

The North Carolina Grand Prix:

What is it?

The North Carolina Grand Prix is similar to the USCF grand prix system. Points are awarded for tournament participation and good performance.

Why do a grand prix?

The NCGP is designed to help encourage NCCA Membership, as well as draw excitement to the game of chess in North Carolina.

Who is it open to?

Any adult membership paying NCCA member, that is a resident of North Carolina.

How are the points calculated, how are they payout, and how is the funds to be used?

A basic, simple table that calculates payout, section participation, and section. See below:

Total Paid Prizes in	TOP SECTION	2ND SECTION	3RD SECTION	4TH SECTION	5TH+ SECTION
100-249	50	40	30	20	10
250-499	100	80	60	40	20
500-749	150	120	90	60	30
750-1199	200	160	120	80	40
1200-2499	250	200	150	100	50
>2500	300	240	180	120	60

Bonus based on entries in section, Points x Bonus

<12 entries 1x

12+ entries 2x

NC Major Tournaments 3x

Point Payout:

60% for 1st

30% for 2nd

10% for 3rd

Fund Distribution:

5% of funds will be used for future NCCA projects. (To be announced later)

50% of funds will be used as prize money for 1st Place

30% of funds will be used as prize money for 2nd Place.

15% of funds will be used as a top amateur prize (Under 1800)

How long is the season?

The inaugural season will run from Jan. 3, 2009 to the 2009 NC Open, afterwards, the season will start after the NC Open from one year to the next scheduled NC Open. (I.E. from after the 09 Open to the 2010 Open)

What tournaments are involved with the NCGP?

Charlotte – Reverse Angle
Asheboro – The Asheboro Open
Raleigh – Triangle Area Chess Open
Morehead City – TBD
Asheville – Land of the Sky*
Winston-Salem – L.P.O.*
Greensboro – N.C. Open*

* - Major Tournament

Some Rules and Guidelines not mentioned above:

- The NCCA President will be responsible for maintaining the points system.
- The Chief (Head) Tournament Directors/Organizers may not play for points in their own event, if they qualify, points will be rolled over to the next player
- The NCCA President, Vice Presidents, and Treasurer are not eligible for any points/prizes in series.
- \$1 is required from every NCGP Participant from the entry fee.
- Payment for the NCGP is to be sent to the NCCA Treasurer, please mention that it is for the NCGP when mailing.
- Section One will always be the Open section/Top section by rating, counting up afterwards.
- Each USCF affiliate is allowed only **ONE NCGP TOURNAMENT** per month.
- Tournaments must be Open to all USCF members, no special closed events.
- If a lower section has a higher entry amount than a higher section, then both sections entries will be combined and divided by sections involved in merger.
- **No Weekday tournaments are allowed to participate in the NCGP**
- **Any tournament that participates in the NCGP must require NCCA Membership for all NC adult players**
- **Tournament Directors, please attain e-mail addresses from players in case you are unable to confirm NCCA membership, we would be able to check on this.**
Note: (If they don't have an e-mail address, get a phone number.)
- **This is an adult chess funded program so only adult tournaments will count towards this, no scholastics sections/tournaments.**
- **Points will not be awarded until Funding is received and the USCF rating report is up. NCCA President or Treasurer will give notification.**