

## **ICA Open: FAQ**

### **Q: What do I need to bring to the tournament?**

A: All players are required to bring a clock! We will provide scoresheets, sets, and pencils. However, we recommend you to bring your own food, scorebooks, and pencils.

### **Q: What else do I need before playing?**

A: All players must have an up to date USCF membership. In addition, a minimum 1600 USCF rating is required in either: 1) the monthly published ratings supplement, or 2) live rating based on recently submitted tournaments.

### **Q: I suddenly cannot make it to the tournament. How do I withdraw?**

A: You must email [chessdirector@icanj.net](mailto:chessdirector@icanj.net) the second you realize you cannot play at our tournament! We will fully refund you if you let us know the day before the tournament. However, once we make the pairings, we cannot issue a refund. Players who sign up and do not show up without letting us know will face punishment.

### **Q: Where exactly is the tournament located? Your building has two floors and so many rooms!**

A: After parking in the parking lot of the community church, come in through the door that has an "International Chess Academy" sign and go to the second floor.

### **Q: Once we get onto the second floor, where do we go?**

A: In most cases, the tournament director (TD) will be sitting at a table in the hallway waiting to check you in. If not, head directly to the waiting room (first door to the right as you walk into the second floor).

### **Q: What is the time control?**

A: The time control is G/60;d5.

**Q: Can parents stay during the tournament?**

A: Yes: they can stay in the waiting room. Parents who decide to stay are encouraged to keep their area tidy and treat it as if it was their home.

**Q: After I finished all three games, can I leave?**

A: Yes. Make sure all your results are marked on the results sheet, throw away all your garbage, and then you may leave.

**Q: I won! How do I get paid?**

A: A few days after the tournament ends, Diana (the tournament organizer) will email all players (using the emails that they registered with). This email will contain a link to the tournament article. This article has a link to the results sheet (slide all the way down for mobile devices or look on the right side for computers). All winning players will be marked in red and have a dollar amount next to their names. All players should have already marked how they would like to get paid during registration. All players will be paid in this manner by Friday. If you would like to get paid in a different way, please respond to Diana's email with information as to how you would like to get paid (venmo, zelle, etc.) as soon as possible!

**Q. How are prizes determined?**

A: Prizes are based on the official 7th edition USCF rulebook.

**Q: What else is in the article?**

A: The article contains analysis from selected games in addition to interviews and other events/inside jokes that might have happened that day. All players may ask to be interviewed, although not all players will make the final cut to be in the report! In addition, the article contains a link to the photo gallery.