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Subject: US Chess Federation Letter of Certification (Revision 2) for the ChessNoteR Nexus 6 and Nexus 9 Electronic Chess Notation Devices

The purpose of this letter is to update and supersede all prior certifications for the ChessNoteR Nexus 6 (N6) and Nexus 9 (N9) electronic notation devices (ENDs) issued by the U.S. Chess Federation (US Chess) in November 2017 and July 2019. This review was requested by the owner of ChessNoteR, Mr. Troy, due to an update to the software to Version 2.3.0. The review was performed under the auspices of the US Chess "Policy and Guidance for Certifications of Electronic Notation and Game Broadcasting Devices" (i.e., device certification policy) approved February 2, 2020.

Version 2.3.0 functions in the same manner as the previously approved edition of the software (Version 2.2.2) and continues to adhere to the Part 1 Review (Rules of Chess) specifications of the device certification policy. V2.3.0 adds several features requested by device users, namely options for:

- Customizing the colors of the chessboard's dark and light squares (pre-selected colors and custom coded colors are available)
- Selecting from among 13 different sets of chess pieces, including simulated wood
- Enlarging the default size of the pieces, making them slightly larger
- Setting the notation to record the moves in Figurine Algebraic Notation format
- Capturing approximate move times (based on the player entering the moves)
- Changing the default display to "dark mode" (e.g., dark background instead of light)

Although V2.2.2 can be used by device owners, US Chess recommends users update to V2.3.0. ChessNoteR's loaded with editions before V2.2.2 are no longer authorized because they do not allow a Tournament Director (TD) to "re-play" a game in progress (allowing TDs to adjudicate claims that the device owner was reviewing variations in violation of US Chess Rule 20C, Use of Notes Prohibited).

While this recertification letter authorizes the ChessNoteR for over-the-board tournaments rated by US Chess, that authorization does not supersede the US Chess Electronic Device Policy for National Events. Further, it does not decree that players owning a ChessNoteR must be allowed to use their device in any US Chess-rated event, nor does it sanction use of ChessNoteR in FIDE-rated events.

The US Chess device certification policy recognizes that manufacturers update their software to correct errors or add new features. As was the case with the upgrade to V2.3.0 of ChessNoteR software, when a manufacturer adds new hardware or software features/functions, the device must be reviewed by US Chess to ensure compliance with the device certification policy. US Chess reserves the right to determine whether the upgrade shall subject the device to a full review or an abbreviated review.

For the Executive Board,



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