

Summary Of Major US Chess Rules Updates In the Seventh Edition for 2023

14G and 14G2: The TD TIPS were deleted.

21L1: Wording added regarding any tardiness of submitting a complaint. (Passed by Delegates): "...Appeals submitted after the ten-day deadline may be considered at the discretion of the committee hearing the appeal, **provided an acceptable explanation of the delay was given....**"

28I: Added wording regarding expelled players. "...**(28H),or because the Tournament Director has determined that there is reason to believe that the player may have received assistance in previous games in that event,...**"

28I1: New variation of adjusted scores for opponents of expelled players.

- a. **Variation (to be announced prior to the second round of the tournament): If two or more rounds remain when a player is expelled, all opponents of the expelled player shall receive a win by forfeit (unless those opponents defeated the expelled player, in which case the result is unchanged). If one round remains, the last opponent of the expelled player shall receive a win by forfeit and other players shall have their scores adjusted as in 28I2.**

28I2: New variation (c) of adjusted scores for opponents of expelled players.

- c. **Variation (to be announced prior to the second round of the tournament): If the tournament has concluded, the last opponent of the expelled player shall receive a win by forfeit (unless that opponent defeated the expelled player, in which case the result is unchanged). Other opponents shall have their results changed as in sections a. and b.**

28I3: Added new wording regarding expelled players. "...purposes (28M4). **If, however, the Director expels a player because there is reason to believe that the player has received assistance in the player's previous game(s), the results of those games shall be adjusted to change these results to unrated games as per above, except that the results of games which the expelled player lost shall be unchanged.**"

Chapter 7: TD Certification. The revised document, including some minor revisions and additions, can be viewed at: <https://new.uschess.org/tournament-directors>

Chapter 8, 4. Matches: Updated wording to include blitz rating: "a. Matches can be as short as one game or as long as 32 games. They can be rated under the regular US Chess rating system, quick rated, rated under both those systems, **or blitz rated**, depending upon the time control."

Chapter 9, Correspondence Chess: All new as of October 1, 2021. This chapter may be viewed at: <https://new.uschess.org/correspondence-chess/rules>.

Chapter 10, 15B: New and reworded TD TIPS.

***TD TIP:** There are different types of "disputed results" including a ratings report with an incorrect game result, to a report with results of one or more games for players involved in an alleged fair play violation. When results were incorrectly reported, the TD should contact US Chess (by email) and ask for guidance on how to best correct the report. By comparison, a rating report containing games in dispute due to alleged violations of fair play is a more serious situation. In such a case, the office may advise the director to file an official complaint to US Chess as explained in the second TD TIP in Rule 15A above.*

***TD TIP:** Players expelled for a "fair play" violation, nor their opponents, should have any of their games reported for rating purpose and may be treated as forfeits.*

***TD TIP:** Players removed from a tournament for a "fair play" violation by the host platform are not automatically reported to US Chess by that platform. TDs need to report that violation.*