

Pawn Wise: The Atlantic All-Ages Chess Festival Tournaments Rules and Regulations

Official Website and Information

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FIDE Rules

All events will follow the [FIDE Laws of Chess](#) unless specifically stated otherwise.

Tournaments and Sections

There are three separate tournaments in which these rules and regulations shall apply:

- Canadian Seniors Chess Championship 65+ Section
 - Open to Canadian residents aged 65 or older by December 31, 2022
 - Open to foreign players rated under 2000 (but cannot claim 1st prize)
- Canadian Seniors Chess Championship 50+ Section
 - Open to Canadian residents aged 50 or older by December 31, 2022
 - Open to foreign players rated under 2000 (but cannot claim 1st prize)
- The Nova Scotia Mayflower Open
 - Open to all players

Ratings and Pairings

All events will be rated with the Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) and the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

Players are required to disclose all foreign ratings. Failure to do so will result in the player being ineligible for all prizes.

SwissSys Version 11 will be used to create the pairings for all rounds in all events.

CFC ratings will be used to pair the event.

Players without a CFC rating, the following conversions will apply:

- FIDE ratings will have 125 added to them
- USCF ratings will not have any adjustments made and will be used at par
- FQE ratings will not have any adjustments made and will be used at par
- Other federation ratings will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis with consultation of the CFC Ratings Auditor

Memberships

All players are required to have a valid CFC or FQE membership in order to participate in any event. This must be purchased before the tournament begins and can be purchased at check-in on the day of the event.

Tournament Byes

Bye points will be awarded based on the criteria below:

- First two byes for Rounds 1-5 will be half-point byes (½)
- Extra byes for Rounds 1-5 will be zero points (0)
- Byes requested for Round 6 (last round) will be zero points (0)

Byes requested through pre-registration can be changed by e-mailing the Tournament Director (chris.felix@chessns.ca) or at check-in on the day of the event. Once a player is checked in, all requested byes are final.

The Tournament Director may allow byes to meet urgent or special circumstances. In this case, pairings already posted will not be modified: the player requiring a bye will receive a zero-point bye (0), the opponent will receive a one-point bye (1).

Failure to appear for a round without prior approval of the Tournament Director will result in a forfeit loss (0) as per the Default (Forfeit) Time section.

Check-In

All players are required to check in for the event. The check-in desk hours of operation will be 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM on Friday, July 29.

Players who do not check in will not be paired for Round 1.

Players who miss check-in will not be paired for any round in the tournament until they check in directly with the Tournament Director. If pairings are already posted, the player will not be paired until the subsequent round.

Withdrawal

A player must communicate a request to withdraw from the tournament to the Tournament Director in-person prior to pairings being posted. Once pairings for the new round are posted, they will not be changed. Any late withdrawal request will result in a forfeit loss (0) as per the Default (Forfeit) Time section for the game in which the player has already been paired. The CFC may, in its sole discretion, rate such forfeited games.

Tournament Format

Each tournament is a regular 6-round Swiss.

Accelerated pairings may be used (FIDE C.04.5) if 48 players or more are registered for any event. Confirmation of accelerated pairings or regular pairings will be made prior to the opening ceremony.

Time Control

40 moves in 105 minutes followed by an additional 30 minutes with a 30-second increment starting at move 1.

Default (Forfeit) Time

Players who arrive at the chessboard after 60 minutes of the start of a round will be assigned a forfeit loss (0). The CFC may, in its sole discretion, rate forfeited games.

Any player who is assigned a forfeit loss for a round will NOT be paired for any subsequent round until they check in directly with the Tournament Director. If pairings are already posted when the player checks in, the player will not be paired until the subsequent round. A repeat offence will result in disqualification from the tournament.

Photographs

Photos with flash are allowed during the first 10 minutes after the start of each round.

Recording Moves

As per FIDE Laws of Chess, Art. 8.1:

“In the course of play each player is required to record his own moves and those of his opponent in the correct manner, move after move, as clearly and legibly as possible, in the algebraic notation (See Appendix C), on the scoresheet prescribed for the competition.”

As this tournament uses a 30-second increment, players are required to record the moves at all times, regardless of how much time remains on the clock.

Touch Move

FIDE Laws of Chess, Article 4: The act of moving the chess pieces will be enforced.

Playing Venue

Saint Mary's University, Halifax
McNally Main 113 – McNally Theatre Auditorium

Tournament Schedule

July 29

On-site registration: 3:00-4:30 PM
Opening Ceremony: 5:00-6:00 PM
Round 1: 6:30 PM

July 30

Round 2: 10:00 AM
Round 3: 6:00 PM

July 31

Round 4: 10:00 AM

August 1

Round 5: 10:00 AM
Round 6: 6:00 PM

August 2

Awards Luncheon: 11:00 AM
Closing Ceremony: 12:30 PM

Tiebreak System and Prizes

Tiebreak systems will be used to award trophies, membership prizes and guaranteed prizes. All monetary prizes will be split. A player is only eligible for any single monetary prize and shall be awarded the highest possible monetary prize in which they qualify.

Tiebreak systems are applied in the following order:

1. Buchholz Cut 1 (Buchholz less lowest opponent score)
2. Buchholz System (sum of scores of all opponents)
3. Sonneborn-Berger
4. Direct Encounter
5. The greater number of wins
6. The greater number of wins with black pieces, not counting forfeits
7. Drawing of Lots

Submitting the Results of a Game

When a game is completed, both players shall complete their portion of the Result Submission Slip and sign it. The slip shall then be delivered to the Tournament Director.

It is the responsibility of both players to ensure that the Result Submission Slip gets submitted to the Tournament Director.

Electronic Devices

As per FIDE Laws of Chess, Art. 12.3b:

“Without the permission of the arbiter a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone or other electronic means of communication in the playing venue, unless the phone is completely switched off. If any such device produces a sound, the player shall lose the game. The opponent shall win. However, if the opponent cannot win the game by any series of legal moves, his score shall be a draw”

Players may also not reference or use any mobile phone or other electronic means of communication of any spectator or other person while their game is in progress.

Appeals

The Appeals Committee composition will be announced before the start of Round 1.

Protests, including protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter, Assistant Arbiters and/or the Tournament Director, must be submitted to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within thirty (30) minutes after completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of \$200 (two hundred dollars) as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee at the same time as the appeal is submitted. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the tournament organizing committee.

No appeals are accepted against pairings generated by FIDE-certified tournament pairing software (SwissSys).

Tournament Staff

Tournament Director:	Chris Felix
Chief Arbiter:	Alex Relyea
Assistant Arbiters:	Assigned by Round