

Well, it has happened again - tournament conflicts. On July 19-20 there were three tournaments in Tennessee, one in Dyersburg, another in Nashville and still another in Knoxville. According to USCF guidelines these tournaments were not in conflict, i.e. they were outside a seventy mile radius. Nevertheless, these guidelines were made for large metropolitan areas such as New York, California, etc. Tennessee has about six hundred USCF members of which there are about two hundred and seventy-five regular tournament players.

In the past the three grand regions of Tennessee have tried to schedule their tournaments around each other, but lately there have been new organizers such as Dr. Al Lipkin and his Southern Chess Administration. I'm all for bigger and better tournaments, but when they refuse to notify local organizers of their intentions and plans, something has to be done.

This year at the Tennessee Open I propose that each state affiliate bring with them a complete schedule of their upcoming tournaments. This should also include other neighboring states who plan to have weekend tournaments. As far as outside organizers go, there must be a set guideline drawn up at the Tennessee Open to go into effect immediately. So, go to the Tennessee Open, August 30 and become a part of TCA.

- Gary Pylant, Co-Editor



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### Algebraic Notation

The horizontals (ranks) are numbered from 1 to 8, starting from the rank nearest White. The verticals (files) are lettered from a to h, starting at White's left (the QR file in algebraic is the a-file). The intersections of the horizontals and verticals give the individual squares their names. Study the diagram.

Captures are indicated either by "x" or "x" and check is indicated by "+" instead of "ch." Pawn captures are given by naming only the two files involved. Study the sample game and use algebraic often—it's easier than you think.

Descriptive		Algebraic	
White	Black	White	Black
1 P-K4	P-K4	1 e4	e5
2 N-KB3	N-QB3	2 Nf3	Nc6
3 B-N5	P-QR3	3 Bb5	a6
4 BxN	QPxB	4 Bxc6	dc
5 O-O	P-B3	5 O-O	f6
6 P-Q4	B-KN5	6 d4	Bg4
7 Pxp	QxQ	7 de	Q:d1
8 RxQ	PxP	8 R:d1	fe
	etc.		etc.

BLACK								
8	a8	b8	c8	d8	e8	f8	g8	h8
7	a7	b7	c7	d7	e7	f7	g7	h7
6	a6	b6	c6	d6	e6	f6	g6	h6
5	a5	b5	c5	d5	e5	f5	g5	h5
4	a4	b4	c4	d4	e4	f4	g4	h4
3	a3	b3	c3	d3	e3	f3	g3	h3
2	a2	b2	c2	d2	e2	f2	g2	h2
1	a1	b1	c1	d1	e1	f1	g1	h1
	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h
WHITE								