



OUR FRIENDLY CHESS CLUB

Tournament Game Rules

1. Record yours and your opponents moves on a paper or chess notation sheet.

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| K | KING | x | takes | d6xc7 |
| Q | QUEEN | + | check | Bd2+ |
| B | BISHOP | ++ | checkmate | Qxd6++ |
| N | NIGHT | O-O | kingside castle | |
| R | ROOK | O-O-O | queenside castle | |
| P | PAWN | | | |

The P is usually omitted. If you have two of the same piece that can move to the same square, you would indicate the starting and ending squares. This avoids ambiguity.
Rd8 becomes **Ra8-d8** and **Nxd4** becomes **Nc6xd4**

2. If you are **not** playing with a clock, and if you have not finished the game when the round ends, stop playing. The player with the most points wins the round. Points are calculated for any pieces remaining on the board.

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| K | KING | <i>not counted</i> |
| Q | QUEEN | 9 points |
| B | BISHOP | 3 points |
| N | KNIGHT | 3 points |
| R | ROOK | 5 points |
| P | PAWN | 1 point |

3. If you are using a game clock, stop your clock if you have questions during play.
4. If you are using a game clock, the player who runs out of time will lose the game if their opponent claims the win on time and has sufficient pieces on the board to checkmate if the player had not run out of time. If the opponent's remaining pieces are just a King, or a King + a Bishop, or a King + a Knight, the game will be a draw as it's not possible to mate someone using just those pieces.
5. After you record your results, including final piece positions, set up the board for the next round.
6. Both players must agree to play "touch move" before the first move. If a player deliberately touches a piece on the board when it's their turn to move, they must move (if it was theirs) or capture (if it was their opponent's) the piece that was touched if it is legal to do so.
7. Before you start and at the finish, shake hands, bump fists, or do that arm thing popularized during the coronavirus. The point is to show respect to your opponent.
8. No talking to the players during their game.
9. No commentary on active games where it can be heard by players.
10. Have fun!