

**USCF EXECUTIVE BOARD MOTIONS FROM THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2005
TELECONFERENCE**

Present: Bill Goichberg, Don Schultz, Joel Channing, Beatriz Marinello, Greg Shahade and Bill Hall. Absent: Robert Tanner

06-016 (Bill Goichberg) USCF establishes a Tournament Membership (TM), intended to allow players to participate in rated tournaments who view rated play as a major benefit of membership, do not play in tournaments frequently (or are new and not sure if they will continue tournament play), and do not wish to pay for a full membership

Two types of TMs will be available, one priced at \$10.00 and the other at \$20.00. Payment of the TM fees satisfies the membership requirement for one tournament. If the player provides an address in the United States, Canada or Mexico, the TM fee also entitles the player to one issue of Chess Life, Generally the issue dated one month after the TM fee is received.

The player who has purchased a TM may, within 90 days, pay the balance and apply the TM fee toward any one year or longer Adult, Promotional Adult, Senior, Sustaining or Life membership, provided the player is eligible for such membership.

The \$10.00 TM fee is valid for the following types of events:

1. Any tournament of four rounds or less.
2. Any Quick Chess tournament, regardless of length.
3. Any tournament that plays on weekdays.

Tournaments that are rated under the regular rating system, are at least five rounds long, and play at least one round on Saturday or Sunday may not use the \$10.00 TM fee. The \$20.00 TM fee will be available for such events, and the already existing 6 month membership for \$27.00 is available for all tournaments.

TMs will have no online discount or affiliate commission.

A player who pays two or more TM fees in the same month shall receive one month of Chess Life for each TM fee, beginning with the month after the TM fee is received. A player who pays multiple TM fees may not use more than one of these fees as a credit toward a full membership.

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06-019 (Bill Goichberg)

1. Effective immediately, USCF ratings will be adjusted based on the performances of all US players, US residents, and USCF member in the following events:
 1. Olympiad
 2. World Team

3. World Championship Cycle
4. World Junior
5. World Youth
6. World Senior
7. Pan-Am Junior
8. Pan-Am Youth

2. A formula provided by the USCF Ratings Committee will be used to adjust the ratings, and another to convert opponents' FIDE ratings into USCF ratings. It is expected that rating adjustment will be based on a K factor about 80% its usual value, causing ratings to change about 80% as fast as usual.
3. A list of which foreign FIDE-rated events will be USCF-rated will appear on the USCF website. Additional events may be added on occasion by the office if adequate assurance is received that we will obtain their crosstables.
4. Any USCF member planning to play in a foreign FIDE-rated event that is not listed on our website may register that event for USCF rating by submitting a form promising to report the results along with a fee of \$25.00.
5. If the form mentioned in #3 is received, that event will be added to the website's list of USCF-rated events for one year only, and any additional US players/residents or USCF members who play in that event shall also have their USCF ratings revised, even if not submitting a form.

PASSED: UNANIMOUS (Marinello absent)