

(742) CHESS

1. All contestants **MUST provide board and chessmen.**
2. All contestants are to abide by dress code listed in the APPEARANCE SECTION of these guidelines. (Coats are not required for male contestants.)
3. Players designated "white" and "black" sit on opposite sides. Each player has 16 pieces, which are placed on the board at the beginning of the game.

The following rules will apply:

- **Object of Play** -The game is won by capturing the adverse king. The capture is never consummated; when the king is attacked and cannot escape, he is "checkmated" and the game ends. Many games end by resignation of a player who sees that he cannot escape eventual defeat.
- **Drawn Games** -A game may be abandoned as drawn for any of the following reasons: insufficient force, stalemate, perpetual check, agreement by either parties, or the 50-move rule.
- **NOTE:** A player who is at a disadvantage may call the 50-move rule at any time, but the 50-move rule is cancelled if any piece is captured or if any pawn is moved.
- White moves first; thereafter the players move alternately.
- The younger player will have first choice of white or black.
- A player may not touch a piece without asking his opponent, unless he plans to play that piece.
- After three (3) minutes, time will be called; the player has one (1) minute to finish his play or forfeit the game.
- A player should not disturb his opponent or allow those watching to do so.
- There shall be no talking by players or spectators in the competition area.
- The tournament will be conducted according to the rules of the International Chess Federation.

Official Rules of Chess
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2 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016.

(These rules may also be ordered through your local bookstore.)

Chess is a one game only elimination match with a possibility of losers selected for playback. At the discretion of the chief judge, players may be asked to play 2 of 3 matches for quarterfinals, semifinals, and finals.

REMINDERS: Competitor must be available to play at designated time. A chess clock may be used in the quarterfinal rounds or at the discretion of the chief judge. Once used, it must apply to all contestants thereafter.