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Subject: US Chess Federation Letter of Certification for the Nexus 9 Tablet ChessNoteR Electronic Chess Notation Device

This letter provides official certification by the U.S. Chess Federation (US Chess) for the Nexus 9 tablet-based ChessNoteR electronic notation device (hereafter, the N9 ChessNoteR). The N9 ChessNoteR was created by Mr. Joey Troy, owner and CEO of Black Mirror Studio in Belen, New Mexico.

The version of the N9 ChessNoteR reviewed by US Chess, and the version that is hereby certified by this letter, covers software version 2.1.8. This is the only version of N9 ChessNoteR certified by US Chess.

Certification means the N9 ChessNoteR may be used in tournaments rated by the US Chess Federation--it does not extend to chess tournaments organized and conducted under FIDE rules. Further, this certification does not mandate that any player owning a N9 ChessNoteR must be allowed to use their device. Organizers and Chief Tournament Director’s commonly provide scoresheets for their events and to require those scoresheets to be used by all players.

Also, this certification does not supersede the specifications of the US Chess Electronic Device Policy.

US Chess recognizes that manufacturers often update their software to correct certain errors in the software. This certification accommodates such updates. However, this certification does not include upgrades that introduce new features to the software or device. If new features are added to the ChessNoteR, then that new version must be re-certified by US Chess. When this happens, US Chess reserves the right to determine whether the upgraded device shall be subject to a full review or an abbreviated review.

For the Executive Board,

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