

Various changes:

Changes to have a minimum number of rounds directly in a tournament type definition rather than for each certification level.

(This avoids people trying to add an extra games section to cross a threshold)

16. Category A. A US Chess-rated over-the board Swiss system tournament or section of a tournament, except Category I or N, that regularly draws more than 300 entrants, **having at least four rounds**, and awards \$5,000+ in cash prizes. ~~Examples: World Open, New York Open, Atlantic Open and Chicago Open.~~ Such tournaments may be directed by associate national TDs. It is strongly recommended that for these types of tournaments, TDs have experience with computer pairing programs, back room pairing procedures, and on site player contact, or “floor,” problem solving procedures.

TD Tip: Some examples are the World Open, Atlantic Open, Las Vegas Open and Chicago Open.

AND

17. Category B. A US Chess-rated over-the-board Swiss system tournament or section of a tournament, except Category I, N, or A, drawing 100 or more entrants **and having at least four rounds**. See also 32, Limitations. It is strongly recommended that for these types of tournaments, TDs have experience with computer pairing programs, back room pairing procedures, and on site player contact, or “floor,” problem solving procedures.

AND

18. Category C. A US Chess-rated over-the-board Swiss system tournament or section of a tournament, except Category I or N, drawing 50 to 99 entrants **and having at least four rounds**. Such tournaments or sections of tournaments may be directed by local TDs. For more information see 28, Limitations. It is strongly recommended that for these types of tournaments, TDs have experience with computer pairing programs, back room pairing procedures, and on site player contact, or “floor,” problem solving procedures.

AND

19. Category D. Any US Chess-rated over-the-board Swiss system tournament or section of a tournament, except Category I or N, drawing fewer than 50 entrants **and having at least three rounds**. Club TDs may direct such tournaments or sections of tournaments. See also 24, Limitations.

AND

21. Category T. A US Chess-rated team-vs.-team, or individual/team, Swiss system tournament involving at least fifty players **and having at least four rounds**. It is strongly recommended that for these types of

tournaments, TDs have experience with computer pairing programs, back room pairing procedures, and on site player contact, or “floor,” problem solving procedures.

AND

26 (with an additional change of b5 to d to avoid confusion over substitutions)

a2. Satisfactory performance as a Chief TD or chief assistant TD of a second additional Category D tournament ~~of at least three rounds~~. No substitutions are allowed for this TD credit.

a3. Satisfactory performance as a Chief TD or chief assistant TD of a third additional Category D tournament ~~of at least three rounds~~. A one-time substitution for this single TD experience credit is allowed as outlined in b1 – b4 below.

~~b5. d.~~ For any applicant who takes and passes the local TD test (closed book) under supervision at a Category N tournament, the sole experience requirement is satisfactory performance as a Chief TD at one Category D tournament, requirement (a1), ~~of at least three rounds~~. No substitutions may be made for the Category D tournament. Applicants must contact US Chess two weeks in advance of the tournament to request this option

AND

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a1. Satisfactory performance as Chief TD of five Category C tournaments ~~of at least four rounds~~; no substitutions are allowed for these five TD credits.

a2. Satisfactory performance as Chief TD or chief assistant TD of one Category C tournament ~~of at least four rounds~~; no substitutions are allowed for this TD credit.

a3. Satisfactory performance as Chief TD or chief assistant TD at four Category C tournaments ~~of at least four rounds~~; substitutions for each of the four TD experience credits is allowed as outlined in (b) below.

B (with an additional change of b10 to f to avoid confusion over substitutions)

b2. Satisfactory performance as a chief assistant TD to a national TD or associate national TD at one Category ~~A~~, A1, A2, ~~B~~, B1, or B2 tournament ~~of at least four rounds~~. This type of TD credit can be used as a substitute only twice replacing only two of the four requirement a3 category C tournaments.

b3. Satisfactory performance as a chief assistant TD to a national TD or associate national TD at any combination of two Quick/Blitz Chess Category ~~A~~, A1, A2, ~~B~~, B1, or B2 tournaments ~~of at least four rounds~~. The two Quick/Blitz Chess events count as only a single TD credit. This type of TD credit can be used as a substitute only twice replacing only two of the four requirement a3 category C tournaments

b4. Satisfactory performance as a Chief TD or chief assistant TD at any combination of two Category C1 or C2 tournaments ~~of at least four rounds~~. The two Category C1 or C2 tournaments together count as only one single TD credit. This type of TD credit can be used as a substitute only twice replacing only two of the four requirement a3 category C tournaments.

b5. Satisfactory performance as a Chief TD or chief assistant TD at any combination of four Quick/Blitz Chess Category C, C1 or C2 tournaments ~~of at least four rounds~~. The four Quick/Blitz Chess Category C,

C1 or C2 tournaments combined count as only one single TD credit. This type of TD credit can be used as a substitute only twice replacing only two of the four requirement a3 category C tournaments.

b6. Satisfactory performance as a Chief TD or chief assistant TD at any combination of regular rated or Quick/Blitz Chess Category D, D1 or D2 tournaments **of at least four rounds**. The total number of players combined for the entire Regular rated and/or the entire Quick/Blitz Chess Category D, D1, D2 tournaments must be at least 100 players. The entire number of Regular rated or Quick/Blitz Chess Category D, D1 or D2 tournaments combined count as only one single requirement a3 Category C tournament TD credit. This type of TD credit can be used as a substitute only once as a replacement for a single requirement a3 category C tournament.

~~b10~~. f. For any applicant who takes and passes the Senior TD test (closed book) under supervision at a category N tournament, experience requirements are reduced to satisfactory performance as a Chief TD at three category C tournaments **of at least four rounds** (either a Category C1 or C2 tournament may be substituted for one of the three Category C tournaments, or two Quick/Blitz Chess Category C, C1 or C2 tournaments may be substituted for one of the three Category C tournaments) and three additional **over-the-board** Swiss system tournaments of at least four rounds (two Quick/Blitz Chess Swiss system tournaments may be substituted for one of the three additional Swiss system tournaments) with at least 2 tournaments, of any size, having been successfully submitted for a rating online. Applicants must contact US Chess two weeks in advance of the tournament to request this option.

Changes to emphasize that for SrTD and higher the category tournaments are normally regular/dual rated and Blitz/Quick rated tournaments are substitutions.

There are no quick/blitz substitutions for LTD so quick/blitz events are just as valid as regular/dual events for that level. SrTD had one substitution (b5) for quick/blitz with twice the number of tournaments needed as for (b4)

20. Category R. A US Chess **over-the-board** round robin tournament of six or more rated entrants with a mean rating of at least 1400, with the mean being calculated by using the ratings of the players in the applicable ratings supplement on the starting date of the event.

AND

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a. A total of ten **Regular rated or Dual rated** Category C tournament experience credits, as listed below in a1 – a3, are required with the total number of players for all ten tournaments summed together being 400 or greater:

b4. Satisfactory performance as a Chief TD or chief assistant TD at any combination of two **Regular rated or Dual rated** Category C1 or C2 tournaments of at least four rounds. The two Category C1 or C2 tournaments together count as only one single TD credit. This type of TD credit can be used as a substitute only twice replacing only two of the four requirement a3 category C tournaments.

AND

34. Experience Requirements

a. FIRST, a total of ten **Regular-rated or Dual-rated** Category B tournament experience credits, as listed below in a1 – a4, are required:

d. THIRD, satisfactory performance as Chief TD of a **Regular/Dual Rated** Category R tournament or two Quick/Blitz Chess Category R tournaments.

AND

38. Experience Requirements.

a. FIRST, a total of fifteen **Regular-rated or Dual-rated** Category B tournament experience credits, as listed below in a1 – a4, are required:

e. FOURTH, Satisfactory performance as Chief TD of a **Regular/Dual Rated** Category R tournament or satisfactory performance as Chief TD at two Quick/Blitz Chess Category R tournaments.

To avoid confusion over substitutions

There was a forum thread where the positioning of the closed book requirements in 26 b5 and 30 b10 was seen as a substitution violating the no-substitutions clause in 26 a and 30 a. If the change is approved to include the number of rounds as part of the tournament type definition then the red changes can also be made. There is also a proposed change to 30 b 10 to require the substitution (for one of the three requirements) to be an over-the-board tournament.

26 (repeated from above)

~~b5- d.~~ For any applicant who takes and passes the local TD test (closed book) under supervision at a Category N tournament, the sole experience requirement is satisfactory performance as a Chief TD at one Category D tournament, requirement (a1), ~~of at least three rounds~~. No substitutions may be made for the Category D tournament

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~~b10- f.~~ For any applicant who takes and passes the Senior TD test (closed book) under supervision at a category N tournament, experience requirements are reduced to satisfactory performance as a Chief TD at three regular rated or dual rated category C tournaments ~~of at least four rounds~~ (either a Category C1 or C2 tournament may be substituted for one of the three Category C tournaments, or two Quick/Blitz Chess Category C, C1 or C2 tournaments may be substituted for one of the three Category C tournaments) and three additional **over-the-board** Swiss system tournaments of at least four rounds (two Quick/Blitz Chess Swiss system tournaments may be substituted for one of the three additional Swiss system tournaments) with at least 2 tournaments, of any size, having been successfully submitted for a rating online. Applicants must contact US Chess two weeks in advance of the tournament to request this option.

Backward Compatibility

From (because category A and B events can already be used as a direct substitute for C) and the round designation can also be removed if the other change is approved.

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b2. Satisfactory performance as a chief assistant TD to a national TD or associate national TD at one Category ~~A~~, A1, A2, ~~B~~, B1, or B2 tournament **of at least four rounds**. This type of TD credit can be used as a substitute only twice replacing only two of the four requirement a3 category C tournaments.

b3. Satisfactory performance as a chief assistant TD to a national TD or associate national TD at any combination of two Quick/Blitz Chess Category ~~A~~, A1, A2, ~~B~~, B1, or B2 tournaments **of at least four rounds**. The two Quick/Blitz Chess events count as only a single TD credit. This type of TD credit can be used as a substitute only twice replacing only two of the four requirement a3 category C tournaments.

AND

6. Applicants. Applicants for promotion of TD certification level shall provide the technical director with the names, dates, and number of entrants of the tournaments that satisfy the experience requirements. Upon request, applicants will present written verification of their claimed experience requirements.

TD TIP: Tournament categories are backwards compatible for TD credit. For example: A five round Category C tournament (or a single Category C section of a tournament) with 55 players can be used to meet a Category D TD requirement; being the chief assistant at a 180-player five round Category B event can be used to meet a Category D or Category C chief assistant TD requirement.