

Utah Chess Association
Minutes of Meeting of
Board of Directors
January 10, 2015

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Utah Chess Association (hereinafter, the "UCA" or the "Association") convened at Summerhays Halibut & Chips, 4870 South Highland Drive, Holladay, Utah 84117 at approximately 11:00 a.m. on January 10, 2015. The following Board members, constituting a quorum for holding the meeting and for the regular conduct of business, were in attendance:

David Day, President
Gina Mason, Vice President
Steve Hoisington, Secretary
Kari Roach, Treasurer
John Coffey
Bryan Leñaño

Brenda Black was also in attendance during the meeting. She participated primarily in the consideration of tournament scheduling, on which topic she made several valuable contributions to the discussion.

1. Approval of Minutes

The previously distributed draft minutes for the Board meeting held December 6, 2014, were discussed and, upon motion duly made, approved, 5-0. John Coffey, who arrived shortly after this vote was taken, was recorded as not present.

2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Kari Roach, reported that the balance in the Association's general account as of the meeting date was \$6,122.87, with \$1,716.59 of such total held in the Association's checking account at Zions Bank, and a balance of \$4,406.28 held in the Association's PayPal account. She noted that expenses associated with running the RBO tournament on December 13, 2014, and a few expenses for upcoming tournaments had been paid from the PayPal account.

She further reported that she and David Day had met with Zions Bank to add her as an authorized signer on the checking account and to remove Grant Hodson from those authorized to sign. In addition, the mailing address was changed.

3. Scholastic Report

The Treasurer, Kari Roach, reported that the aggregate balance in the Association's scholastic accounts as of the meeting date was \$15,980.30, which is unchanged from the amount reported at the prior meeting. By subaccount, the balances are: \$2,429.48 allocated to the high school account, \$2,993.02 allocated to the Junior High School account, and \$10,557.80 allocated to the K through 6th (K-6) account.

4. Recent Tournaments

The Three-Round Circus tournament held December 13, 2014, was won by John Coffey on a perfect score of 3.0/3. Bryan Leaño and Steve Hoisington were equal second on scores of 2.5/3.

The RBO Throwdown also held December 13, 2014, had three sections. The top (U-1200) section was won by James Haney on a score of 4.5/5. The U-800 section was won by Emily Hogue on a perfect score of 5.0/5, and the U-400 section was won jointly by Randy Huo, Jonah Treilter and Zachary Wooldridge on scores of 4.0/5.

The Three-Round Circus and the RBO Throwdown had an aggregate net profit of \$8.06. It was noted that the RBO is held primarily as a membership drive tournament and that, from a membership standpoint, there were fourteen (14) vouchers purchased at the tournament for new memberships by players in grades K-12, as well as one new adult membership. In aggregate (including the Three-Round Circus) a total of 87 players participated. A combined Profit and Loss Statement for the Three-Round Circus and RBO Throwdown is attached as Appendix A, below.

5. Schedule of Upcoming Tournaments

There was a discussion of the tournament schedule for early 2015, as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event (Venue)</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
January 24	Speed Championship (SLCC)	Allen Bolen
January 31	Igor Ivanov Memorial (Warnock Engineering Building ["WEB"])	Steve Hoisington
February 21(*)	Senior Championship (WEB)	Bryan Leaño
February 21(*)	Nifty Under Fifty Tournament (WEB)	Bryan Leaño

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event (Venue)</u>	<u>Organizer</u>
February 28(*)	Barber Open (K-8) Pre-Qualifier (TBD)	Gina Mason
March 21	Salt Lake Open (WEB)	Gina Mason
March (**)	All Girls' Tournament (**)	Stephanie Pitcher
April 11(*)	Class Championship (WEB)	David Day Gina Mason Kari Roach
April 25-26	Final Barber Qualifier (round robin) (WEB)	Gina Mason
May – Sept.	See note (***) below.	

Notes:

(*) – These dates are currently deemed tentative for reasons explained in the main text of these minutes.

(**) – Specific date and venue are TBD. The All Girls' Tournament is not a UCA event, but it has traditionally been used to determine the official representatives for the State of Utah to the Susan Polgar Girls' Invitational tournament and USCF National Girls Invitational tournament.

(***) -- For the months of May – Sept. 2015, the Board discussed a variety of possible tournaments (*e.g.*, Game-in-Sixty [G/60] Championship, Quick Championship [G/15], Blitz Championship, Farewell Bobby Fischer, and an unspecified [TBD] long time-control event). Final decisions on scheduling for these events were tabled until the next meeting.

It was reported that the date of the State High School Championship (previously scheduled for February 27-28) was being changed to February 20-21. This change of date agreed to by the organizer of that tournament to accommodate a complaint from one school created problems with the scheduling of several other tournaments during the month of February, in particular with respect to the goal of the Board to avoid or minimize conflicts in tournament schedules. As a consequence, the scheduling of the Senior Championship, the Nifty Under Fifty Tournament and the Barber Open Pre-Qualifier were all considered tentative as of the meeting date.

There was also a discussion of the scheduling of the Class Championships, which tournament has been planned for April 11 in the Warnock Engineering Building. Bryan Leaño reported that he had learned that the remainder of the building had been reserved on that date for a scholastic science fair, which would give rise to considerably more noise and other distractions in the building than are desirable for a tournament venue. It was agreed that alternative dates and/or venues should be considered for that meeting. Following some discussion of possible alternatives, the matter was tabled for consideration at the next meeting.

6. Grand Prix Competition

A. 2014 Competition

The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, reported Grand Prix results for the Three-Round Circus held December 13, 2014, and presented year-to-date standings for the Grand Prix competition, which will be the final year-end standings since no further GP Events were held in 2014. Copies of those results and standings are attached as Appendices B-1 and B-2, below. After those tournaments, the leaders in the cumulative Grand Prix standings were: (1) Bryan Leaño 231.83; (2) Eric Hon 101.69; (3) John Coffey 99.5; (4) Andrew Roach 71.36; (5) Michael Morris-Pearce 62.86; (6) Sam Mason 59.86; (7) Steve Gordon 53; (8) Clancey Black 51.86; (9) Steve Hoisington 48.5; and (10) Vishwa Srinivasan 41.5.

Upon motion duly made, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the final standings for 2014, as reflected on Appendix B-2, and directed the Treasurer to distribute prizes the players in the top six places in accordance with the schedule of prizes previously approved at the Board meeting of November 19, 2014.

B. 2015 Competition

There followed a discussion of the Grand Prix (“GP”) competition for 2015, which had been authorized in concept at the previous Board meeting on December 6, 2014. The Secretary, Steve Hoisington, presented a proposed prize structure for 2015, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B-3, below. Upon motion duly made, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the GP prizes for 2015 as proposed.

The Secretary then distributed a copy of proposed Regulations for the 2015 GP Competition. The President, David Day, proposed one change in concept to the draft Regulations as presented to the meeting. Specifically, he proposed that the prerequisite for the convertibility of Premier GP Points to Reserve GP Points as provided in Section 5.C. of the draft Regulations should be increased from one tournament in which a player has earned Reserve GP Points to a minimum of three (3) such tournaments in which a player has earned Reserve GP Points. Following a discussion and upon motion duly made, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the proposed Regulations modified as proposed by the President. A copy of the Regulations as finally approved is attached as Appendix B-4, below.

7. Miscellaneous Topics

There were discussions of several additional topics, as summarized below.

A. Delegates for the 2015 Annual USCF Meeting

Upon motion duly made, the Board voted 6-0 to designate (i) David Day as the official delegate; and (ii) Allen Bolen as the alternate delegate to represent the State of Utah at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the U. S. Chess Federation to be held in Phoenix, Arizona during the U. S. Open Championship.

B. Regional Liaisons

Discussion of this topic (establishing regional liaisons around the state to facilitate communication and coordination with the Board of tournaments being organized in counties other than Salt Lake County) was tabled for consideration at the next meeting.

C. Tournament Administration Ground Rules

There was a continuation of the discussion from the prior meeting of draft guidelines setting forth ground rules for running tournaments, including several editorial suggestions presented by the Secretary, Steve Hoisington. The President, David Day took an action item to prepare a further revision of the draft for consideration at the next meeting.

D. Website

The President, David Day, reported that there had been no progress or new developments since the last meeting with the pending request to Bill Clark to finalize contractual terms and undertake work on the required programming. It was the consensus of the meeting that one more attempt should be made to contact Bill Clark to determine his interest in undertake the website redesign project previously discussed with him.

8. Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled to be held on Thursday, January 29, 2015, to convene at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the first floor conference room (Room

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146) of the Abraham Markosian Library on the Taylorsville Redwood Campus of Salt Lake Community College, 4600 South Redwood Road, Salt Lake City, Utah 84123.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hoisington
Secretary

Appendix A

3 Round Circus
RBO Throwdown

Saturday, December 13, 2014
University of Utah – Union Building

Profit and Loss Statement (combined)

Revenue

Entry Fees and Memberships

PayPal (net of fees)	\$477.06
Cash	392.00
<u>Checks</u>	<u>21.00</u>

TOTAL REVENUES \$890.06

Expense

Cash Prizes

3 Round	(\$356.00)
U1200	(70.00)
U800	(70.00)
<u>U400</u>	<u>(52.50)</u>

TOTAL CASH PRIZES (\$548.50)

Room Rental (97.00)

Membership (191.00)

Rating Report (45.50)

TOTAL EXPENSE (\$882.00)

NET PROFIT \$8.06

Utah Chess Grand Prix Report

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Points Earned at the Three-Round Circus Tournament

December 13, 2014

1	John COFFEY	21
2	Steve HOISINGTON	13.5
	Bryan LEAÑO	13.5
4-9	Alexander ALLEN	6
	Ben BALTER	6
	Darwin ("Hank") BEUNING	6
	Allen BOLEN	6
	Charles EVANS	6
	Dietrich GEISLER	6

Utah Chess Grand Prix Standings

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Standings through the Three-Round Circus Tournament

December 13, 2014

Final Standings for 2014

1	Bryan LEAÑO	231.83
2	Eric HON	101.69
3	John COFFEY	99.5
4	Andrew ROACH	71.36
5	Michael MORRIS-PEARCE	62.86
6	Sam MASON	59.86
7	Steve GORDON	53
8	Clancey BLACK	51.86
9	Steve HOISINGTON	48.5
10	Vishwa SRINIVASAN	41.5
11	Ben BALTER	40
12	Josh (J.D.) SMITH	36
13	Grant HODSON	34.86
14	Emigdio NIQUET	33
15	Patrick BLESS	31.75
16-17	Brandon CLARKE	31.5
	Scott TREIMAN	31.5
18	Allen BOLEN	30
19	Wesly HARSTON	24.44
20	Kayden TROFF	21

21	Alexander QI	18.38
22	Jeffery SCOTT	18
23	Darwin ("Hank") BEUNING	16
24	Justin Mc GEE	16
25-26	David DAY	15
	Kevin WARD	15
27	Brendon YOUNG	14.75
28-29	Jose GARCIA	13.5
	Chad KELLEY	13.5
30	Isaac BALTER	12.38
31	Robert WILLIAMS	12.33
32	Dominic CROCE	11
33-34	Anoushka KHARKAR	10.5
	Fernando RODRIGUEZ	10.5
35	Bradley TEW	10
36-37	Bryan GUO	9
	Alex HALL	9
38-40	Valerie Anne HART	8.44
	Spencer HINDMAN	8.44
	Matt LARSON	8.44
41-44	Adrian GUSHIN	8
	Chenkai LUO	8
	Abhinav MATHUR	8
	Robert TAYLOR	8
45-46	Enrique ARCE-LARRETA	7
	Stephanie PITCHER	7
47-49	Daniel CARPENTER	6.75
	Jacinda LEE	6.75
	William WOOLDRIDGE	6.75

50-54	Alexander ALLEN	6
	Charles EVANS	6
	Dietrich GEISLER	6
[50-54]	Greg LEE	6
	Benjamin TESCH	6
55-58	Ethan McCULLOCH	5.63
	Ujan RAY	5.63
	Madeline ROACH	5.63
	Lillian RYSKAMP	5.63
59	David CATALINI	5
60	Donald KITCHEN	4.86
61-63	Craig BAINUM	4.67
	Frank MONTIERTH	4.67
	Marti OLSEN	4.67
64-66	David HAGLUND	4.5
	Phillip LIU	4.5
	Alan ZHAO	4.5
67-68	Samuel DEAN	3.38
	Scott LUNDSKOG	3.38
69-71	Andy HUO	2.33
	Kunal KAMTEKAR	2.33
	Matthew SNYDER	2.33
72-76	Wyatt BLESS	2.2
	Randy HUO	2.2
	Jonah TREILTER	2.2
	Audrey YOUNG	2.2
	Henry ZHENG	2.2

2015 Utah Chess Grand Prix

Prizes

Sponsored by **AMP Security and UCA Scholastic Account**

Premier Competition

The following prizes shall be awarded for the top six finishers in the 2015 Utah Chess Grand Prix competition for Premier GP Points:

First place(*):	\$200
Second place(*):	\$150
Third place(*):	\$100
Fourth Place(*):	\$75
Fifth Place(*):	\$50
Sixth Place(*):	\$25

Notes to Prizes in Premier Competition

(* Note: In the event of ties for final placements, those players will share the average (arithmetic mean) of the cash prizes for those places. (No form of tie-breaks will be applied.)

Prizes
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Reserve Competition

The following prizes shall be awarded for the top six finishers in each of two divisions (as described in Note (**)) below) in the 2015 Utah Chess Grand Prix competition for Reserve GP Points (including Premier GP Points convertible to Reserve GP Points under applicable Regulations):

Adult Division()**

First place(***):	\$125
Second place(***):	\$100
Third place(***):	\$75
Fourth place(***):	\$50
Fifth place(***):	\$30
Sixth place(***):	\$20

Scholastic Division()**

First place(***):	\$125
Second place(***):	\$100
Third place(***):	\$75
Fourth place(***):	\$50
Fifth place(***):	\$30
Sixth place(***):	\$20

Notes to Prizes in Reserve Competition

(**) Players earning Reserve GP Points (including convertible Premier GP Points) shall compete in two separate categories or “Divisions” for which prizes shall be separately awarded. Players in pre-school through Grade 12 shall compete in the Scholastic Division. All other players shall compete in the Adult Division. Each player’s status (as Scholastic or Adult) shall be determined as of December 31, 2015.

(***) Note: In the event of ties for final placements, those players will share the average (arithmetic mean) of the cash prizes for those places. (No form of tie-breaks will be applied.)

Appendix B-4

Regulations for
2015 Utah Chess Grand Prix

The Utah Chess Association (the “UCA” or the “Association”) shall sponsor a Grand Prix competition during 2015 (the “Utah Chess Grand Prix” or the “Grand Prix”) in accordance with the following rules (the “Utah Chess Grand Prix Regulations” or these “Regulations”):

1. Grand Prix Competition - General

A. Grand Prix Competition. The Utah Chess Grand Prix competition shall involve the awarding of “Grand Prix” points (“GP Points”) based on placements of players in individual tournaments sponsored or sanctioned by the UCA during 2015 (“GP Events”, as defined more fully in Section 2., below). Participation in the Utah Chess Grand Prix shall be open to all current members in good standing of the United States Chess Federation (“USCF”).

B. Defined terms: “Sponsored” and “Sanctioned”. For purposes of Section 1.A. and other provisions of these Regulations that refer to tournaments sponsored or sanctioned by the UCA:

(i) a tournament “sponsored” by the UCA means a tournament (a) more than one-half (1/2) of whose costs are underwritten by the UCA and/or parties who (1) donate funds for such purpose at the solicitation of the UCA or otherwise for the specific purpose of providing financial assistance to the UCA in organizing tournaments; and (2) may (or may not) receive promotional consideration for such sponsorship but do not directly participate in the distribution of profits (if any) resulting from such tournament; and (b) all or a proportionate share (*i.e.*, in proportion to the share of costs underwritten) of the profits (if any) from which are

either (1) retained by the UCA or (2) donated to a charitable or other beneficiary of the tournament (e.g., the Red Cross or official representatives of the State of Utah at national tournaments such as the Arnold Denker tournament of High School Champions) as designated by the Board of the UCA;

(ii) a tournament “sanctioned” by the UCA means a tournament (a) that is not sponsored by the UCA (e.g., a tournament at least one-half [1/2] of the costs of which are underwritten by a person or entity *other than* the UCA [and/or another party or parties as described in clause (a) of paragraph (i) of this Section 1.B.] who has a claim to all or a share of resulting profits [if any]), but (b) the organizing and running of which is specifically approved in advance (*i.e.*, by vote taken prior to the start of play of the first round thereof) by resolution of the Board of the UCA; and

(iii) the fact that the UCA is the sponsoring affiliate of a tournament for purposes of rating report submittal (i) shall not *ipso facto* render such tournament one “sponsored” by the UCA; and (ii) shall not otherwise have any bearing on the determination whether such tournament is “sponsored” by the UCA for purposes of Section 1. A. or any other provision of these Regulations.

2. GP Events

A. Determination of which Tournaments are “GP Events” - General. Except as otherwise specifically provided, GP Points shall be awarded for all blitz-rated, quick-rated, regular-rated and dual-rated tournaments during the year that are (i) sponsored or sanctioned by the UCA; and (ii) either open or closed by qualification tournaments, as respectively defined in section 2.D. (1) and (2), below, (such tournaments being herein referred to as “GP Events”) in accordance with the schedule set forth in section 3., below.

B. Unrated Tournaments. No GP Points shall be awarded for events that are unrated. For all purposes of these Regulations, a tournament shall be considered “rated” if but only if it is rated (regular, dual, quick or blitz) by the

USCF, regardless of whether it is rated under the auspices of any other organization or person.

- C. Utah Open and State Championship. Unless otherwise specifically determined by the Board of the UCA, GP Points for the Utah Open Championship and the Utah State Chess Championship shall be awarded at one hundred fifty per cent (150%) of the nominal rate set forth in section 3.A., below.
- D. Defined terms: “Open” and “Closed by Qualification” Tournaments.
- (1) A tournament is “open” if any player holding a current membership in the U. S. Chess Federation (USCF) is eligible to play subject only to timely submission of entry information and payment of entry fee.
- (2) A tournament is “closed by qualification” if eligibility to participate is contingent upon a player’s meeting specified objective qualification criteria, *e.g.*, meeting a rating limitation, winning or achieving another specified result (such as achieving a “plus” score) in another tournament designated as a qualifying event., etc. The term “closed by qualification” does not include a tournament that is closed by invitation, *e.g.*, a tournament in which eligibility to participate is subject to the subjective selection of the organizer(s).
- E. Age-Restricted Tournaments and Similar Cases. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of these Regulations, (i) due to the age restrictions on participation therein the Senior Championship and any tournament similarly restricted to players in a defined age (or academic grade) range (such as qualifier tournaments for the national Arnold Denker and Dewain Barber tournaments) shall not be GP Events, and no GP Points shall be awarded based on placements in any such tournament unless there is a counterpart (and substantially contemporaneous) tournament where players not eligible for the age-restricted tournament can compete for Grand Prix Points, in which case both (or all) such contemporaneous tournaments

shall be GP Events; and (ii) any “quad” tournament or other event in which the number of players per section is limited **by the announced terms of the event** to eight (8) or fewer participants shall not be GP Events, and no GP Points shall be awarded based on placements in any such tournament. As used herein, two tournaments are “substantially contemporaneous” if their respective playing schedules at least partially coincide.

F. Team Tournaments. Team tournaments shall not be GP Events, and no GP Points shall be awarded based on placements therein. The reason for the exclusion of team tournaments is that they are not events in which the primary competition is for individual placements

G. Weekly Quick/Blitz Tournaments. For the avoidance of doubt and notwithstanding anything else to the contrary in these Regulations, the weekly Saturday afternoon quick/blitz tournaments typically held at Salt Lake Community College shall not be GP Events and no GP Points shall be awarded in connection with these tournaments.

H. Authority of the UCA Board. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provisions of these Regulations, the Board of Directors of the UCA (the “Board of the UCA”) shall have final authority to determine whether any particular tournament shall be a GP Event by vote taken prior to the start of play of the first round thereof, and the Board of the UCA shall also have final authority to determine (notwithstanding any contradictory or inconsistent provision set forth in these Regulations) whether GP Points for any particular GP Event shall be awarded at the nominal rate specified in section 3.A., below, or at a reduced (less than 100%) or increased (more than 100%) rate relative to the nominal rate, *provided* such determination is made by vote taken prior to the start of play of the first round thereof. Any such vote to determine (i) whether a particular tournament shall be a GP Event and/or (ii) the rate at which GP Points shall be awarded for any particular GP Event may be taken either (a) in the manner generally prescribed for action by the Board

of Directors in the Association's By-laws or (b) by the vote of a majority of Directors recorded by e-mail sent to the Secretary prior to the applicable deadline.

3. Calculation and Award of GP Points

- A. Nominal Rate. GP Points shall be awarded based on players' placements in GP Events. The nominal rate for awarding GP Points shall be in accordance with the following scale: First place – 21 points; second place – 15 points; third place – 12 points; fourth place – 10 points; fifth place – 8 points; sixth place – 6 points; additional players tied for sixth place – 4 points each.
- B. Classes of GP Points. There shall be two types (or classes) of GP Points awarded in the various GP Events held during 2015: in general, for the top section, Premier GP Points shall be awarded, and for all other sections, Reserve GP Points shall be awarded.
- C. Class Championships. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 3.B., above, or any other provision of these regulations, for the annual Utah Class Championships any section that includes Class A players (USCF regular rating of 1800-1999) and/or Class B players (USCF regular rating of 1600-1799) shall award Premier GP Points even if it is not the top section of that tournament.
- D. Tied Placements. GP Points shall be awarded before applying any tie-break procedures. Specifically, players with equal total tournament point scores for any GP Event shall be considered as tying for the relevant placements for that event for the purpose of awarding GP Points, and all such players shall receive equal GP Points for that event in an amount equal to the average (arithmetic mean) of points awarded for the several placements for which they tied. For example, if two players tie for first and second places in a GP Event that awards GP Points at the nominal rate, each shall receive eighteen (18) GP Points $[(21 + 15) / 2 = 36 / 2 = 18]$ (See section 5, below.); if three players

tie for first through third places in a GP Event that awards GP Points at the nominal rate, each shall receive sixteen (16) GP Points $[(21 + 15 + 12) / 3 = 48 / 3 = 16]$. Tournament points earned in any GP Event for games won by forfeit or for scheduled byes (either half-point or full-point byes) shall be fully equivalent to tournament points earned for games played for the purpose of determining placements and for all other purposes of calculating awards of GP Points.

- E. Tied Placements Including Sixth and Lower Places. In the event the final placements in a GP Event involve a tie among several players including sixth place and one or more places lower than sixth, each place below sixth for which a player has a score tied for sixth place shall be awarded 4 points.
- F. Premium GP Events. The foregoing scale (as set forth in section 3.A., above, shall be adjusted in accordance with section 2.C., above, for the Utah Open Championship and the Utah Chess State Championship. [For example, a player taking clear first in the Utah Open would earn 31.50 GP Points (150% of the nominal rate)].
- G. Small Turnout. If fewer than six players participate in any GP Event, the foregoing scale shall apply only through the number of placements equal to the number of participants. A player who plays at least one move in one scheduled game shall be deemed to have participated in the tournament. A player scoring zero tournament points in any GP Event in which fewer than six players score one-half or more tournament points shall be entitled to receive GP Points in accordance with the foregoing scale based on his or her placement in the tournament *provided* he or she played at least one game during such tournament. For the purpose of applying the foregoing proviso, a player shall be deemed to have “played” a game if he or she completed at least one move on the board. In the absence of clear evidence to the contrary, a game shall be presumed to have been “played” if it appears in the relevant crosstable as a rated game (as opposed to a game lost by forfeit by

a player who has played no moves, which is not eligible to be rated pursuant to the USCF's Official Rules of Chess, 6th Edition, Section 8 [The USCF Rating System], section 1).

4. **Further Illustrations of Tied Placements.**

To illustrate further the calculation of points for tied placements, if four (4) players tie for fifth through eighth places in a GP Event (other than the Utah Open or Utah Chess State Championship), each of those players shall receive 5.50 GP Points, calculated as follows: $(8 + 6 + 4 + 4) / 4 = 22 / 4 = 5.50$. [Note that since this example assumes a tie involving sixth place and extending through eighth place, each of seventh and eighth places was awarded 4 GP Points pursuant to sections 3.A. and 3.E., above.] To give another example, if five players tie for sixth through tenth places in a GP Event (other than the Utah Open or Utah Chess State Championship), each such player shall receive 4.40 GP Points, calculated as follows: $(6 + 4 + 4 + 4 + 4) / 5 = 22 / 5 = 4.40$. [Pursuant to sections 3.A. and 3.E., above, each of seventh through tenth places was awarded 4 GP Points in this example.]

5. **Standings based on Cumulative GP Points Earned During Year.**

- A. Responsibilities of UCA Secretary: Maintenance of Standings. The Secretary of the Association shall have responsibility to serve as administrator of the Grand Prix Competition, including the responsibility to calculate Premier and Reserve GP Points awarded for each GP Event; to keep a cumulative record of GP Points earned by all players; and to keep the UCA webmaster informed of current GP Point totals and standings for posting on the UCA website.
- B. Separate Premier and Reserve Competitions. There will be separate competitions for Premier and Reserve GP Points.
- C. Convertibility of Premier GP Points. For any player who earns Reserve GP Points by achieving a placement in the top six places (including tied placements) in any section awarding Reserve GP Points in at least three (3) different GP Events during the year-long competition, Premier GP Points

earned by such player shall also count as Reserve GP Points. The primary rationale for this provision is to enable a player who has (a) done well in the Reserve competition; and (b) had an increase in USCF rating that disqualifies him or her from continuing to compete in Reserve sections; to be able to continue to accumulate GP Points that can be counted in the Reserve competition if that player can earn a top six placement in any section awarding Premier GP Points of any GP Event(s). Any player who meets the criterion hereinabove specified (*i.e.*, achieving a placement in the top six places [including tied placements] in any section awarding Reserve GP Points in at least three (3) different GP Events during the year-long competition, hereinafter referred to as the “Convertibility Criterion”) shall be entitled to convert Premier GP Points earned at *any* time during the year, including such Points earned prior to meeting the Convertibility Criterion.

D. Restrictions on Convertibility.

- (1) Under no circumstances shall Reserve GP Points be convertible; specifically, a player who earns Reserve GP Points will not be entitled in any circumstances to count such points as Premier GP Points.
- (2) Players who do not meet the Convertibility Criterion as defined in Section 5.C., above (*i.e.*, players who have fewer than three [3] top-six placements in sections that award Reserve GP Points) shall **not** be entitled to convert Premier GP Points to Reserve GP Points.

E. Convertible Points Valid in Both Classes. Premier GP that are eligible to be converted to Reserve GP Points as hereinabove provided shall also remain valid as Premier GP Points, *i.e.*, the player who has earned such GP points shall be entitled to count them in both competitions described in Section 5.B., above.

6. **Presumptive Validity of Crosstables Published On-line by USCF.**

A. General. GP Points shall be awarded based on points scored and placements as reflected in the crosstable for the event as published on-line at

the official USCF website (www.uschess.org), regardless of any restrictions applicable for purposes of awarding prizes for the particular tournament. For example, a player who revokes a previously requested half-point bye and is only entitled pursuant to USCF Rule 22C5 to be credited with a maximum of one-half point for that round for the purpose of awarding tournament prizes, shall be entitled to a full point for any game actually played and won for the purpose of awarding GP Points.

- B. Exceptions. Exceptions to the presumptive validity of the published crosstable may be made in exceptional cases as determined by the Association Secretary (in his or her capacity as administrator of the Grand Prix Competition) and/or the UCA Board of Directors based upon information provided and/or verified by the cognizant tournament director.

7. **Miscellaneous**.

- A. Fractional GP Points. Fractional awards of GP Points shall be recorded as estimated to the second decimal place. (See examples, above.) If the actual calculation yields a third decimal place precisely equal to five (5), the second decimal place shall be rounded up. (For example, one-eighth of a point shall be rounded up to 0.13.)

- B. Disputes. The resolution of all disputes and all other interpretations of these rules shall be subject to final decision and determination by the Board of Directors of the UCA.

- C. Prizes. Prizes for year-end placements in the Grand Prix competition shall be as determined by the Board of the UCA.

- D. Index of Defined Terms. As used in these Regulations, each of the following terms (regardless of whether the initial letter is upper case or lower case) shall have the meaning as defined in the section referenced below:

Defined Term – Section Reference

“Closed by Qualification” – Section 2.D. (2)

“Convertibility Criterion” – Section 5.C.

“GP Event” – Section 2.A.
“GP Points” – Section 1.A. and *passim*
“Open” tournament – Section 2.D. (1)
“Premier GP Points” – Section 3.B. and *passim*
“Rated” tournament – Section 2.B.
“Reserve GP points” – Section 3.B. and *passim*
“Sanctioned” – Section 1.B.(ii)
“Sponsored” – Section 1.B. (i) and (iii)
“Substantially contemporaneous” – Section 2.E.
“USCF” – Section 1.A.

8. Adoption; Amendment.

These Regulations (i) shall take effect upon approval by majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Association and (ii) shall be subject to amendment by majority vote of such Board. In either case, such vote may be taken either (a) in the manner generally prescribed for action by the Board of Directors in the Association’s By-laws or (b) by the vote of a majority of Directors recorded by e-mail sent to the Secretary prior to the applicable deadline.