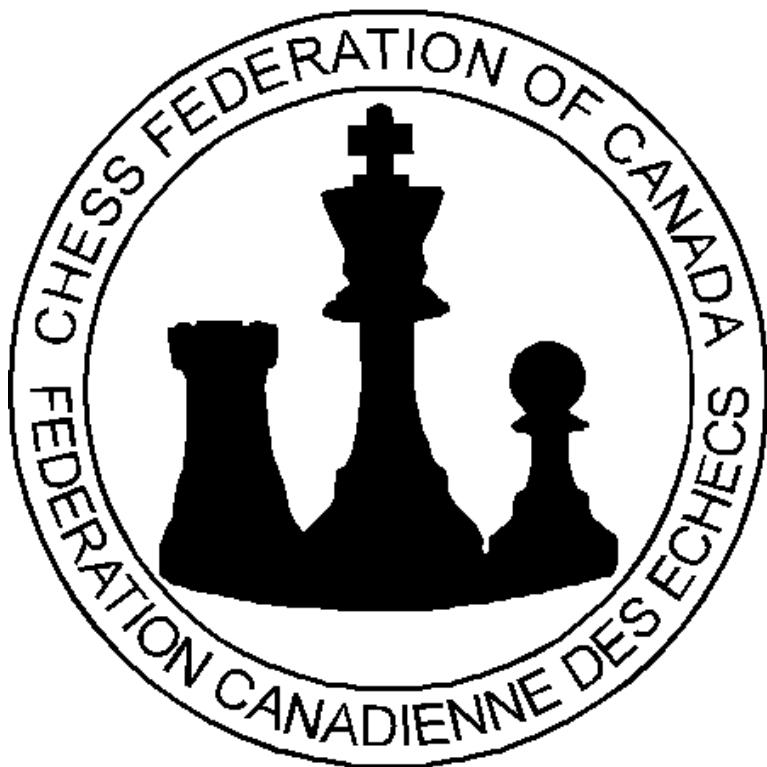


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GOVERNORS' LETTER FOUR

2008-2009



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Deadline for submissions to GL#5 is Friday March 6th, 2009

President's Message

Let's talk about chess!! After all, that's why we are all here. Topalov-Kamsky is tied after four games. A big surprise. Ches in Toronto has been dormant for many years but Brian Fiedler's Price Waterhouse Coopers Toronto Open has stirred up a lot of excitement. Kudos to Alex Ferreira for reviving the Hart House Chess Club and weekend tournaments in Toronto. There are rumours that some local organizers will be putting a bid in for the 2010 Canadian Open and CYCC. Its nice to see local activity!! The CYCC and Canadian Junior look like fantastic tournaments and Mark Dutton is organizing a great tournament in Vancouver in April. Check out al the tournament announcements on the Discussion board and start planning your summer now! I'm looking forward to my first tournament in years and so long as Sicilian theory hasn't changed since the 1970's I should be fine.

Of course, the really big CFC news is the selling of the building. Unfortunately, it was one of the few pieces of real estate that didn't increase in value over the past 20 years. But the sale was necessary and will ensure that the CFC can stand on its feet. Bob, Paul, and Vince did a phenomenal job moving the office, along with many volunteers. It was a huge task and there were many late nights. Fundamentally, it doesn't matter where the physical office is. Good people can get the job done regardless of geography.

On the political front there is still a lot to be done. I've put forward two motions designed to stop the financial bleeding. The CFC spends about \$10,000 inputting tournament results into the rating software. We've been losing about \$30,000 a year so a \$10,000 savings is substantial. If we are going to have a balanced budget in 2010 this is a very important step to take. the last thing we want to see is the funds from the sale of the building frittered away.

There has also been a lot of debate on the Discussion Boards about the Tournament memberships. Personally, I'd be happy to eliminate them altogether but I doubt that motion would pass. Instead, I suggest we move it from \$10 to \$20. Some people think that a \$10 increase will prevent people from playing but this is such a nominal amount. A bad movie costs \$13.50 and last two hours. A great tournment last alls weekend.

On that matter, if memory serves, membership cost more in 1972 (adjusted for inflation) than it costs now. People became members because they wanted to play tournament chess. No other reason, but it was reason enough. One weekend Swiss provides 20 hours of pleasure -- so membership works out to about \$2 per hour. What other entertainment costs so little and provides so much? I don't think that people stop playing chess because its too expensive, they stop for other reasons.

The webzine is up but it doe need more work. It needs to be much easier to navigate so that it becomes a real destination for chess in Canada. I've added a thread on the Discussion Board and I hope all of you will make some suggestions.

There are also other things going on but nothing to report. Everything seems to take longer, has more lose ends, and more questions, than are anticipated. The goal is still to present a balanced budget by the end of the fiscal year, April 31st.

Best wishes to all.

David Lavin
President, Chess Federation of Canada

Message from the Secretary:

As the President said the biggest change of 2008-2009 took place last month with the move of the Business Office's move. The new mailing address is:

**The Chess Federation of Canada
P.O. Box 4790
Station E
Ottawa, ON
K1S 5H9**

The new phone # is 905-756-4977 with the 1-800 number and e-mails remaining as before.

While this move moves the CFC's bank balance back solidly into the black there is still much to do since without achieving breakeven (or preferably a little better) we do not have financial sustainability for the CFC.

While I would have preferred a rating fee drop for SwissSys submitted tournaments (see 2009-06) I agree with those who say that such a drop is not prudent in the immediate aftermath of the financial changes we have seen in the past six months. Once the smoke clears it is to be hoped that such a change can be considered.

The second major change Governors will notice is that the Governors' section of the Chess Forum has been getting a lot more traffic than previously and is achieving the needed critical mass to become the major Governor area of discussion. Governors remain welcome to send material for publication in the GL but please make it clear that what you're sending is indeed for the GL as mistakes have been made previously and material NOT intended for publication has been published – so I err on the side of caution. To register go to <http://chesscanada.info/forum/>

This month there are motions on the Type "T" Tournament membership and on the rating fees with differential fee schedules for those submitted using SwissSys and those not. Note that for those TDs not wishing to use the SwissSys pairing program there is still Swiss Assistant which allows entry of crosstables in the SwissSys format (and thus eligible for the SwissSys rating fee). Full details can be found at <http://www.chess.ca/swisssys.htm>

I confess I am somewhat uncomfortable with the voting deadline this month but the motions for vote have been listed for vote on the Forum since February 20th and the deadline is not compressed all that much.

[Note: the vote for the Junior Championship was taken by e-mail – since these have not previously been published in the GL and the GL is seen by other than Governors I have put both bids into the Governors' Letter for reference by non-Governors.]

Revision of the CFC Handbook

The Handbook is overdue for revision and former CFC president Maurice Smith is heading up the revision team.

He sent the following material well in time for GL#3 and I inadvertently left the following out of GL#3 – my apologies for the omission!

Maurice Smith: I wanted all the Governors to know that I had accepted David Lavin's offer to update the Handbook. I tried to put something on the Discussion Board, but it did not go through. Something about an invalid thread. I notified the Administrator, presumably Chris Mallon and I

never heard back from him. Anyway, I actually prefer using the GL but I know it is now a week past the deadline. I would appreciate it if you would put the following in the upcoming GL. If it is not possible then I understand and it will have to wait until the next one.

Under Governors Comments

This is just to let all Governors know that our President has accepted my offer to update the Handbook. I have already started on this. My plan is to go through all the GLs on the website dating back to 2000 and identify all the accepted motions that affect the Handbook. Then I will check the Handbook to see if they were actually put in. I will then print out the necessary changes for the outstanding motions and send them to the Executive Director for inclusion in the proper sections of the Handbook. This would seem to be the easy part. Since the motions had previously been passed no votes are now required. When this is complete, I will then go through the Handbook by Sections to see what still looks wrong or what we just don't do anymore. I will identify all the changes needed and these will need to be voted on. I am thinking mostly about the Constitution part of the Handbook.

From time to time I may ask for help from any individual who I know has relevant knowledge of a certain Section such as the Rating Auditor and the Ratings Section. There is already one item that comes to mind. There are supposed to be eight GLs in 2004/5. However GL eight is missing from the website. In that GL were the results of motions 2005-25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30. While I know what the motions were, does anybody know if they were passed? I cannot give a timeline for this at the moment although I will try to do so later. When I am finished, I suggest that the motions passed in the GL be kept up to date automatically each month by either the Secretary or the Executive Director. Since these positions usually require the most work of any of the Executive, an alternative would be the Vice President who other than last year does not ordinarily have such a cumbersome burden. This is a huge job but I am sure it can be successfully completed.

Thanks again to all of you for all the bricks and bouquets!

Lyle Craver
Secretary, Chess Federation of Canada

Youth Coordinator Report

The CFC Executive committee has decided to resurrect the YCC. It used to exist with fees of \$7-\$10 for players and very little in return over the last couple of years. The new format brings down the fees to \$6 for a minimum of \$200 and a maximum of \$400. In return, the organizer gets 36 CFC medals, a Team Canada t-shirt, certificates of award to the winners as well as instructions to the winners on how to participate in the CYCC. We estimate that the CFC is breaking even on that program and we encourage all chess regions to participate; yes, there could be more than one per province – we wish to bring chess to the chess players rather than the opposite! Interested organizers must contact me at least 3 weeks before their event so that we have time to get the package to them.

Several organizers have already written to me telling me that the series will not work if not mandatory for participation to CYCC; I might follow their advice and propose a motion in the next month or two. It would be important to have this clear soon, as anyone wishing to bid on the 2010 CYCC should be aware that any players may be obliged to pass through a YCC or be a returning champion from the previous year in order to compete at the National Level. I invite your comments and suggestions; I believe that chess in Canada is not attaining its youth potential and there is much space for expansion. What can each Governor do to help?

We received two very good bids for the Canadian Junior this year. Calgary had been awarded the bid in December for a February tournament date. When the organizers discovered conflicts with the date they opted to resubmit a bid for July. Victoria Chess Club submitted a bid as well with dates to follow immediately the CYCC. The tournament was awarded to Victoria for July 2009. We will be very pleased to receive more bids in the future from the Calgary Chess club as they have an active community and good organization.

Ellen Nadeau

Executive Directors' Report

GL#4 (2008–2009)
Executive Directors' Report

The major surgery portion of the restructuring plan is now complete. Last month we closed the Ottawa office and converted to a home based office format, thus realizing significant savings in salaries and office costs. We also gave birth to the new Chess Canada Webzine, replacing the printed magazine. These were bold moves made in order to save the CFC from financial collapse.

The doctors have requested a period of convalescence for the patient to recover its strength. Unfortunately, we still have lots of work to complete. A balanced budget for fiscal 2010 should be ready soon, work is progressing on handbook updates, and improvements to the junior program are among the current initiatives.

Chess organizers and ordinary CFC members can assist in our recovery by:

1. Renew your memberships on time
2. Submit tournaments, rating fees and membership dues promptly
3. Use the SwissSys pairing system available free of charge to CFC organizers
4. Visit the new webzine and give us your feedback
5. Write an article or blog entry for the webzine
6. Encourage a friend to join
7. Make a tax deductible donation to the CFC.

The worst should be behind us now.

Sincerely,

Robert Gillanders
Executive Director
February 22, 2009

Message from FIDE Representative:

Dear chess friends,

We got the invitation to **European OPEN School Chess Team Championship 2009, Varna, Bulgaria** from Boris Hristov, President of the Chess Club “Veselin Topalov” and Tournament Director.

Please find it at the CFC Forum: <http://www.chesscanada.info/forum/showthread.php?t=350> and let me know, if you're interested to participate.

Michael Barron,
FIDE Representative,
Canadian Zonal President
February 23, 2009

RESULTS OF VOTING:

Canadian Junior Championship bidding:

Victoria (13) - Barron, Craft, Demian, Dutton, Khougarian, Kosoian, LeBlanc, Liles, Palsson, Samsonkin, Stockhausen, von Keitz, Wu

Calgary (6) - Ficzere, Hoch, Hughey, Pedersen, Steer, Zeromskis.

Abstain (3) - Craver, Marghetis, Nadeau.

(In addition there was one spoiled ballot by a Governor whose I would prefer not to embarrass by naming him since his vote was for Vancouver! – ed.)

MOTIONS FOR FINAL VOTE:

Motion 2009-05: (Moved Egidijus Zeromskis Seconded Michael Barron)

It became a practice to held Canadian U8 youth events (open and girls) and send their winners to World championships. However, the current Handbook does not state that these events are official CFC events.

Therefore, I and Michael Barron ,as the seconder, propose this Motion:

Motion that Handbook paragraph 1000(a) dealing with CYCC be amended to read:

(a) The holding of the Canadian Youth Chess Championship (“CYCC”),
which consists of the following twelve events:

Canadian Under 18 Championship (open and girls)
Canadian Under 16 Championship (open and girls)
Canadian Under 14 Championship (open and girls)
Canadian Under 12 Championship (open and girls)
Canadian Under 10 Championship (open and girls)
Canadian Under 8 Championship (open and girls)

Rationale:

Changes:

*** The events number is increased accordingly from ten to twelve;

*** The new line "Canadian Under 8 Championship (open and girls)" is a base of our amendment;

*** Words "Under" before each age group. This is a standard practice to call these chess events (e.g., see at the 2008 WYCC regulations

<http://wycc2008.vietnamchess.com/index.php?/Regulations/Regulations.html>

)

Lyle Craver: I view this as basically a ‘housekeeping motion’ to keep ourselves in alignment with FIDE rather than anything especially new.

Motion 2009-07 (Moved David Lavin / Maurice Smith)

Effective May 1st, 2009 the CFC Tournament Fee will be \$20 per player per tournament, \$4 of which will go to the Provincial Authority. The CFC Tournament Fee for Juniors will be \$10 per player per tournament, of which \$2 will go to the Provincial Authority.

This replaces the entire Section of Article 375 Tournament Playing Fee in the Handbook.

David Lavin: There has been much discussion about Tournament Memberships. Many feel that they encourage new members, others feel that they are costing the CFC revenue. What cannot be disputed is that an adult Tournament Membership fee of \$10 is incredibly cheap when compared to the Annual Membership of \$36. The cost of processing each membership is the same, so the costs to the CFC of a Tournament Membership is disproportionately high. Secondly, relatively few people play in four tournaments a year so there is a significant incentive to purchase the \$10 Tournament Membership rather than full Membership.

Motion 2009-08 (Moved David Lavin / Maurice Smith)

Effective May 1st 2009 the Rating Fee for Adult Tournaments will be \$3 per person per Tournament if using CFC/SwissSys, \$5 per person per Tournament if not using CFC SwissSys.

The rating Fee for Junior Tournaments will be \$0.50 per person per Tournament if using CFC SwissSys, \$2.50 per person per Tournament if not using CFC SwissSys. Tournaments submitted Swiss Assistant shall receive the same rate as those submitted using CFC SwissSys.

This replaces the entire Section of Article 731 Fees in the Handbook and any Motions regarding 731 that were passed and not published.

David Lavin: The CFC at some expense has purchased a software solution to the rating of CFC tournaments. This system was implemented in order to replace the manual input of tournament spreadsheets by the Executive Director and staff that has been expensive to use. We want to encourage TDs to use a system that has proven to be simple to use and beneficial to all parties.

Governors should note that this motion is NOT identical to the version originally posted on the CFC Forum – the original version had a junior fee of 1.00 and 3.00 (which was an unintended increase in the current fees) and did not mention Swiss Assistant. We apologize for any confusion!

MOTIONS FOR FIRST DISCUSSION:

None

General Comments from Governors:

There has been extensive discussion on the CFC Forum Governors' Area but no comments received specifically for publication in the Governors' Letter this month. Governors wishing comments published in the GL are invited to label their comments "For Publication" as comments not so labelled don't get published unless the intent to put them in print is obvious.

Governors who are not already signed up for the Forum should do so as soon as possible and when applying please note that you are a Governor – while we have the list of Governors this ensures you get access to the Governors' discussion area immediately – *ed.*

Appendix 1:

Chess Federation of Canada 2009 Canadian Junior Chess Championship Bid

Organizing Body: Calgary Junior Chess Club
#274, 3359-27th St. NE Calgary, Alberta

Chief Organizer: Simon Ong
President, Calgary Junior Chess Club
Email: simong89@yahoo.ca
Phone: (403) 274-2954

Organizing Committee:

Simon Ong: Responsible for advertisements, event website, DGT live coverage, trophies/medals.

Seng Ting and Hubert Shi: Responsible for accommodations/transportation for players.

John Piera and Paul Gagne: Responsible for reception/opening & closing ceremonies invitation to players.

Advertising: Provincial Chess Organization websites, CFC and Chess n' math websites, Chesstalk and CFC forum website, Flyers to any club who are interested in this event.

Publicity: Pre-event notice to media Event press releases

Internet Site/Coverage: Dedicated website for the event:
<http://www.geocities.com/cjcc2009/home.html>
Top 4 board will be broadcast using DGT boards

City: Calgary

Address: #274, 3359-27th St. NE Calgary, Alberta

Location Description: Only 10 minutes from the airport
4 major hotels within walking distance
10 restaurants within walking distance
dedicated home of Calgary Chess Club

Tournament Room: 28' x 40' with windows and carpet
Controlled forced air heating central air conditioning

Analysis Room: 28' x 20 with windows and carpet 2
washrooms
snack bar, fridge stocked with drinks 2 Internet
access computers
phone

Registration: Pre-registration starts as soon as the approval of the bid form and end at July 1. Late Registration additional \$30 (after 6 PM MT July 1)

Date: July 30-Aug 2

This will allow players 3 days of rest after the CYCC. The Calgary Junior Chess Club willing to host the event right after the CYCC (July 26-29); however, we want our juniors to play in

their best form. Also, the proposed dates do not have any conflicts with any major tournaments (i.e. Canadian Open, CYCC).

Format: 7 Round Swiss

Time Control: 40 moves in 90 minutes followed by 30 minutes until the end of the game plus increment 30 seconds per move from move 1

Rounds: 7 rounds

Opening Ceremony Thursday, July 30th, 2009 9:00 am MT
Round 1 Thursday, July 30th, 2009 10:00 am MT
Round 2 Thursday, July 30th, 2009 4:00 pm MT
Round 3 Friday, July 31st, 2009 10:00 am MT
Round 4 Friday, July 31st, 2009 4:00 pm MT
Round 5 Saturday, August 1st, 2009 9:00 am MT
Round 6 Saturday, August 1st, 2009 4:00 pm MT
Round 7 Sunday, August 2nd, 2009 9:00 am
Awards Ceremony Sunday August 2nd, 2009 3:00 pm MT

Playoff: August 2nd, if necessary.

Rated By: CFC and FIDE

Equipment Provided: All sets and clocks are provided by CJCC and CCC.

Prizes: 1st place finisher will receive funding up to \$2,000 to attend the 2009 World Junior Chess Championship which will be held in Argentina in October 2009. Top female player will have expenses up to \$100 to attend the World Junior Chess Championship.

Entry Fees: \$150 (Cash or cheques received before 6 PM MT July 1st). Late Fee: on day of tournament \$30.

TD: Tony Ficzere, Alberta Chess Association Executive Director

Side Events: Blitz and Bughouse

Accommodations: List of local hotels that provide players with discount are posted on our event website: <http://www.geocities.com/cjcc2009/home.html>

Transportation: To and from Calgary is at players expense. Transportation from airport to playing site is provided.

Budget: Attached

Date Submitted: January 14, 2009

Submitted by: Calgary Junior Chess Club

Budget Income:

Registration Fee (20 players x \$150)	\$3,000.00
Alberta Chess Association Funding	\$1,105.00
Calgary Chess Club Funding	\$ 500.00
Total Income:	\$4605.00

Expenses:

Prize Fund	\$2000.00
LiveCoverage	-
Transportation (including airport)	\$600.00
Trophies and medals	\$300.00
Rent (4 days x \$100/day)	\$400.00
Advertisements	\$200.00
TD Fee (4 days x \$35/day)	\$140.00
CFC and FIDE rating	\$160.00
Reception and Ceremonies	\$200.00
Miscellaneous (i.e. Organizers Expenses)	\$605.00
Total Expenses:	\$4605.00

Appendix 2:

Chess Federation of Canada
2009 Canadian Jr Bid
July 25–28, 2009 Victoria, BC

Organizing Bodies	Victoria Junior Chess Society 2386 Dalhousie St. Victoria, B.C. V8R 2H6 braymer@telus.net	British Columbia Chess Federation 3641 West 48 th Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V6N 3R2 ChessBC@shaw.ca
Chief Organizing Body	Victoria Junior Chess Society victoriajuniorchess@gmail.com	
Chief Organizer	Brian Raymer braymer@telus.net	
Organizing Committee	Greg Churchill, Brian Raymer, Howard Wu	
Advertising	Event website, JuniorChess.ca website, CFC website, BCCF website, BCCF electronic bulletin.	
Publicity	We expect to generate interest from radio, TV& newspaper as well as local government officials. Will combine with CYCC coverage	
Internet Site/ Coverage	Full web coverage, live games (Mon Roi), posted games	
Hotel	Hotel Grand Pacific www.hotelgrandpacific.com Victoria, British Columbia Five Star Hotel. Regular room rates start at \$300, the Special Chess Rate of \$159 for the event is also available for 3 days before and 3 days after the event. Up to 150 rooms can be held until early spring.	
Address	Hotel Grand Pacific www.hotelgrandpacific.com 463 Belleville St., Victoria, BC	
Location	Spectacular location next to the BC Parliament buildings on Victoria's inner harbour. Countless restaurants, shops, museums and galleries within walking distance.	
Tournament Room(s)	Well lit and generous sized meeting spaces in the Hotel Grand Pacific	
Registration	On line and via mail through BC Junior Chess or Victoria Junior Chess Society.	
Dates	July 25-28, 2009	
Format	7 round swiss	
Time Controls	G/90+30 sec increment	
Rounds	2 rounds per day, 1 round on the last day with playoffs as required	
Playoffs	In accordance with CFC bylaw 1010	
Rated By	CFC	
Equipment	Digital clocks and Staunton triple weighted pieces on vinyl boards in new or as new condition will be used at each playing position. Monrois tournament hub and PCM's at select boards. Laptops and printers for registration, pairing, website updates.	
Prizes	Medals for top 3 players	
Entry Fees	\$150	
TDs	Howard Wu and other qualified TDs	

Opening Ceremony Awards ceremony	Opening ceremony to welcome participants. Awards ceremony after the last round and playoffs. *to be confirmed
Side Events/Misc	The Canadian Junior will follow and overlap a week of chess events in Victoria. Blitz and Bughouse events are planned for before and during the Canadian Junior.
Accommodation Hotel Grand Pacific five star hotel www.hotelgrandpacific.com	Victoria harbour location, tournament in hotel, \$159 + tax per night. Children under 18 stay free in same room as parent/guardian. Easy walking distance to more than 100 restaurants/cafés, Royal Victoria Museum, IMAX, beaches, Beacon Hill Park, harbour boardwalk, downtown, grocery store, fisherman's wharf, other hotels, etc. Victoria is a walking city - no car is needed. The Victoria 2009 CYCC organizing committee will help remove reliance on vehicles by offering free transportation between the airport or the BC Ferry terminal to the tournament hotel on request. All guest rooms have free high speed internet connection, free local calls. Hotel has a 25m ozonated pool, fitness center and many other amenities. The Hotel Grand Pacific health club has been voted top in the city for many years. Alternate accommodations are plentiful and include more than 50 hotels, motels, hostels and B&Bs within a short walk of the tournament site. There are many more a short drive away. Rates for alternate hotels range from \$90/night. Camping is also available 25 minutes from the playing site at Gold Stream Provincial Park and other private campgrounds nearby.
Volunteers	At least 10 dedicated volunteers with a variety of skills and experience (computer, TD, organizational skills, hospitality.)
Transportation	Victoria is serviced by numerous airlines with direct flights from Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton, Kelowna, Vancouver and connections through those cities from any other commercial airport in Canada. There is frequent direct shuttle service between the airport and hotels. There are ferries every hour from Vancouver (Tsawwassen ferry terminal). Reservations are recommended. Victoria Harbour is also accessible by Helicopter and Sea Plane from Vancouver harbour and airport.
Other	Summer is a great time to visit Victoria. Long days and Sunshine are guaranteed. Average daytime high temperatures are 20 to 25 degrees C. Five minute walk to Beacon Hill Park and 15 minutes to beaches. Make your trip to the Canadian Junior in Victoria a family vacation and spend a few extra days to enjoy the mountains and the ocean. Remember, Victoria is on an island in the Pacific!

Canadian Junior Budget (based on 20 players)		
	Expenses	Income
Cost of playing area	\$600	
Misc office supplies, etc	\$300	
TD	\$400	
Medals/trophies	\$200	
Entry Fees		\$3000
Travel and CFC portion		\$1500

Up to 30 players could be accommodated at the same cost. Surplus with 30 players \$3000. At 30-50 players expenses would go up to approximately \$2500 for extra tournament space. Surplus with 50 players \$5000. Surplus goes to CFC and winner(s) in all cases including base case.

Motions for Final Vote:

Motion 2009-05: CYCC Handbook revisions

Vote Yes No Abstain

2009-07: Tournament membership to \$20?

Vote Yes No Abstain

2009-08: Rating Fee Discount for SwissSys submitted tournaments

Vote Yes No Abstain

(please note that this is NOT the version first posted on the CFC Forum!)

Motions for Second Discussion: none

Motions for First Discussion: none

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