

Texas Chess Association

Best Article Contest Policy

General: The Texas Chess Association shall award, for each fiscal year, the following awards:

- **Best Article Overall:** \$500
- **Best Article from a Junior (20 and under):** \$200
- **Best Tournament Report:** \$100
- **Best Book Review:** \$100
- **Best Historical Article:** \$100

Eligibility: An article published in Texas Knights shall be eligible if all of its authors were TCA members at the time of submission and the length of the article is at least 500 words. Submissions included in Texas Knights on account of the official duties of an officer or the Editor of Texas Knights shall not be eligible.

Award Year: An article shall only be eligible for the contest of the fiscal year to which it relates. For example, articles published from the September-October 2025 to July-August 2026 issues will be judged and eligible for awards in 2026.

Joint Authors: If an article has two or more authors, any prize accorded to that article shall be equally divided between the authors.

Judging: The Editor of Texas Knights shall appoint three to five judges with the consent of the President no later than thirty days after the last issue of each fiscal year has been published. The Editor shall provide the judges with the original, pre-edited form of all eligible articles as submitted by contributors.

Each judge shall review all eligible articles for the fiscal year and assign scores to each article. Each article shall receive 0 to 10 points in each of the following areas: (1) Creativity; (2) Informative/educational value; and; (3) Technical writing quality (e.g., clarity, grammar, readability, etc.).

Scores shall be submitted to the Editor of Texas Knights within thirty days after appointment. The Editor shall sum the scores for each article and determine the awards for each category based on the sum of the scores provided. In the event of a tie for any category, the Board of Directors shall decide the winner of the category with any directors contending for first abstaining from the decision.

Announcement: Awards shall be announced by November 1 of every year.