

## **The Canadian Open (CO) 2019**

### **Web sites**

Official site: information, registration, accommodations:

<https://saskchess.org/2019-canadian-open>

Chess-Results server: tournament files, pairings, results:

[ Coming up July 1<sup>st</sup> ]

### **Sections**

There are four (4) sections in this tournament, by rating.

Section A (Open)

**Open to all** players.

Section B (U2000)

Player's rating has to be **below 2000**.

Section C (U1800)

Player's rating has to be **below 1800**.

Section D (U1600 and unrated)

Player's rating has to be **below 1600**. This is **the only section where an unrated player** can enter unless an exemption in writing is requested and received from the organizer.

### **Player ratings**

Ratings are used for section composition, pairings and prizes in the following manner:

#### **Section A (Open):**

FIDE rating is used for pairings. If a player has no FIDE rating:

- for a player residing in Canada - CFC rating will be used;

- for a player residing elsewhere – **the highest found rating** (CFC, USCF, ...) will be used in the sole discretion of the organizer.

#### **Sections B-C-D:**

- for a player residing in Canada - CFC rating will be used;

- for a player residing elsewhere – **the highest found rating** (CFC, USCF, ...) will be used in the sole discretion of the organizer.

If a **Quebec resident** has an FQE rating that is more than 100 points greater than a rating ceiling for a section where a player is registered, the organizer can, in his sole discretion, transfer this player to a higher section.

The rating freeze date is **July 01, 2019**, which takes into account the July FIDE Rating List. No changes in player ratings after that date will be taken into account for the CO.

### **Rating the results**

The following sections will be rated with FIDE and the CFC:

Section A (Open), Section B (U2000)

The following sections will be rated with the CFC:

Section C (U1800), Section D (U1600).

### **Memberships**

Players need to have valid CFC or FQE membership (direct links are available on the CO Web site) or to purchase it on-site with a surcharge before the start of the tournament.

## Format

Regular Swiss, nine (9) rounds.

## Byes

A player can request **up to three (3) half-point byes in any of the first four (4) rounds** of the tournament if he notifies the organizer in writing **before July 01, 2019**. Any “byes” requested after July 01, especially during the tournament, will be zero points.

## Time Control

(90 min / 40 moves + 30 sec. increment starting with Move 1) in all sections.

## Playoffs

There will be **no playoff games**. All places in all sections will be **determined by tiebreak criteria** (see further below).

## Schedule

Fri, July 12	12:00 - 14:00 – Late registration on site. 15:00 – Opening Ceremony 17:00 - Round 1.
Sat, July 13	10:00 – Round 2. 18:00 – Grandmaster simul.
Sun, July 14	10:00 – Round 3. 18:00 – Round 4.
Mon, July 15	10:00 – Round 5. 18:00 – Round 6.
Tue, July 16	10:00 – Grandmaster lecture. 18:00 – Round 7.
Wed, July 17	10:00 – Special event. 18:00 – Round 8.
Thu, July 18	10:00 – Round 9. 18:00 – Closing ceremony.

## Forfeit time

If a player doesn't arrive at his chessboard 60 minutes (i.e., one hour) after the start of a round, his game will be forfeited, the result “0F” will be entered, and he will not be paired for subsequent rounds.

## Recording the moves

As per FIDE Laws of Chess, Art. 8.1.1:

*“In the course of play each player is required to record his own moves and those of his opponent in the correct manner, move after move, as clearly and legibly as possible, in the algebraic notation (Appendix C), on the ‘scoresheet’ prescribed for the competition.”*

## Marking the results

When the game is finished, each player shall clearly mark its result on his or her scoresheet as “1-0”, “1/2-1/2”, or “0-1” and to sign this scoresheet. Then, **the player shall cross-sign his opponent's scoresheet and ask his opponent to cross-sign his**. Once both scoresheets have results and two signatures, **players shall remain seated and raise their hands without talking** in order to attract the attention of a section arbiter. The

section arbiter will come to the table, check the result, indicate it on the official pairings sheet, and will collect both scoresheets. The players can only leave when a section arbiter tells them so. If one or both players do not follow this procedure and leave before a section arbiter allowed them to do so, the result of the game can be entered in any way including “o-o” in the sole discretion of the Chief Arbiter.

### **Electronic devices**

As per FIDE Laws of Chess, Art. 11.3.2.1, any electronic device has to be stored in a player’s bag and to be switched off completely. Game forfeit is an automatic penalty if player is found to be near any kind of a non-stored electronic device during the round anywhere in the playing venue, including toilets.

### **Playing Venue**

As per FIDE Laws of Chess, Art. 11:

- The ‘playing venue’ is defined as the ‘playing area’, rest rooms, toilets, refreshment area, area set aside for smoking and other places as designated by the arbiter.
- The playing area is defined as the place where the games of a competition are played.
- Only with the permission of the arbiter can:
  - o a player leave the playing venue,
  - o the player having the move be allowed to leave the playing area.
  - o a person who is neither a player nor arbiter be allowed access to the playing area.
- During play the players are forbidden to use any notes, sources of information or advice, or analyze any game on another chessboard.

**Spectators are not allowed to communicate** with players anywhere in the playing venue (e.g., in the toilets or in the hallway). **Players who completed their games** are considered spectators.

### **Photographs**

Photos without flash are allowed during the first fifteen (15) minutes after the round starts. An official CFC photographer will attempt to take photos during the rounds and to make them available.

### **Appeals**

The Appeals Committee composition will be announced before the start of Round 1.

Protests, including protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter, or any Arbiter, or the Tournament Director, must be submitted to the Chairman of the Appeals **Committee within thirty (30) minutes** after completion of the respective game. The protest must be **accompanied with the sum of \$200 (two hundred dollars) as a deposit** from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee at the same time as the appeal is submitted. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the tournament organizer.

**No appeals** are accepted **against pairings** generated by FIDE-certified tournament pairing software (e.g., Swiss Manager).

**Tiebreak criteria**

As per FIDE recommendations and the CFC rules, the following tiebreak criteria will be used:

- 1) Direct encounter
- 2) The greater number of wins
- 3) The greater number of games with Black (unplayed games shall be counted as played with White)
- 4) Buchholz Cut 1
- 5) Buchholz