILLEGAL MOVES

- 5.1 An illegal move ends the game with your opponent getting the win.

6. MATCH POINTS SYSTEM

- 6.1 Win = 1 point; Draw = ½ point; Loss = Zero points.

7. PLACINGS

- 7.1 Players will be placed in points order on the night of each event.

8. GRAND PRIX POINTS SYSTEM

- 8.1 1st = 5 points; 2nd = 4 points; 3rd = 3 points; 4th = 2 points; 5th = 1 point.
- 8.2 Each player that plays gets a bonus point for taking part.

9. OVERALL SERIES WINNER

- 9.1 The player with the most Grand Prix points after all 5 nights will be crowned the George Pyrich Allegro OTB Champion.

10. TIE-BREAK

- 10.1 In the event of a tie, the trophies will be shared.

11. TROPHIES

- 11.1 An annual trophy will be presented to the winner only and presented at the TAFCA AGM.
- 11.2 If not present, the trophy will be handed to the respective club to pass on.

12. DISPUTES

- 12.1 If any disputes arise it is hoped players and the controller can work it out without coming to the committee.
- 12.2 Any disputes that cannot be resolved on the night should be referred to the committee in writing or email with full details of the dispute within 5 days of the dispute.
- 12.3 The committee’s decision is final, but an appeal will be allowed.

13. APPEALS

13.1 All appeals must be submitted in writing or email to the General Secretary, giving the basis of the appeal and not later than 7 days after the end of the season. Each appeal must be accompanied by a remittance for £10 which will be returned if appeal is successful.

13.2 An appeal shall be heard ASAP, or at the next scheduled committee meeting, or within 21 days of the season ending, whichever is sooner. The appellant shall be required to attend the meeting. Failure to do so will result in the appeal being dismissed. No further appeals shall be permitted.

14. PHOTOGRAPHS

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12.3 Any objections to this policy should be notified to the event organiser prior to the event taking place.

15. CONTROL

14.1 The organisers (*TAFCA*) have the right to take any measures to ensure the smooth running of the event.

16. J.R.CHALMERS MEMORIAL GRAND PRIX

15.1 The TAFCA OTB Individual is a designated J.R.Chalmers Grand Prix event (*see rules on the J.R.Chalmers Grand Prix*).

THE TAFCA ONLINE SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The competition will be played on Lichess.org platform website.
- 1.2 Except where modified by these rules, FIDE rules of chess apply.
- 1.3 Participation in this event implies acceptance of the events competition rules herein.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Only players of affiliated TAFCA clubs (*Bona fide*) can take part.
- 2.2 All players must be fully paid up members of their respective affiliated TAFCA chess clubs.
- 2.3 While clubs are responsible for their own membership structure, (*TAFCA has no say in this matter*), TAFCA have the right to ask clubs to confirm if a player is a fully paid up member.
- 2.4 All players must be registered with the “TAFCA League Online” Lichess page. If not registered, you cannot play in this tournament.
- 2.5 TAFCA has the right to refuse entry to anyone without given a reason.
- 2.6 If your Lichess account is closed by Lichess, you will not be eligible to play and must contact the TAFCA committee immediately to sort out. (*see also Fair-Play policy*)

3. FORMAT

- 3.1 The TAFCA Online Singles Championship is a 5 round Swiss event using Swiss pairings conducted by hand, or a computer program using either, FIDE, Chess Scotland, or any other program that meets the pairing criteria.
- 3.2 “ALL” players are responsible for arranging their own matches by the deadline date.
- 3.3 All matches must take place on the Lichess.org platform.
- 3.4 The designated night to play the match is a Sunday. Players can play on another night if they both agree. Players can agree any time for the match to start. If no agreement can be reached, the default of a Sunday, 7:30pm shall be enforced.
- 3.5 Any player not playing their match by the deadline date will be defaulted unless they have given the organiser a good reason for the match not taken place.
- 3.6 Repeated defaults will result in the offending player(s) being withdrawn from the competition.
- 3.7 Chess Scotland “Normal” grades will be used. If ungraded, an estimate must be given.
- 3.8 **Take-Back Requests:** You are not allowed to ask for, or agree to take-back a move even in error (mouse-slip).

4. BYES

- 4.1 Any player may request a ½ point bye in any round, except the last round.

5. TIME-CONTROL

- 5.1 All moves in 45 minutes + 15 seconds increments from move one both players.

6. MATCH POINTS SYSTEM

- 6.1 Win = 1 point; Draw = ½ point; Loss = Zero points.

7. PLACINGS

- 7.1 Players will be placed in highest points order, with the player with the most points after the 5 round becoming champion.

8. TIE-BREAK

- 8.1 In the event of a tie, the trophies will be shared.

9. TROPHIES

- 9.1 An annual trophy will be presented to the winner only and presented at the TAFCA AGM.
- 9.2 If not present, the trophy will be handed to the respective club to pass on.

10. DISPUTES

- 10.1 If any disputes arise it is hoped players and the controller can work it out without coming to the committee.
- 10.2 Any disputes that cannot be resolved on the night should be referred to the committee in writing or email with full details of the dispute within 5 days of the dispute.
- 10.3 The organiser’s decision is final, but an appeal will be allowed.

11. APPEALS

- 13.1 All appeals must be submitted in writing or email to the General Secretary, giving the basis of the appeal and not later than 7 days after the end of the season. Each appeal must be accompanied by a remittance for £10 which will be returned if appeal is successful.
- 13.2 An appeal shall be heard ASAP, or at the next scheduled committee meeting, or within 21 days of the season ending, whichever is sooner. The appellant shall be required to attend the meeting. Failure to do so will result in the appeal being dismissed. No further appeals shall be permitted.

12. CONTROL

- 14.1 The organisers (*TAFCA*) have the right to take any measures to ensure the smooth running of the event.

THE TAFCA ONLINE ALLEGRO CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

RULES

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The competition is run on the Lichess.org platform website
- 1.2 Except where modified by these rules. FIDE rules of chess will apply. (TAFCA & Lichess.org)
- 1.3 Participation in this event implies acceptance of the event's competition rules herein.
- 1.4 Once the competition is under way, Lichess.org are the sole organisers of the tournament. TAFCA has no control of the tournament once it starts.
- 1.5 Lichess Swiss pairing rules apply (*see Lichess website for full details*)

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Only players of affiliated TAFCA clubs (*Bona fide*) can take part.
- 2.2 All players must be fully paid up members of their respective affiliated TAFCA chess clubs.
- 2.3 While clubs are responsible for their own membership structure, (*TAFCA has no say in this matter*), TAFCA have the right to ask clubs to confirm if a player is a fully paid up member.
- 2.4 All players must be registered with the "TAFCA League Online" Lichess page. If not registered, you cannot play in this tournament.
- 2.5 TAFCA and Lichess has the right to refuse entry to anyone without given a reason.
- 2.6 If your Lichess account is closed by Lichess, you will not be eligible to play and must contact the TAFCA committee immediately to sort out. (*see also Fair-Play policy*)

3. FORMAT

- 3.1 The TAFCA Allegro Championship Series will consist of 5 individual allegro championship nights.
- 3.2 All championship nights will take place on a Tuesday night, 7:30pm on Lichess.org.
- 3.3 Players register on the night by going to the "TAFCA League Online" Lichess page.
- 3.4 The pairings will be done automatically by Lichess using their pairing system.
- 3.5 Players can leave the competition at anytime, but "MUST" do so before the next round draw is made or you will be paired even if you leave the competition and someone will be left without a game!
- 3.6 All nights will be a 5 round Swiss.
- 3.7 Lichess Rapid gradings will be used.
- 3.8 **Take-Back Requests:** You are not allowed to ask for, or agree to take back a move even in error (mouse-slip).

4. TIME-CONTROL

- 4.1 All moves in 15 minutes each player.

5. COUNTDOWN CLOCKS FOR INDIVIDUAL MATCHES

- 5.1 There is a countdown clock for your first move in a game (white & black). Failing to make the required move within that time will result in a forfeit of the match to your opponent. This is irreversible.

6. MATCH POINTS SYSTEM

- 6.1 Win = 1 point; Draw = ½ point; Loss = Zero points.

7. PLACINGS

- 7.1 Players will be placed in points order on the night of each event. Lichess tie-break system will not count.

8. GRAND PRIX POINTS SYSTEM

- 8.1 1st = 5 points; 2nd = 4 points; 3rd = 3 points; 4th = 2 points; 5th = 1 point.
- 8.2 Each player that plays gets a bonus point for taking part.

9. OVERALL SERIES WINNER

- 9.1 The player with the most Grand Prix points after all 5 nights will be crowned the TAFCA Online Allegro Champion.

10. TIE-BREAK

- 10.1 In the event of a tie, the trophies will be shared.

11. TROPHIES

- 11.1 An annual trophy will be presented to the winner only and presented at the TAFCA AGM.
- 11.2 If not present, the trophy will be handed to the respective club to pass on.

12. DISPUTES

- 12.1 Any disputes should be referred to the committee by email within 5 days of dispute taking place
- 12.2 While TAFCA is willing to hear any disputes referred to them, TAFCA has no control over Lichess run events on the night
- 12.3 The committee's decision on said matters will be final and no appeals be allowed.

13. CONTROL

- 14.1 The organisers (*TAFCA*) have the right to take any measures to ensure the smooth running of the event.

TAFCA TEAM BATTLE

(Incorporating the Individual title)

RULES

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 The competition is run on the Lichess.org platform website
- 1.2 Except where modified by these rules. FIDE rules of chess will apply. (TAFCA & Lichess.org)
- 1.3 Participation in this event implies acceptance of the event's competition rules herein.
- 1.4 Once the competition is under way, Lichess.org are the sole organisers of the tournament. TAFCA has no control of the tournament once it starts.
- 1.5 Lichess Team Battle rules apply (*see Lichess website for full details*)

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Only players of affiliated TAFCA clubs (*Bona fide*) can take part.
- 2.2 All players must be fully paid up members of their respective affiliated TAFCA chess clubs.
- 2.3 While clubs are responsible for their own membership structure, (*TAFCA has no say in this matter*), TAFCA have the right to ask clubs to confirm if a player is a fully paid up member.
- 2.4 All players must be registered with the "TAFCA League Online" Lichess page. If not registered, you cannot play in this tournament.
- 2.5 TAFCA and Lichess has the right to refuse entry to anyone without given a reason.
- 2.6 If your Lichess account is closed by Lichess, you will not be eligible to play and must contact the TAFCA committee immediately to sort out. (*see also Fair-Play policy*)

3. FORMAT

- 3.1 The TAFCA Team Battle will be held on a designated night.
- 3.2 There will be a team champion and an individual champion.
- 3.3 Players register on the night on the "TAFCA League Online" Lichess page.
- 3.4 The set time for the tournament is: 1 hour and 30 minutes. The tournament ends after that time has elapsed.
 - a) Start time: 7:30pm (19:30hrs)
 - b) finish time: 9:00pm (21:00hrs)
- 3.5 The pairings will be done automatically by Lichess.org.
- 3.6 Each player will be paired based on their Lichess Blitz grades.
- 3.7 After you have finished your match, you press "return to lobby" and you will be paired ASAP with a player close to your ranking.
- 3.8 You may play the same player more than once,
- 3.9 You will never play a player from your own team.
- 3.10 Players can take a break at any time and as many times as they wish by clicking the "Pause" button. Players re-join the action by clicking the "Join" button.
- 3.11 Players can leave the competition at anytime, but remember this may have an impact on your teams score.
- 3.12 **Take-Back Requests:** You are not allowed to ask for, or agree to take back a move even in error (mouse-slip).

4. COMPOSITION OF TAFCA TEAMS

- 4.1 Teams can be made up like your TAFCA league teams, or a mix of any players from your club.
- 4.2 Clubs can enter as TAFCA league teams (*Castlehill A, B; Dundee A, B, etc*), or as a Chess Club (*Kirkcaldy, Newport, Perth etc*)
- 4.3 Teams should consist of a minimum of 4 players, but can play with three players, but this will have an impact on their scores.
- 4.4 A player can only play for one team.
- 4.5 **LEADERS:** A team can have up to 20 players: A set number of players per team will be set for scoring purposes depending on team numbers (*called "LEADERS"*). Only the points from the players in that set number will count towards the team score. This means if one team has only 5 players, and another team 10 players, they will not hold an unfair advantage.

5. TIME-CONTROL

- 5.1 All moves in 5 minutes + 3 seconds increments from move one.
- 5.2 There is a countdown clock for the whole tournament and it starts counting down from 1 hour 30 minutes when the tournament starts.
- 5.3 Once the countdown clock reaches zero the tournament ends and the results and standings are frozen.
- 5.4 Any games still in progress when the clock reaches zero do not count, but must be completed.

6. COUNTDOWN CLOCKS FOR INDIVIDUAL MATCHES

- 6.1 There is a countdown clock for your first move in a game (white & black). Failing to make the required move within that time will result in a forfeit of the match to your opponent. This is irreversible.

7. MATCH POINTS SYSTEM

- 7.1 Win = 2 points; Draw = 1 point; Loss = Zero points.
- 7.2 Drawing a game within 10 moves will earn neither player any points.
- 7.3 Lichess Bersek and Streaks rules are not active.

8. TEAM/INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS

- 8.1 The team/Individual with the most points, will be declared the winner.

9. TIE-BREAK

- 9.1 In the event of teams/individuals being tied, the Lichess tournament performance tie-breaker is in affect and a winner declared. (*Only one winner allowed*).

10. TROPHIES

- 10.1 An annual trophy will be awarded to the top team and Individual (after tie-breaks etc)
- 10.2 Trophies will be presented to the team and individual at the TAFCA AGM.
- 11.2 If not present, the trophy will be handed to the respective club to pass on.

11. DISPUTES

- 11.1 Any disputes should be referred to the committee by email within 5 days of dispute taking place
- 11.2 While TAFCA is willing to hear any disputes referred to them, TAFCA has no control over Lichess run events on the night
- 11.3 The committee's decision on said matters will be final and no appeals be allowed.

12. CONTROL

- 12.1 The organisers (*TAFCA*) have the right to take any measures to ensure the smooth running of the event.

THE J.R.CHALMERS MEMORIAL GRAND PRIX RULES

1. GENERAL

- 1.1 All the rules of this event must not add anything to the burden of weekend congress events and their organisers.
- 1.2 Except where modified by these rules, FIDE rules of chess apply.
- 1.3 Participation in this event implies acceptance of the events competition rules herein.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Only players of affiliated TAFCA clubs (*Bona fide*) can take part.
- 2.2 All players must be fully paid up members of their respective affiliated TAFCA chess clubs.
- 2.3 While clubs are responsible for their own membership structure, (*TAFCA has no say in this matter*), TAFCA have the right to ask clubs to confirm if a player is a fully paid up member.
- 2.4 Entry is automatic when entering a TAFCA designated Grand Prix event.

3. FORMAT

- 3.1 Only TAFCA designated events count.
- 3.2 Any normal time-control Congress taking place within the TAFCA area will be included in the J.R.Chalmers Memorial Grand Prix (*Dundee, Perth, etc*)
- 3.3 The TAFCA League and the OTB George Pyrich Allegro Championship Series is also included.
- 3.4 To gain points, a player just needs to enter any designated TAFCA J.R.Chalmers Grand Prix event.
- 3.5 You must play a minimum of three games in an event for your score to be eligible for Grand Prix points (*excluding the TAFCA league*).
- 3.6 Your points score in any of the TAFCA designated events will make up your Grand Prix points, excluding full or half point byes/defaults.
- 3.7 Results: Grand Prix points will be updated online ASAP once the results of an event have been submitted for grading to Chess Scotland. If you think your scores are wrong, please contact the organiser immediately,

4. PLACINGS

- 4.1 The player with the most points at the end of the season will be the winner.
- 4.2 No tie-breaks in operation, players will share title is tied.

5. TROPHIES

- 5.1 An annual trophy will be presented to the winner only and presented at the TAFCA AGM.
- 5.2 If not present, the trophy will be handed to the respective club to pass on.

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