

US Open Committee Report

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In a workshop at the 2024 US Open, it was reported that the players in the Invitational tournaments overwhelmingly preferred to have their events remain at six rounds. The issue of a time-slot for the Weeramantry Blitz event was also unresolved. In the months following this, the US Chess Director of Events decided to restore the original schedule for the Invitationals, which also solved the issue of the Blitz event.

A Zoom conference was held in October 2024, with the Chairs of the US Open and Invitational Committees, the Director of Events, the ED and several EB members. After some discussion, the start times for rounds in the 7-day and 5-day US Open schedules, and the Invitationals, were coordinated to avoid any group needing to set up while another was already playing. The final schedule is as follows:

1. **Seven-day Schedule.** Round 1 on Monday, 7 PM. Rounds 2-3 Tuesday, 10 AM and 7 PM. Rounds 4-5 Wednesday, 10 AM and 7 PM. Rounds 6-9 Thursday-Saturday at 7 PM, Sunday at 3 PM. Time control for all games 40/100, SD/30 +30.
2. **Five-day Schedule.** Rounds 1-2 Wednesday 3 PM and 7 PM. Rounds 3-5 Thursday 10 AM, 3 PM, 7 PM. Rounds 6-7 Friday 12 PM, 7 PM. Rounds 8-9 Saturday at 7 PM, Sunday at 3 PM. Time control for games 1-5 G/90 d5; games 6-9 40/100, SD/30 +30.
3. **Four-day Schedule.** Round 1-4 Thursday 10 AM, 3 PM, 7 PM, 10 PM. Round 5-7 Friday 12 PM, 2 PM, 7 PM. Rounds 8-9 Saturday at 7 PM, Sunday at 3 PM. Time control for games 1-6 G/60 d5; games 7-9 40/100, SD/30 +30.
4. **Invitationals.** Blitz 10 AM Monday. Round 1 Monday 7 PM. Rounds 2-3 Tuesday 10 AM and 7 PM. Round 4-5 Wednesday 10 AM and 7 PM. Round 6 10 AM Thursday; Awards 4 PM. Time control for all games G/90 +30.

Contracts for the US Opens of 2026 and 2027, using the one-weekend format, have been signed. The sites and dates are as follows:

2026 - Aug. 3-9, in Grand Rapids, MI

2027 - Aug. 2-8, in Dallas, TX

As of this writing, there is no information about the site for the 2028 US Open.

The US Open Committee has an on-site workshop scheduled for Friday, August 1, at 9 AM.