

## H-SC Chess Ladder Rules



1. Players may join or drop out of the tournament at any time by emailing Matt Griswold at [mgriswold@hsc.edu](mailto:mgriswold@hsc.edu). If you request to enter you will receive an invitation to a shared google sheet that will be used to track the tournament. Players initial rank on the ladder will be determined by when they request to join the tournament.
2. At any time you may challenge either of the players ranked one or two places above you by sending an email to that player and then arranging a time to play.
3. The match must occur within **one week** of the challenge. If a challenged player is unable to play during that week, or if the challenger receives no reply within a week, then the challenger wins by forfeit (fall break is excluded).
4. A challenged player will not be required to play more than one match per week. If a second challenge occurs within the same week, the challenged player may **postpone** the challenge until the next week.
5. If a player issues a challenge and then is challenged from below before the first match takes place, the second challenge is held in abeyance until the first match is resolved. For example, suppose player #4 has challenged #3, but then receives a challenge from player #6. If #4 beats #3, the challenge from #6 is no longer valid. However, if #4 loses to #3, the challenge from #6 becomes valid, and should be played within one week.
6. **If the winner of the match is the lower-ranked player, that name and email should be placed above that opponent's name in the shared google sheet. If the higher-ranked player wins, no changes are necessary. It is important that this be done on the same day as the match in order to keep the ladder updated and accurate.** To move a row, highlight the row by clicking on the number on the left, then hover over the number. The icon becomes a hand and then you can click and drag the row to it's new spot. Release the cursor when you have it where you want it. .
7. The tournament will continue until October 30th.
8. There is a board at the Brown student center but matches can occur anywhere on campus, including, with agreement of both participants, virtually. Adherence to all covid rules must be strictly followed. In addition, competitors must clean their hands, the board, and the pieces before and after play.
9. Paper/rock/scissors for choice of who goes first. Basic rules of chess will be followed. Opponents should agree on general rules to be followed for that match before play begins. If rules slightly differ in other matches that is okay, as long as both competitors agree before play begins. One game determines the winner.