

Coatsi Chess Fortu£ Friday\$: Comprehensive Tournament Regulations, Fair Play Policy, Terms & Conditions

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PART A: Fair Play & Integrity Regulations

SECTION 1: Introduction to Fair Play Regulations

This document provides a comprehensive outline of the rules, anti-cheating policies, sanctions, and terms and conditions for participation in our Fortun£ Friday\$ tournaments. These rules are periodically reviewed and updated, reflecting insights and experiences gathered from our events.

Additionally, this document addresses a selection of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for your convenience.

These regulations and conditions apply to all participating players in our tournaments. This document serves as a foundational guide to ensuring a fair and enjoyable tournament experience.

SECTION 2: Adherence to lichess Fair Play Rules

We urge all players to thoroughly review and adhere to the lichess Terms of Service, which form an integral part of the conduct expectations during all games on the platform. The terms can be found at the following link: <https://lichess.org/terms-of-service>

The following activities are expressly forbidden during games:

Seeking or accepting external assistance: This could be from an engine, coach, another player, or a book.

Impersonation: Accessing or playing from someone else's account.

Match fixing: Arranging a draw or pre-deciding the outcome with an opponent before a game.

This list is not comprehensive, and all players are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the complete rules and supportive materials available at the above link.

Please note that the tournament organizer holds no liability in relation to the enforcement of lichess's Terms of Service.

SECTION 3: Implementation of Anti-Cheating Measures

All games in the tournament will undergo rigorous screening to maintain integrity and fair play. The process will be administered by FIDE International Arbiter Andy Howie, leveraging Professor Regan's renowned FIDE screening tool.

In addition to this, the games will be scrutinized by lichess's robust anti-cheating software, which is designed to detect various forms of cheating. Details about lichess's anti-cheating measures can be found in their FAQ section: <https://lichess.org/faq>

If any player suspects a breach of fair play, they are encouraged to report the incident following the procedure outlined here: <https://lichess.org/report>

A critical note to all participants: Changing your username immediately before, during, or after the tournament without a valid reason is strongly discouraged. Any such action may lead to immediate disqualification, at the discretion of the tournament organizer.

Important Reminder:

Participants who anticipate being prize winners are strongly advised not to close their Lichess accounts after the tournament. Closing an account before prize distribution can lead to the forfeiture of potential winnings, at the discretion of the tournament organizers.

Furthermore, we discourage all participants from closing their accounts, regardless of their standing in the tournament. This advice is particularly relevant in cases where a player is disqualified for cheating, and other players subsequently move up in rank and become eligible for prizes.

SECTION 4: Sanctions for Rule Breaches

Players who violate lichess's terms of service, resulting in account flags or bans either prior to, during, or after the tournament, will face stringent penalties. These include immediate disqualification from the ongoing or subsequent tournament, forfeiture of any potential prize money, and non-refundable entry fees. Furthermore, at the discretion of the tournament organizer, such players may be barred from participating in future tournaments. The same penalties apply to players identified as cheating by Professor Regan's FIDE screening tool.

PART B: Tournament Participation Guidelines

SECTION 1: How to Register and Participate in Our Tournaments

Step 1 - Go to our website's homepage at www.coatsichess.com.

Please note:

If you are unsure if you are on the homepage or not, click the text 'Coatsi Chess' in the top left-hand corner of the screen to be redirected to the homepage of the website.

Step 2 - Click on the button "Join the (desired tournament) now!"

Step 3 - You will now have landed on the page which shows the tournaments we have on. Click on the poster of the desired tournament you want to join.

Please note: This page can also be reached by clicking on 'Tournaments' in the navigation bar.

Step 4 - On the next page, you will see a description of how to register for the desired tournament and a purchase button at the bottom. Click 'Purchase' and fill out the entry form that pops up.

Please note: It's important to fill in your lichess username correctly to avoid any problems we may face when trying to add a username that doesn't exist, or the wrong username, to our permitted players list.

Step 5: You will then be taken to the checkout page.

Please note: If for any reason you didn't get redirected to this page, then click the checkout box icon in the bottom right-hand corner of the screen. It should have a number 1 above it, showing you have added your entry to the basket. Click this and then click the "Checkout" button on the page you have just been directed to be redirected to the page step 5 is on.

Step 6: Complete the final three steps in the checkout window: entering your email, your payment details, and finally, reviewing your purchase. After completing the last step, you will have successfully registered for the tournament. You will receive a confirmation email of your entry and we will receive your lichess username, which we will add to the permitted players list of the tournament you

entered. Now all you have to do is head over to lichess, click on the desired tournament you have paid for, and join the tournament. This will complete your registration for the tournament on lichess.

Please note: Being added to the list of permitted players for the tournament may take up to, or sometimes exceed, 24 hours. We generally handle this process swiftly, but extended periods might occur due to our UK-based team operating within UK hours.

SECTION 2: Tournament Entry Procedure & FAQs

Entry Process

Step 1 – Players should first join the Fortun£ Friday\$ team on lichess.

Step 2 – Players are then required to fill in the paid entry form on the Coatsi Chess website. By providing their Lichess username in the form, they will be added to the list of players permitted to participate in the tournament they've entered.

Step 3 – Players should navigate to the team page and locate the specific Fortun£ Friday\$ event they've entered. Once their username has been added to the list of permitted players, the join button will turn green. Pressing this button will officially enter them into the tournament.

Please note:

Being added to the list of permitted players for the tournament may take up to, or sometimes exceed, 24 hours. We generally handle this process swiftly, but extended periods might occur due to our UK-based team operating within UK hours.

Entry Fee and Refund Policy:

The entry fee for the Fortun£ Friday\$ tournaments is non-refundable by default. However, at the discretion of the tournament organisers, a refund may be considered under exceptional circumstances. If a player believes they have a valid reason for requesting a refund, they should present their case by contacting the tournament organiser at contact@coatsichess.com. Please be aware that the decision of the tournament organisers regarding refunds is final.

Entry Procedure FAQs:

How do I join the Fortun£ Fridays team on lichess to play in the tournament?

How do I enter the specific tournament I've signed up for within the Fortun£ Fridays team on lichess?

How do I create a lichess account to participate in the tournament?

How do I log in to my lichess account to play in the tournament?

How do I pay for my entry fee on the Coatsi Chess website?

For detailed answers to these questions, players can find a step-by-step guide by clicking the 'How To Enter and Join Our Tournaments' button on our website's homepage.

Entry Fee

The cost of entry can vary based on when you register for a particular tournament. We offer discounted rates for early entries, while increased rates apply for late entries. Please refer to the specific tournament details for the current pricing.

Important Entry Information:

- Entries immediately before and during the event may risk players not being added to the permitted players list at all, or face significant delays in being added. It is recommended to complete your entry well in advance of the tournament to ensure smooth participation.
- Juniors under the age of 16 require their parent/guardian's consent to play in our tournaments.

Importance of Accurate Player Rating Submission

All participants in our tournaments who possess a chess rating and are aiming to win a ratingbased prizes are obliged to provide their highest rating via the entry form. The rating can be from any category of time control, including blitz, rapid, or classical chess, and through any of the three rating systems we recognize - FIDE, CS (Chess Scotland), or ECF (English Chess Federation).

Players are advised to verify their highest rating across these systems and time controls prior to submission. After the conclusion of the tournament, the organizer will cross-verify the submitted ratings of prize winners against their officially published ratings online.

In instances where there is a discrepancy between the submitted rating and the officially listed rating, the player may risk forfeiting the prize associated with their declared rating category. It is, therefore, crucial for players to ensure the accuracy of the rating information they provide at the time of entry.

Right to Refuse Entry

The tournament organiser reserves the right to refuse entry without being required to state a reason.

Explanation of Acronyms

FIDE: Fédération Internationale des Échecs, which is the international chess federation.

CS: Chess Scotland, the governing body for chess in Scotland.

ECF: English Chess Federation, the primary governing body for chess in England.

These acronyms refer to the respective associations that assess and determine the chess rating of players according to specific metrics.

SECTION 3: lichess Arena FAQs

This section answers some of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about the tournament format on lichess:

How are scores in the tournament calculated?

A win has a base score of 2 points, a draw 1 point, and a loss is worth no points. If you win two games consecutively, you will start a double point streak, represented by a flame icon. The following games will continue to be worth double points until you fail to win a game. That is, a win will be worth 4 points, a draw 2 points, and a loss will still not award any points. For example, two wins followed by a draw will be worth 6 points: $2 + 2 + (2 \times 1)$.

Will Arena Berserk be enabled in tournaments, and what is it?

Yes, Arena Berserk will be enabled in all tournaments. When a player clicks the Berserk button at the beginning of the game, they lose half of their clock time, but the win is worth one extra tournament point. Going Berserk in time controls with an increment also cancels the increment (1+2 is an exception, it gives 1+0). Berserk is not available for games with zero initial time (0+1, 0+2). Berserk only grants an extra point if you play at least 7 moves in the game.

How is the winner decided?

The player(s) with the most points at the conclusion of the tournament's set time limit will be announced as the winner(s). When two or more players have the same number of points, the tournament performance is the tie break.

How does the pairing work?

At the beginning of the tournament, players are paired based on their rating. As soon as you finish a game, return to the tournament lobby: you will then be paired with a player close to your ranking.

This ensures minimum wait time, however you may not face all other players in the tournament. Play fast and return to the lobby to play more games and win more points.

How does the tournament end?

The tournament has a countdown clock. When it reaches zero, the tournament rankings are frozen, and the winner is announced. Games in progress must be finished, however they don't count for the tournament.

What are other important rules to note?

- There is a countdown for your first move. Failing to make a move within this time will forfeit the game to your opponent.
- Drawing the game within the first 10 moves will earn neither player any points.
- Draw streaks: When a player has consecutive draws in an arena, only the first draw will result in a point, or draws lasting more than 30 moves in standard games. The draw streak can only be broken by a win, not a loss or a draw.

SECTION 4: Player Conduct & Sportsmanship

We expect all participants in our tournaments to uphold the highest standards of conduct and sportsmanship. This includes demonstrating respect for all players, organisers, and officials, as well as the integrity of the game of chess itself. Any form of bullying, harassment, or other inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated and may result in immediate disqualification from the tournament. We encourage all participants to contribute positively to our chess community and to remember that at the heart of competition lies the love for the game.

SECTION 5: Prize Fund Distribution & FAQs

Prize Pool and Prize Allocation

The specifics regarding the prize pool and the distribution of prizes are unique to each tournament. Detailed information about these aspects can be found on the dedicated webpage for the individual tournament on our website, in the tournament description on lichess, and across various social media platforms that we use for event promotion.

Significant Advisory:

The tournament organizer reserves the right to modify the previously publicized prize pool and orchestrate prize distributions at any juncture – before, during, or after the event.

Such modifications are implemented in instances when the requisite number of participants is not met to support the proposed prize pool. For example, if the designated prize fund of a tournament is £1000 and each entry costs £10, a total of 100 paid participants are necessary to support the stated prize distribution.

Additional Terms Governing Prize Allocation

As the tournament organiser, Coatsi Chess reserves the right to withhold the awarding of any prize for any reason at its sole discretion, without needing to specify or justify the reason for doing so. This includes, but is not limited to, circumstances involving cheating, violation of tournament rules, or any other actions that are deemed detrimental to the integrity of the event. Additionally, Coatsi Chess also reserves the right to modify the amount of any prize for any reason, including extenuating or exceptional circumstances that may arise before, during, or after the tournament. All decisions made by Coatsi Chess concerning prize allocation or withholding are final and not subject to appeal.

Prize Money Distribution Timeline

Upon completing the necessary anti-cheating measures, the tournament organizer will contact winners either via email or through lichess to collect their bank details to distribute prizes. This process may take up to seven days following the event, if not longer.

Please Note:

Prize winners are required to furnish the necessary bank details for prize payment within 14 days from the date of notification. Should the prize winner fail to provide these details within the specified 14-day period, they shall forfeit their entitlement to the prize. The final adjudication regarding prize forfeiture lies solely with the discretion of the tournament organiser.

FAQs: Why Can Prizes Take Up to a Week or Longer to Be Sent?

The prize distribution process for the Coatsi Chess Fortune Friday Tournament involves a comprehensive verification step that ensures the integrity of the competition and the fairness of the outcome. Following the conclusion of the tournament, our advanced cheat detection software meticulously reviews all games to validate the legitimacy of the results.

During this period, which can last up to seven days or longer, we allow the advanced software to run in order to identify possible violations that the lichess cheat software might have missed. This rigorous process is crucial for maintaining a fair and trustworthy competitive environment for all participants.

Despite the complexity of this process, we strive to expedite the review and verification procedures. We understand the excitement and anticipation that accompany winning, and our aim is to transfer the prizes to the rightful winners as swiftly as possible.

FAQs: Understanding Rating Section Prizes in Our Tournaments

The open section of our tournament offers prizes that are accessible to all participants, irrespective of their rating. These are universal rewards that any player can aspire to win.

Conversely, rating section prizes cater specifically to players within particular rating brackets. These rewards are available exclusively to players whose ratings, as recognized by CS, FIDE, or ECF, fall within the specified ranges.

FAQs: Can Participants Win Multiple Prizes in a Single Tournament?

Participants can win multiple prizes in a single tournament. For instance, it is possible for a player to triumph in both a rating-specific category and the open section.

Rescheduling Protocol for the Tournament on lichess

The tournament organizer retains the prerogative to reschedule the tournament, usually due to instances of force majeure such as technical difficulties on lichess, including but not limited to site crashes. In the event of such unforeseen circumstances, updates will be promptly disseminated via our various social media channels. Furthermore, once the technical issues are resolved and the lichess site is operational, the tournament director will utilize the "send all" function on the lichess team page to communicate the procedures for the rescheduled event to all participating players.

SECTION 6: Responsibility for Providing Accurate Payment Details

When prize winners are requested to provide their payment details, they are solely responsible for the accuracy of the information provided. If inaccurate details are given, leading to the prize money being sent to the wrong PayPal address or any other payment method, the prize winner will bear all responsibility. Coatsi Chess will not be liable for any losses incurred due to the submission of incorrect payment details by the prize winner.

SECTION 7: Data Privacy & Protection

All regulations related to privacy and data protection can be found in our Privacy Policy, which is located in the footer section of our website. We encourage all players to review this document to understand how we handle and protect their personal information.

SECTION 8: Integration of Fair Play Regulations

All participants in Fortun£ Friday\$ tournaments are required to comply with the Fair Play Regulations outlined in Part A of this document.

SECTION 9: Further Information & Contacts

For additional information or any queries, please reach out to us via email at contact@coatsichess.com or use the contact form available on our website.

Part C: Acceptance of Outlined Rules

SECTION 1: Acknowledgement and Consent

By participating in the tournament, players confirm that they have thoroughly reviewed and agree to the provisions outlined in this document, as well as the Privacy Policy and Terms of Use available on our website.

By choosing to participate, players acknowledge that the tournament organizer has full authority to enforce all stated regulations, policies, and terms, as necessary.

Section 2: Specific Tournament Terms & Conditions

Specific Tournament T&Cs:

The Terms & Conditions for each individual 'Fortun£ Friday\$' event will be officially posted on the Coatsi Chess lichess blog page. Players are required to adhere to all the rules specified for each event as outlined in these postings.

Authority to Modify:

The tournament organizer reserves the right to edit the blog post containing the specific T&Cs at any time before, during, or after the event. Such amendments may include, but are not limited to, changes in the prize pool, tournament format, or participant eligibility criteria. By registering for and participating in the 'Fortun£ Fridays' events, players agree to abide by these conditions in addition to the general T&Cs stated in this document.