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SolMate Escrow Program - Security Audit Report

Program Name: SolMate Chess Escrow

Program ID: A85FMPZSYc4g4e4BeSN3rvhDARGaJLoNaUVYx3Bzi54s

Audit Date: January 14, 2026

Auditor: Internal Security Review

Framework: Anchor v0.29.0

Network: Solana (Devnet → Mainnet)

Executive Summary

This security audit report documents the comprehensive review of the SolMate Chess Escrow smart contract. The program facilitates peer-to-peer chess wagering with automated escrow and payout functionality.

Overall Assessment: [PASS] PASS

Category	Status	Notes
Code Quality	[PASS] Pass	Clean compilation, no warnings
Arithmetic Safety	[PASS] Pass	Uses checked operations
Access Control	[PASS] Pass	Proper signer validation
PDA Security	[PASS] Pass	Correct derivation & validation
Dependencies	[NOTE] Note	Upstream Solana SDK advisories

1. Scope of Audit

1.1 Files Reviewed

File	Lines	Purpose
lib.rs	47	Program entry point, instruction routing
state.rs	~50	Match account structure, status enum
errors.rs	~45	Custom error definitions
instructions/create_match.rs	79	Match creation logic
instructions/join_match.rs	~60	Player joining logic
instructions/submit_result.rs	~50	Game result submission
instructions/confirm_payout.rs	98	Winner payout distribution
instructions/cancel_match.rs	~50	Match cancellation & refund
instructions/withdraw_fees.rs	62	Admin fee withdrawal

1.2 Functionality Covered

- **Match Creation:** Player A creates match with stake tier, deposits SOL to escrow PDA
- **Match Joining:** Player B joins open match, deposits matching stake
- **Result Submission:** Backend authority submits game winner
- **Payout Confirmation:** Winner claims pot minus 10% platform fee
- **Cancellation:** Unmatched games can be cancelled for full refund
- **Fee Withdrawal:** Admin can withdraw accumulated platform fees

2. Security Analysis Tools

2.1 Cargo-Audit (Dependency Vulnerabilities)

Command: cargo audit

Date Run: January 14, 2026

Findings:

Severity	Crate	Advisory	Status
[NOTE]	curve25519-dalek 3.2.1	RUSTSEC-2024-0344	Upstream (Solana SDK)
[NOTE]	ed25519-dalek 1.0.1	RUSTSEC-2022-0093	Upstream (Solana SDK)

Assessment: These vulnerabilities exist in Solana's official SDK dependencies (`solana-program`, `solana-sdk`), not in the SolMate program code. They affect all Anchor programs using v0.29.0 and are being addressed by the Solana Foundation. These do not represent exploitable attack vectors in the context of this escrow program.

2.2 Clippy (Static Analysis)

Command: cargo clippy --all-targets

Result: [PASS] PASS (0 errors, 0 warnings after fixes)

All code quality issues identified by Clippy have been resolved:

- Unused variables prefixed with underscore
- Glob re-export ambiguity documented and allowed

2.3 Compilation

Command: cargo build

Result: [PASS] PASS - Clean compilation

3. Manual Code Review

3.1 Arithmetic Safety [PASS]

The program uses safe arithmetic throughout:

```
// Example from confirm_payout.rs
let fee_amount = total_pot
    .checked_mul(FEE_PERCENTAGE)
    .ok_or(EscrowError::ArithmeticOverflow)?
    .checked_div(100)
    .ok_or(EscrowError::ArithmeticOverflow)?;

let payout_amount = total_pot
    .checked_sub(fee_amount)
    .ok_or(EscrowError::ArithmeticOverflow)?;
```

Finding: All multiplication, division, and subtraction operations use `checked_*` methods with proper error handling. No integer overflow vulnerabilities.

3.2 Access Control [PASS]

Each instruction properly validates signers:

Instruction	Signer Requirement	Validation
create_match	Player A	Signer constraint
join_match	Player B	Signer constraint
submit_result	Authority	Signer + authority check
confirm_payout	Winner	Signer + winner validation
cancel_match	Player A	Signer + creator check
withdraw_fees	Admin	Signer + hardcoded admin pubkey

3.3 PDA Security [PASS]

Program Derived Addresses are correctly implemented:

```
// Match account PDA
seeds = [b"match", player_a.key().as_ref(), &stake_tier.to_le_bytes()]

// Escrow PDA
seeds = [b"escrow", match_account.key().as_ref()]
```

Finding: PDAs use unique seeds and bumps are stored/validated correctly.

3.4 State Machine Integrity [PASS]

Match status transitions are properly enforced:

```
Open → Matched → ResultSubmitted → Completed  
↓  
Cancelled
```

Each instruction validates the current state before proceeding.

3.5 Fund Handling [PASS]

Operation	Implementation	Status
Deposits	CPI to System Program transfer	[PASS] Secure
Payouts	Lamport manipulation with proper checks	[PASS] Secure
Refunds	Full amount returned on cancel	[PASS] Secure
Fees	10% to platform vault	[PASS] Correct
Fee Withdrawal	Admin-only, rent-exempt protected	[PASS] Secure

4. Potential Attack Vectors Reviewed

4.1 Re-entrancy

Risk: None

Reason: Solana's runtime prevents re-entrancy by design

4.2 Front-running

Risk: Low

Reason: Match joining is first-come-first-served; no price manipulation possible

4.3 Denial of Service

Risk: Minimal

Reason: Standard compute units, no unbounded loops

4.4 Authority Compromise

Risk: Moderate (Operational)

Mitigation: Backend authority key should be stored securely; consider multisig for mainnet

4.5 Integer Overflow

Risk: None

Reason: All arithmetic uses checked operations

4.6 Fee Vault Draining

Risk: None

Reason: Withdrawal requires signature from hardcoded admin pubkey (7BKqimAdco1XsknW88N38qf4PgXGieWN8USP
rent-exempt minimum is protected)

5. Recommendations

5.1 Implemented [PASS]

- Use checked arithmetic operations
- Validate all signers
- Proper PDA derivation
- State machine validation
- Clear error messages

5.2 Suggested for Production

- Consider adding time-based match expiration
 - Implement multisig for authority key
 - Add program upgrade authority timelock
 - Consider fee adjustment governance
-

6. Stake Tiers Configuration

The program supports configurable stake tiers. Current production configuration:

Tier	Amount	Status
0	0.5 SOL	[PASS] Active
1	1.0 SOL	[PASS] Active

Maximum user exposure is limited to 1 SOL per match, reducing risk during initial launch.

8. Fee Withdrawal Instruction

8.1 Implementation Details

The `withdraw_fees` instruction allows the platform admin to withdraw accumulated fees from the fee vault PDA.

Authorized Admin Wallet:

7BKqimAdco1XsknW88N38qf4PgXGieWN8USPgKxcf87B

Security Features: - Hardcoded admin pubkey check - Preserves rent-exempt minimum balance - Supports partial or full withdrawal (pass 0 for full withdrawal)

Code Example:

```
pub fn handler(ctx: Context<WithdrawFees>, amount: u64) -> Result<()> {
    // Verify admin is the authorized wallet
    let admin_pubkey = get_admin_pubkey();
    require!(ctx.accounts.admin.key() == admin_pubkey, EscrowError::Unauthorized);

    // Protect rent-exempt minimum
    let rent = Rent::get()?;
    let min_balance = rent.minimum_balance(FeeVault::LEN);
    let available_balance = fee_vault_info.lamports()
        .checked_sub(min_balance)
        .ok_or(EscrowError::InsufficientFunds)?;

    // Transfer to admin
    **fee_vault_info.try_borrow_mut_lamports()? -= withdraw_amount;
    **ctx.accounts.admin.try_borrow_mut_lamports()? += withdraw_amount;

    Ok(())
}
```

9. Conclusion

The SolMate Chess Escrow program has been reviewed using automated security tools and manual code analysis. The program demonstrates proper security practices including:

- Safe arithmetic operations
- Correct signer validation
- Secure PDA implementation
- Proper state machine design

The program is considered ready for mainnet deployment.

The dependency advisories noted are upstream issues in the Solana SDK affecting all Anchor programs and do not represent exploitable vulnerabilities in this specific program's logic.

Appendix A: Tool Output Screenshots

Cargo-Audit Output

```
$ cargo audit
  Fetching advisory database from `https://github.com/RustSec/advisory-db.git`
  Scanning Cargo.lock for vulnerabilities (406 crate dependencies)

Crate:      curve25519-dalek
Version:    3.2.1
Title:      Timing variability in `curve25519-dalek`'s `Scalar29::sub` / `Scalar52::sub`
Advisory:   RUSTSEC-2024-0344
```

```
URL:      https://rustsec.org/advisories/RUSTSEC-2024-0344
Severity: 5.3 (medium)
Solution: upgrade to >=4.1.3
Status:   vulnerable (dependency of solana-program)

Crate:    ed25519-dalek
Version:  1.0.1
Title:    Double Public Key Signing Function Oracle Attack on `ed25519-dalek`
Advisory: RUSTSEC-2022-0093
URL:     https://rustsec.org/advisories/RUSTSEC-2022-0093
Solution: upgrade to >=2
Status:   vulnerable (dependency of solana-sdk)
```

warning: 2 allowed warnings found

Clippy Output (Post-Fix)

```
$ cargo clippy --all-targets
    Finished `dev` profile [unoptimized + debuginfo] target(s) in 1.37s
```

Appendix B: Program Build Verification

```
$ anchor build
    Compiling sol_mate_escrow v0.1.0
    Finished release [optimized] target(s)
```

Build Hash: Verifiable on Solana Explorer after deployment

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