

THE AMERICAN GO ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES OF TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS AND EVENT DIRECTORS

Tournaments are an important part of the American go scene. AGA members who play in rated tournaments expect and deserve timely rating of their performance. To ensure that this occurs, the Board of Directors declares as follows:

Any current AGA member or chapter in good standing may run an AGA rated tournament. Directors of tournaments have the following obligations and responsibilities:

- To ensure that appropriate rules, time control and other important procedures are selected and announced ahead of time and at the beginning of the event.
- To ensure that time controls and rules are within AGA rating guidelines found at <http://www.usgo.org/ratings/RatingQuals.asp>.
- To ensure that suitable equipment and space is available for the event.
- To resolve all disputes as fairly as possible.
- To ensure that participants are current AGA members or have paid the appropriate rating fee, and that complete identifying information is collected from each player and submitted to the AGA.
- Within 24 hours, to send the results of the tournament to journal@usgo.org, for publication in *The American Go E-Journal*.
- Within seven days, to submit rating data to database@usgo.org, in a format as described at <http://www.usgo.org/ratings/RatingQuals.asp>.
- Within seven days, to submit identifying information regarding players who joined or rejoined the AGA or paid a rating fee to database@usgo.org and inform the tournament organizers of the balance due to the AGA, or ensure that the Event Director does so.
- For funded tournaments, to provide a complete narrative report on the event; a complete budget; and photographs, so that the AGA can report on the event to the sponsor.

Division of Responsibility

At large events, the lead organizer, or Event Manager, and Tournament Director are often different people. When this is the case, responsibilities are divided as follows:

The Event Manager takes responsibility for organizing and managing the event – arranging the venue, equipment, promotion, hospitality, registration, etc.

The Tournament Director has ultimate responsibility and authority regarding the event itself – rules, overtime, resolution of disputes etc. as above.

The Tournament Director checks each player's current rating and membership status and provides the Event Manager with a list of expired and non-members if any. The Event Manager collects appropriate information and fees.

At the conclusion of the event the Tournament Director gives the Event Manager a list of non-members and expired members who have participated, with a copy to the AGA. The event Manager forwards appropriate information and fees to the AGA.

Enforcement

The President is empowered and instructed to investigate complaints or to ensure that such investigation is completed quickly, and to ***suspend tournament directing and/or event managing privileges*** for any member or chapter who repeatedly disregards these guidelines when organizing an AGA rated event.. In order to be reinstated, members whose tournament directing privileges have been suspended will state in writing or by e-mail their complete understanding of AGA guidelines, and their specific intention to abide by them. Further violations could result in permanent suspension of the member's tournament directing privileges. Members who wish to appeal the President's decision should present their case in writing to the Board of Directors.