



# Alabama Online Grand Prix

6 Tournaments - 1 Invitational Championship - 1 Grand Champion!  
Open to all Alabama residents as of 12/20/2021



## Monthly Tournaments:

<b>Dates:</b>	Saturdays: 1/29, 2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/14, 6/18 @ 9 AM
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	\$15/event All Events (6 Tourneys) Pass: \$70
<b>2 Sections:</b>	Premiere (1800+), Challenger (<1799) - 5 rounds, G/25+5
<b>Prize Fund (Each Section):</b>	1st \$50 - 2nd \$35 - Under prize* \$30
<b>Points Awarded:</b>	1st: 10, 2nd: 7, 3rd-5th: 5, 6th-10th: 3, 11th-last: 1 (Points from one's 5 best events will be added together to determine the 8 championship contenders)

## Invitational Championship:

<b>Tentative Date:</b>	Saturday, July 16 @ 8 AM
<b>Entry Fee:</b>	Free! But you must be invited to participate.
<b>3 Sections:</b>	Premiere (1800+), Challenger (1200-1799), Adepts (<1200)
<b>Structure:</b>	8 invitees per section, single elimination match-play. Additionally, a 4-person playoff will be created for U1200.
<b>Prize Fund (Each Section):</b>	1st \$100 +Trophy - 2nd \$75 - 3rd-4th \$25 (Adepts: 1st \$60+Trophy - 2nd \$40 - 3rd-4th \$20)

## How points could get you invited to the championship!

<b>Who gets invited?</b>	Automatic invitations are awarded to the top four points scorers in each section (Top 5 events included for scoring). Then, the top two scoring seniors and scholastics are invited to complete the 8 invitees. If one or both seniors or scholastics are already represented in the top 4, the remaining spots will go to the next highest point scoring individuals (For example, the top 4 point scorers in one section include two seniors, one regular adult, and one scholastic. The next highest scoring scholastic will receive and invitation while the remaining three spots will go to the next 3 highest scoring individuals regardless of age.
<b>Could Anyone Else Get In?</b>	If any of the 8 invited individuals decline/cancel their invitations, the next highest point scorer, regardless of age will be invited.

## Invitational Championship Structure:

<b>Seeding:</b>	The 8 participants will be seeded from 1-8 based on their total points earned from their top 5 events.
<b>Round Structure:</b>	Each round will consist of 2 G/25+5 games, players alternating colors. If the score is even after 2 games, 2 G/8+2 games will be played, alternating colors. If the score is further tied, an Armageddon game will be played (White starts with 5 minutes, black with 4 but black will have draw odds).
<b>Round 1:</b>	Start time: 8 AM - Seed 1 plays 8, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6, 4 plays 5.
<b>Round 2:</b>	Start time: NOON - The winner of 1/8 will play the winner of 4/5, the winner of 2/7 will play the winner of 3/6.
<b>Round 3:</b>	Start time: 4 PM - The two remaining players will face off for the championship!
<b>The Champion:</b>	The winner will receive a special trophy along with the \$100 prize and the title of Alabama's Online Grand Prix Champion! Good Luck!!

\*The "under" cut off for Premiere is 2000 and in the Challenger 1500 & 1200. Anyone under these ratings in these sections is eligible for the under prizes.

## How to Sign Up (Registration for each event ends the Wednesday before the event at midnight!):

- Step 1: Ensure you have an active ACF membership! <https://alabamachess.org/sign-up>
- Step 2: Fill out the online sign-up form: <https://forms.gle/5qrKmRqXe3j5bXvK6>
- Step 3: Upon reception of your registration, you will be contacted for payment.
- Step 4: You will receive invites to the appropriate groups on chess.com once your registration and payment is received.
- Step 5: Once you have joined the chess.com group, on the group page you will see the link to the tournament.



## Questions?

- Message the ACF on our Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AlabamaChess>
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