

# **Chess Tournament Basic Rules**

1. ALL THE PLAYERS MUST PARTICIPATE FOR THE SPIRITUAL COMPETITION (The simple version).  
<http://www.thecopticleague.org/documents/Soccer%20League/2010/Adult%20Competition.pdf>
2. To register a team, just send an email including: Team's Name, Contact's Name, Contact's email and Contact's phone number to **Sherif Toma** at [sheriftoma@yahoo.com](mailto:sheriftoma@yahoo.com).
3. Both players will have ONE hour each to complete the game. Timers/Chess Clocks will be provided for the participants by the tournament committee. In the case that one player's time expires, he will receive the best possible outcome. For example, if a player has one pawn, he will be awarded a win because a pawn can promote to a queen and checkmate. If a player has 1 bishop only with no pawns, he will have no checkmating possibility so the best outcome will be a draw.
4. Touch-move rule applies in the tournament. If a player touches a piece, that piece must be moved.
5. During the tournament, game clocks will start at the beginning of the round. If either players are present (and the other player is not), he/she will be instructed to start the game clock. Upon arrival of the opponent, he/she will continue the game with the remaining time.
6. Boards, pieces, and clocks will be provided for the players.
7. Each team will be comprised of 3 players plus one alternate. And each church may participate with more than one team and not more than two teams. In the case that one player of the team is missing, the alternate can replace him for that round. During each team match, the 3 players will be paired up against the opposing team under the understanding that player #1 on the team is the strongest player while player #3 is the weakest player. So when the teams are paired, #1 player plays against each other and so on and so forth.
8. The tournament format will be decided based on the amount of churches signing up. And it will be explained briefly on the opening day of the tournament.
9. Please arrive a few minutes PRIOR to the beginning of every round so the round can start on time.
10. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 scoring individual players and also the top 3 scoring churches teams.
11. Each team will be asked to pay \$40 to assist with the financial costs of the tournament.
12. The tournament place and time will be announced very soon.

**Please sign up for the tournament as soon as possible.  
We look forward to having you join us.**