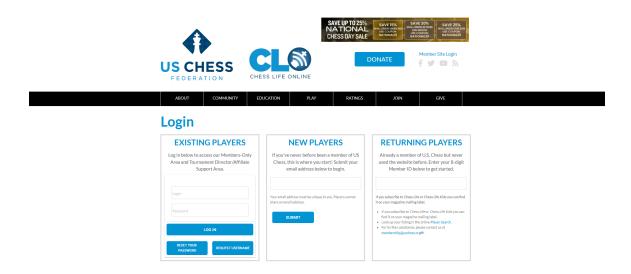
# **US Chess Guide: How to Rate Tournaments**

# Where to Find Key Features

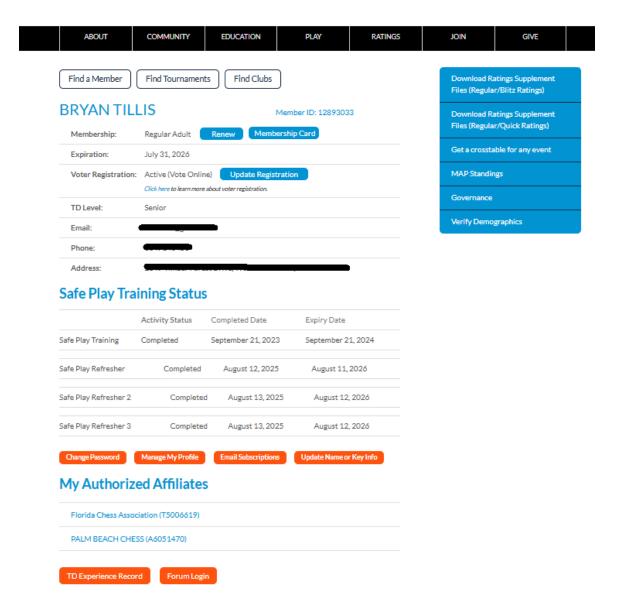


**Tournament Directors (TDs):** If you completed Refresher 1 last year, it's time to think about Refresher 2, which must be completed within one year of your previous training completion

On the main web page, in the top right-hand corner, log in through "Member Site Login."



Depending on your membership status, select one of the three available login options to access the system. Once logged in, navigate to your membership profile, where you can review and update your personal information by clicking the "Verify Demographics" button. Ensuring your demographic information is complete and accurate is essential, as it is required for communications from US Chess and inclusion on any Top 100 list.

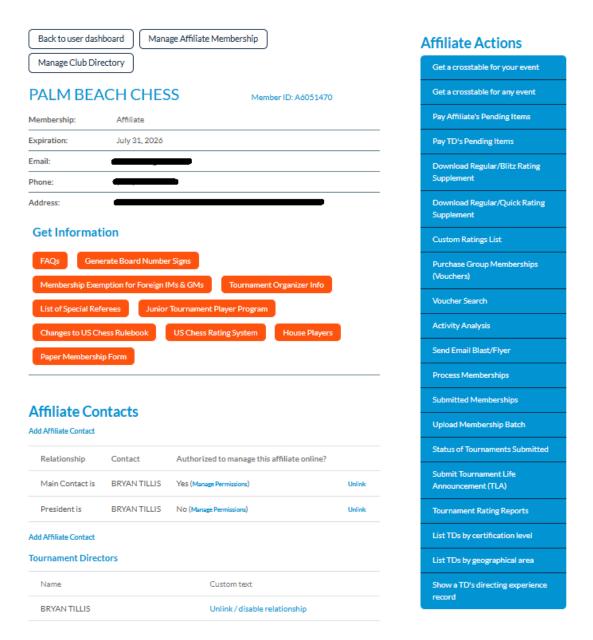


For Tournament Directors, this section provides access to Rating Supplement Files for pairing programs such as WinTD and SwissSys, as well as your TD Experience Record and US Chess Forum Login.

To rate events, you must meet the following requirements:

- Hold a Current US Chess Membership
- Be a Certified Tournament Director
- Maintain Current Safe Play Training Status
- Have a Current Affiliate of your own, or be authorized to use an existing affiliate

You can manage your affiliates in the "My Authorized Affiliates" section of your dashboard. If your affiliate does not appear, contact the affiliate's main representative, who can add you as an authorized affiliate manager from their own dashboard.



At the top of this page, you will find options to Manage Club Directory and Affiliate Membership. If your affiliate membership is not current, this is where you can renew or update it.

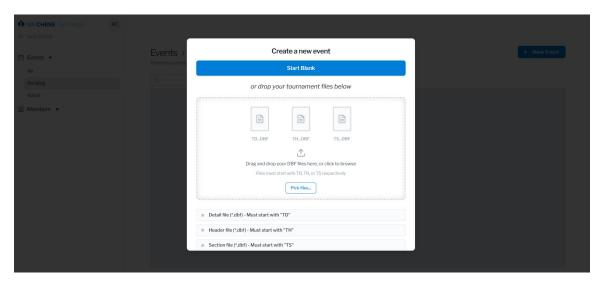
You can also manage who has permission to rate tournaments under your affiliate by selecting "Add Affiliate Contact." Additionally, on the right-hand side of the page, you'll see a blue "Process Membership" button. Tournament Directors who process memberships through this feature receive a \$3 affiliate commission for each membership processed.

# **How to Rate an Event**

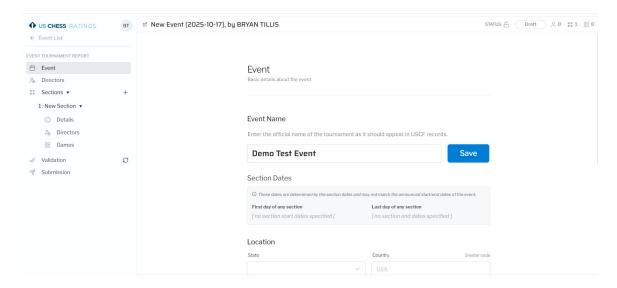
Navigate to "Tournament Rating Reports," which will direct you to the new MUIR system (note you can navigate directly to the site). In the top right-hand corner of the page, locate and click the "Sign In" button to proceed.



After logging into the system with the same credentials used for the US Chess Member Site Login, locate the "New Event" option in the top right-hand corner of the page. Click this option to begin creating a new tournament event.



You can either use your three dbf. files to populate your event or "Start Blank" to manually input the tournament results. In either case, you will need to fill out information about the tournament.



# **Event Tournament Report**

#### 1. 1. Event Tab

Here, the Tournament Director (TD) will enter the basic details of the event:

- Event Name Enter the official tournament name exactly as it should appear in US Chess records.
- Section Dates Provide the start and end dates for each section.
- Location Enter the city, state, and venue details for the event.
- Delete Option If needed, you can delete the event from this first page before proceeding.

#### 2. 2. Directors Tab

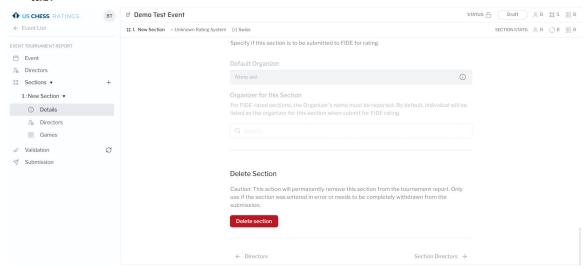
This section covers all personnel and affiliate details related to the event:

- Chief TD, Organizer, and Assistants List the individuals responsible for directing and organizing the tournament.
- Chief Tournament Director Identify the USCF-certified TD who will serve as the primary official. This person is responsible for final rulings, proper pairings, and overall tournament conduct in accordance with USCF rules.
- Affiliate Enter the name or ID number of the affiliate hosting the tournament. Use the lookup feature to ensure accuracy.
- Note: You can only rate events under affiliates where you are listed as an authorized tournament director.

### 3. 3. Sections Tab

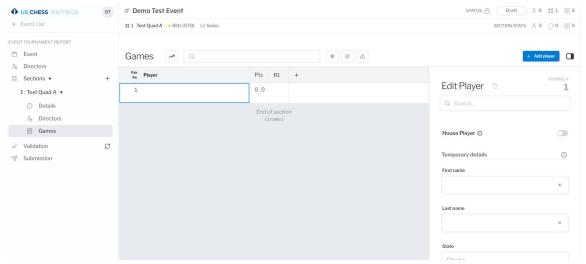
- Create one or more sections as needed for your event.
- Each section should include relevant details such as name, dates, and format.

• If you need to remove a section, a Delete Section option is available at the bottom of the tab.

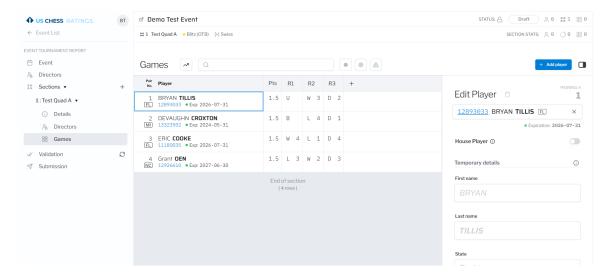


# Other Items — What to Expect

- 4. Time Control Enter the exact time control for the section, including main time and any increment or delay.
- 5. Online Event (if applicable) Mark the event as Online and provide platform/anti-cheating details.
- 6. Tournament Coding Select the appropriate code (Non-Scholastic or Scholastic).
- 7. Grand Prix Status Indicate whether the section carries Grand Prix points or status.
- 8. FIDE Rating Specify if the event is FIDE rated and include the FIDE event ID if applicable.
- 9. Validation and Notes Review consistency and add any clarifying notes or special instructions.



10. Proceed to Games – Continue to the Games tab to enter individual game results and pairings.

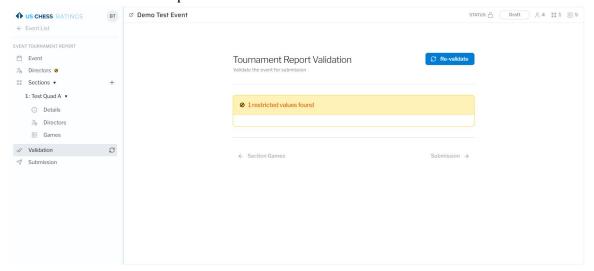


#### **Validation**

Once all results are populated, proceed to the "Validation" section. The Validation step identifies and flags issues that could prevent rating of your event. For example, if a player's membership has expired, the system will alert you to resolve the issue before submission. It may also flag high-performance results to ensure all data has been entered correctly.

#### Submission

- 11. Access the Submission Tab Once all validation issues have been resolved, navigate to the "Submission" tab to finalize your event for rating.
- 12. Submit Event for Rating Officially submit the event to US Chess for rating. Review all details carefully before submission.
- 13. Class Prizes Reporting If class prizes totaling \$4,000 or more were awarded, report this information in the provided field.



14. Compliance Declaration and Payment – Complete the declaration, confirm adherence to US Chess rules, and submit any required payments.