

Rules

General Tournament Rules

1. The tournament organiser, arbiter and players shall abide by the Ranges Chess Club code of ethics (last amended 16 December 2009).
2. If a player does not make their first move after 30 minutes from either when their clock is first started or from the scheduled start time for that round, whichever time is later, then that game will be forfeited.
3. The tournament will be ACF rated. All references to ACF ratings refer to the latest published ACF Classic ratings unless specifically noted otherwise.
4. The Swiss Perfect program will be used for pairings and calculating tie breaks.
5. All mobile phones and other communication devices are to be switched off in the tournament hall. This includes PDAs, MP3 players and any other devices that can receive external transmissions. A breach of this rule will result in the automatic loss of the game in the case of a player (if a game is in progress), or the exclusion from the tournament hall until the start of the next round (in the case of player who has finished their game), or for the rest of the day (in the case of a spectator).
6. Organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to a player.
7. No smoking is allowed in the building or in the immediate surrounds.
8. There shall be no analysis of games in the playing hall, only in the carpeted area adjacent to the building entrance.
9. All players are requested to attend the prize-giving ceremony. Uncollected prizes will be held at the club for collection.

Tie Break

When required for the tournament, the tie-break systems in descending order of priority are:

1. Median Bucholz - Sum of opponent scores minus the highest and lowest scores
2. Bucholz - Sum of opponent scores
3. Progress - The player's progressive sum of scores taken from the cross table.

Unplayed games - For tie-break purposes, the result shall be counted as a *draw* against the player himself.

Yulgilbar-Think Big Australian Chess Grand Prix Points

The Yulgilbar-Think Big Australian Chess points will be allocated as follows for this tournament: Open, Junior, Women, Girls, Under 2000, Under 1600, Unrated.

Player Sign-In

Players are expected to arrive prior to the sign-in closure time for the tournament. There will be a sign-in table for them to indicate that they are present for the first round. Players will be paired for the first round if they phone the organiser and indicate they will be late and wish to be paired. Players who do not arrive before the sign-in closure time but who have pre-paid will not be included in the first round pairings. Should they arrive prior to the first round start time they will be paired, where possible with other players who may not have made the sign-

in timeframe. The organisers cannot cater for every contingency but will attempt to be as flexible as possible whilst still aiming to begin each round at the scheduled start time.

Appeals

The arbiter's decision is final and no appeal will be considered. If a player notices that any result has been entered incorrectly, this should be brought to the organiser's/arbiter's attention no later than the start of the round following the game in question, whenever possible.

Players Rights and Responsibilities

All players have the right to expect

1. The tournament arbiter is reliable and has knowledge of the laws of chess, as per FIDE standards, and will treat any issues or disputes fairly and equitably and uphold the Ranges Chess Club code of ethics.
2. That all prizes will be awarded as advertised.
3. That any special rules pertinent to this tournament will be announced and/or posted.
4. The starting times of the rounds will be posted, and that the rounds will start reasonably on time.
5. The tournament arbiter (or tournament organiser) will be available at all times in the event of questions or problems.
6. The round results will be posted in a timely manner.

All players are expected

1. To obey the FIDE laws of chess and comply with the Ranges Chess Club code of ethics.
2. To conduct themselves in an orderly fashion, and to compete in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
3. To be present at the start of every round, if possible.
4. To refrain from analysis or audible talking in the playing hall while other games are in progress.
5. To notify the tournament organiser as soon as possible if they are unable to play in any rounds of the tournament, where this is for a valid reason. Withdrawing from the event without a valid reason is a breach of the code of ethics.
6. To promptly report results in a manner required by the tournament organiser.
7. To comply with the reasonable requests of the tournament organiser or arbiter.
8. To read all the pertinent information posted by the tournament organiser.

Conditions

1. Tournament entry is free for players holding the GM, IM, WGM or WIM title.
2. Junior entry status is available to players that are under 18 years of age before the first round of the tournament.
3. All players are required to budget for their own board, lodgings, transport costs and entry fees.
4. All players may request a maximum of one half-point bye, to apply for any round except the last two rounds of the tournament. This request must be made to the tournament organiser or arbiter before the scheduled start of the round that is before the round for which the player is requesting the bye.
5. Completed game score sheets are the property of the club until the arbiter has recorded the result of the game, signed them, and optionally made a copy of the score sheet, after which time the score sheet becomes the property of the player.
6. The club reserves the right to copy completed score sheets and to publish game scores and results in accordance with the club's privacy statement.
7. The timing for the start of each round will be adhered to as far as practicable but will not commence before the listed times. Where any long game delays the start of the next round, the arbiter may make a judgment on the likely result of that game or games and make the draw for the next round accordingly.
8. The following details are given on the tournament details sheet:
 - Tournament location
 - Player registration, sign in and playing round schedule
 - Prize money amounts and prize-winner eligibility conditions
 - Tournament Grand Prix class
 - Nominated tournament organiser and arbiter and their details