
UPCOMING EVENTS!

One of the best ways to improve at chess isn't just by studying countless books—it's by playing real games! Our upcoming club events offer great opportunities to put your skills into practice, challenge new opponents, and learn from every match. Remember, practice may not make you perfect, but it definitely makes you better! Here's what's coming up at the Tri Bridges Chess Club.

[ECE #111 – Friday Night Tournament](#) on Friday, December 5th
Sections: Open, U900, U600, U300
Time Control: G/25 d5

[ECE #112 – Saturday Afternoon Tournament](#) on Saturday, December 13th
Sections: U1200, U800, U400
Time Control: G/25 d5

[ECE #113 – \\$250 Sunday Game Hour](#) on Sunday, December 14th
Sections: Open, U1300, U800
Time Control: Open & U1300 are G60/d5; U800 is G25/d5

[Boxing Day Blitz](#) on Friday, December 26th
Sections: Undecided, based on attendees
Time control: G/5 d2

Samika's Experience as Chief TD

I have helped at many events throughout the year, but I have never been able to receive credit from US Chess because of their rule requiring you to be over 18. That changed at the \$250 Game Hour on November 23 as I got to be the “chief td”. Even though I was going to get credit, it was a complicated process to get here. About a week before the Game Hour, Joshua Anderson told me that US Chess had changed its policy so that kids 13 and up could earn credit for serving as a tournament director. I was obviously really happy with the new rule and the fact that Joshua kindly ordered me the tournament rules book to read. Hoping to direct my first event that Sunday, I immediately started reading the book when it came on Wednesday. The next day, I had to start the Safe Play training, a class about player safety.



I completed the class and sent Joshua the certificate for completion. The last thing I had to do was sign a document stating that I had completed the Safe Play and read the book. Even though it was getting late and it took like three tries to fill out the document correctly, I got it done two days before the event. Finishing then was necessary to give US Chess a chance to process everything. (Note from Joshua - best to allow US Chess about 2 weeks, but sometimes they can move faster.)

Finally, the day of the Game Hour came on Sunday. It turned out to be a fun event where I got to talk to a lot of people and even build a gingerbread house! Because I have been helping at tournaments for a while now, it didn't feel much different to direct the tournament or pair the rounds, but it was nice to be considered as the one “in charge”. Joshua Anderson even surprised me with a cake that had my name on it towards the end of the event, which definitely made me smile. Overall, the experience was enjoyable, and I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to be an actual tournament director.
