

# Tulsa Cathedral Chess Tournament – Terms and Conditions

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By registering for and participating in the Tulsa Cathedral Chess Tournament, all participants (or their legal guardians if under 18) agree to the following Terms and Conditions. These terms apply to all entrants in both the Rated and Unrated brackets of the event.

## 1. Eligibility

- The Tournament is open to all ages.
  - Participants under the age of 18 must have permission from a parent or legal guardian.
  - Registration must be completed before the deadline through the official tournament platform.
  - Players may only register for **one bracket (Rated OR Unrated)** and may not compete in both.
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## 2. Tournament Brackets

### A. Rated Bracket

- Open to players with an official chess rating from USCF.
- Participants must provide proof of rating upon registration (e.g., membership ID, membership number).
- Games will be submitted for official rating.
- Participants must follow all official federation rules in addition to tournament-specific rules.

### B. Unrated Bracket

- Open to beginners, casual players, and those without an official rating.
  - Games in this bracket will **not** affect any official rating.
  - Designed to promote learning, enjoyment, and community engagement.
  - No rating verification is required, but participants with official ratings may not compete in this bracket.
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## 3. Format and Rules

- Time controls, round formats, and pairings will be outlined prior to the event.
- Standard chess rules (based on USCF) apply in both brackets.

- Tournament Directors reserve the right to adjust pairings or time controls in case of unexpected circumstances.
  - Electronic devices (phones, tablets, etc.) must be turned off or silenced during play.
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#### **4. Code of Conduct**

All participants must demonstrate good sportsmanship and respectful behavior. The following are strictly prohibited:

- Cheating (including use of chess engines, outside assistance, or any unfair aid)
- Disruptive behavior or verbal abuse
- Harassment or discrimination of any kind
- Intentionally delaying games or manipulating results

Violations may result in warnings, forfeits, disqualification, or banning from future events.

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#### **5. Supervision of Minors**

- Participants under the age of 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
  - The organizers are not responsible for supervising minors outside of official match play.
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#### **6. Health and Safety**

- Organizers will follow local health and safety guidelines in effect at the time of the event.
  - Any participant showing signs of illness may be asked to withdraw or reschedule.
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#### **7. Awards and Prizes**

- Trophies, medals, and/or prizes will be awarded in each bracket based on final standings.
  - Tie-break systems will be announced before the start of the tournament.
  - Prizes are non-transferable and must be collected in person unless otherwise arranged.
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## **8. Media Release**

By participating, players and guardians grant permission for the tournament organizers to photograph, record, or stream matches and related activities. These materials may be used for promotional, educational, or archival purposes.

If you prefer not to be photographed or recorded, notify the organizers in writing **prior to the event**.

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## **9. Liability Waiver**

- Participation is at your own risk.
  - The organizers, sponsors, and venue owners are not responsible for injury, illness, lost property, or other damages.
  - By registering, participants (or their guardians) waive any claims of liability against the organizers.
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## **10. Cancellations and Refunds**

- Tournament fees are refundable until the start of the tournament.
  - In case of unforeseen circumstances (e.g., weather, venue issues), organizers may reschedule or convert the event to an online format.
  - Any changes will be communicated via the contact info provided during registration.
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## **11. Dispute Resolution**

- All disputes will be resolved by the Chief Tournament Director or appointed officials.
  - Their decisions are final.
  - Any appeals must be made in writing within 30 minutes of the incident in question.
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## **12. Privacy Policy**

- Information collected during registration will be used only for the purposes of organizing and running the tournament.
  - Personal information will not be shared or sold to third parties.
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### **13. Acceptance of Terms**

By completing the registration form, you (or your guardian) confirm that you have read, understood, and agreed to these Terms and Conditions. Failure to comply may result in removal from the Tournament without refund.

#### **For Questions or More Information:**

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