

# Rules for chess tournament

The tournament will be conducted in Swiss-style in the initial rounds. Learn about swiss style if you are interested, it is the format that is used worldwide in almost all tournaments. To summarize, this is NOT a elimination style tournament so everybody will get a chance to play at least couple of games. In the initial rounds players will be paired randomly, so in case you unfortunately face the best player of the tournament in the first round and lose the first game, you still get a chance to recover in the subsequent rounds and reach the semis/final. Final rounds might be a combination of Swiss and/or knock-out. Tournament format will be finalized after the possible number of participants are determined.

Games will be played on laptop, so each player is required to bring his/her own laptop. The players will be paired online on [chess.com](http://chess.com) interface, clock time for initial rounds will be 25m+10s so each game will roughly take a maximum of one hour. clock time might be the same or little longer for subsequent rounds.

All standard rules for the game apply. these are the highlights:

## **All players:**

Must be able to do the following:

- Properly move all of the chess pieces
- Understand pawn promotion.
- Understand rules for “advanced” moves: Castling and *en passant* capture (note: please ask the organizer in case of any confusion about *en passant* rule )
- Understand Check and the ways to get out of check (move, block, capture)
- Understand Checkmate
- Understand the “touch-move” rule
- Understand 50 moves draw rule i.e. the game can be claimed drawn after 50 moves if there are no pawn moves or no captures.
- Understand 3 fold repetition rule. the game can be claimed drawn if the exact same position is repeated thrice.
- No outside assistance during games is allowed.

There will be a possible brilliancy prize for the best game of the tournament, the selection of best game is the discretion of the organizer.

In case of any confusion/disputes talk to the tournament organizers.