



Alberta Chess Association

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ACA Information for Tournament Directors

Please contact ACA Executive Director Vladimir Pechenkin should you have any questions about the information presented below.

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ACA sponsored tournaments are listed at <http://albertachess.org/Tournaments.html>

Tournament directors, clubs and other chess organizations may run other tournaments if they choose to do so. ACA sponsored events for the following year are determined at the end of the previous year and after that no more tournaments can be added to the list.

ACA shall cover the following costs for ACA sponsored events.

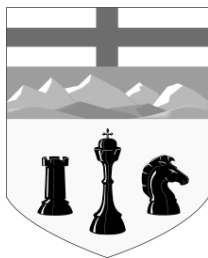
1. Either CFC or CMA **rating fees** (but not both for the same event) plus FIDE rating fees, if applicable. For round-robin tournaments with multiple sections the ACA will pay the FIDE rating fees for the top section only.
2. Typically, ACA will cover the required **room rental** costs. If, however, the organizer knows that the rent is going to be significantly higher than what was paid in the past for similar events, we ask that this information be related to us in advance.
3. **TD honorarium** (\$35 per day), after the submission of the ACA tournament form and ACA tournament dues.

In addition, ACA currently covers the rating fees of any junior tournament in the province provided that:

1. All participants are either members of the CFC or associate ACA members.
2. The time control is at least 15 minutes per side (or equivalent if increments are used).
3. The duration of the tournament is at least 4 rounds (exceptions may be made upon organizer's request).

ACA Tournament dues

ACA charges the dues at a rate of \$5 per paid participant for ACA sponsored open events and \$3 per paid participant in ACA sponsored junior only events. The Tournament Director will not be paid until these dues are collected.



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Membership

1. When sending a tournament report to the CFC, the tournament director must collect the CFC membership fee from every participant with no or expired CFC membership. The player's mailing address, email address and date of birth (for juniors) must also be recorded. Currently, the annual membership fees charged by the CFC are \$43 for adults and \$28 for juniors under 20. Regular "tournament memberships" may be purchased for \$21 (adults) and \$11 (juniors). Rapid "tournament memberships" are \$13 (adults) and \$7 (juniors).

2. If the tournament is a CFC rated event with junior only (under 20 years of age) participants, the players don't have to be CFC members. Please note that even if just one participant is an adult, ALL the players must be current CFC members. The TD must check for participants without CFC membership. In an ACA event, the \$3 ACA dues for a non-CFC member will cover his associate membership; the TD must also collect the player's information as described above.

3. In tournaments rated by CMA only, the CFC membership is not required, but all the participants shall be ACA members and their information as described above shall be transferred to the ACA.

4. It is important that any tournament that either qualifies a player for ACA funding or leads towards a qualifier for funding be an approved ACA event in good standing. The following criteria shall apply.

"In order for any player to qualify for any subsidy from ACA, the player must play in an approved tournament, the criteria will include: Within 20 days the TD will provide, address and one of email or phone through which that player can be contacted, together a proof that a player is member of the ACA."

"This also applies to any qualifying tournament, to a tournament for which a subsidy may be granted."

Rating and pairings:

The CFC and ACA are currently using the Swissys pairing program available at: <http://chess.ca/swiss-sys>

While Tournament directors are not obliged to use this program to conduct the pairings during the events, it is required to send in a report to CFC. If you have questions about how to use this program or how to send in reports, please contact Vladimir Pechenkin.

Tournament Director Workshops:

ACA typically conducts two tournament director workshops per year. One held in Edmonton and one in Calgary. The tournament director workshop booklet is available at:

http://www.albertachess.org/TD_Manual.pdf