

PITTSBURGH CHESS CLUB
2009 TUESDAY NIGHT GRAND PRIX

OFFICIAL RULES

1. Top score points. Each of the TN tournaments gives a total of 24 top-score points for 1st (10 pts.), 2nd (8 pts.), and 3rd (6 pts.) places. Ties are resolved by adding together and dividing the total points tied for, rounding down (but at least 1 point should be awarded to each player involved in the tie).

2. Rating bracket points. For players rated under 2000, rating-brackets give 6 points to the top player or players, according to this procedure:

- Entry ratings are used.
- Only players who remained in the tournament until the last round will be eligible for rating bracket points. Half-point byes in the last round are acceptable if announced by the middle of the tournament (according to general tournament rules).
- Brackets are ideally based on 100s of rating points (1900-1999, 1800-1899, etc.)
- In case there are less than 3 players in a bracket, this bracket is merged with the next lower bracket.
- Points for the lowest bracket (after any mergings as explained above) are awarded normally even if there are only 2 players in it. If only 1 player is in the bracket, however, the player is included in the next higher bracket.
- If a player who was awarded top-score points also earns bracket points, only 5 points (not 6) are awarded for rating-bracket points.
- In case of ties within a rating bracket, all players tied receive 5 points each.

3. Game played points. Every player receives 1 point for an over-the-board loss; 1.5 points for an over-the-board draw; and 2 points for an over-the-board win. Forfeit losses or wins, half- or full-point wins are not eligible.

At the **end of the year**, after the Smith memorial (and including any points awarded for it), cash prizes will be given to the three players with the highest point totals:

- \$200 for first place
- \$150 for second place
- \$100 for third place

In case of ties, the first tiebreaker is based on membership: PCC members are placed above non-members. As a second tiebreaker, total yearly score will decide.