

ACF Inc. Hosting Policies for Alabama State Chess Championships

ACF Inc. is a statewide organization that consists of affiliates and members from all parts of the state. There is no one city or area that, by vast majority, comprises the ACF Inc. membership. Consequently, the ACF Inc. Executive Board finds it fair and reasonable that the venues for our championship tournaments (Alabama State Chess Championship, Alabama State Class Championship, Alabama State Quick Chess Championship, and Alabama State Dual Chess Championship) be rotated among our affiliate cities. To ensure equal opportunity, the ACF Inc. Executive Board has developed a rotating hosting schedule (refer to Table 2) for each event.

Guidelines:

- 1) Hosting entity must be either an ACF Inc. affiliate or an individual or group of individuals recognized and approved by the local ACF Inc. affiliate.
- 2) Tournament results must be submitted to the USCF under the ACF Inc. USCF affiliate to provide authenticity of the State Championships. ACF Inc. will authorize the chief tournament director to submit tournament results under the ACF Inc. USCF affiliate.
- 3) If there are multiple ACF Inc. affiliates within one city, the ACF Inc. Executive Board will select the eligible one based on greater tournament and player activity. If the same multiple affiliates are active come that city's next turn on the rotation, ACF Inc. will provide an alternate affiliate the opportunity to host these events.
- 4) Table 1 lists the schedule of important dates for each tournament. "Tournament month" is the month in which the tournament is to be held.

Note: The Alabama State Championship tournament is traditionally held on Labor Day weekend (even if that weekend falls partly or fully in August) but other September weekends are acceptable. "Affiliate Commit Date" is the date by which the scheduled affiliate must communicate to the ACF Inc. Executive Board whether or not they intend to prepare a bid. "Bid Due Date" is the date by which a formal written bid (including a tournament flyer) is due. "Bid Award Date" is the deadline for the ACF Inc. Executive Board to announce a bid winner.

- If the scheduled affiliate declines their opportunity to host their scheduled event they will be skipped in the rotation and bidding will be opened to all ACF Inc. affiliates. *Note: If an affiliate declines their opportunity to bid on their scheduled event it does not alter their right to bid on future events.*
- If the scheduled affiliate submits a bid that is judged to be inadequate by the ACF Inc. Executive Board they will be given an additional 10 days to rectify the inadequacies. If the affiliate fails or is unable to rectify the inadequacies the ACF Inc. Executive Board may elect to: 1) cancel the event, 2) organize the event themselves, or 3) reopen bidding to all ACF Inc. affiliates. *Note: The Alabama State Championship tournament is*

required to be held by ACF Inc. bylaws and; therefore, may not be cancelled.

- 5) Memberships, other than USCF and ACF Inc., may not be required of participants in these events.
- 6) All adult sections must be USCF rated.
- 7) All championships shall be either sponsored or sanctioned by ACF Inc. The organizer and chief tournament director must agree to comply with all relevant ACF Inc. policies.
- 8) If the affiliate desires to run a scholastic event in conjunction with the championship event they must provide a separate floor TD for the scholastic sections. The scholastic sections must also be held in great enough distance from the adult sections so as to avoid disrupting the adults.
- 9) The chief tournament director of a championship may NOT participate in the tournament he/she is running unless there are less than thirty adult participants AND there is a separate TD for any scholastic sections.
- 10) The Alabama State Championship shall be a five or six round event with either a two-day schedule or a two-day schedule with an optional three-day schedule. There shall be no REQUIRED rounds on Friday or Monday.
- 11) The Quick, Dual, and Class Championships shall be one-day Saturday events with no fewer than four rounds.
- 12) Should an affiliate fail to renew their affiliation with ACF Inc. during this six year cycle, the ACF Inc. Executive Board has the option to open bidding to all ACF Inc. affiliates when that affiliate's turn comes up in the rotation or to replace the expired affiliate with a new affiliate that may join ACF Inc. in the interim.
- 13) The next rotation cycle shall be published by the ACF Inc. Executive Board no later than June 1, 2013.

Table 1				
Championship	Dual	Class	Quick	State
Time Control	G/30 to G/59	G/60 +	G/20 to G/29	G/90 +
Tournament Month	December	March	Jun	September
Affiliate Commit Date	May 1	August 1	November 1	February 1
Bid Due Date	July 1	October 1	January 1	April 1
Bid award Date	August 1	November 1	February 1	May 1

Table 2			
Dual Championship	Class Championship	Quick Championship	State Championship
2008 – Huntsville	2009 – Montgomery	2009 – Tuscaloosa	2009 – Birmingham
2009 – Mobile	2010 – Huntsville	2010 – Montgomery	2010 – Tuscaloosa
2010 – Birmingham	2011 – Mobile	2011 – Huntsville	2011 – Montgomery
2011 – Tuscaloosa	2012 – Birmingham	2012 – Mobile	2012 – Huntsville
2012 – Montgomery	2013 – Tuscaloosa	2013 – Birmingham	2013 – Mobile