

# NSSCA Grand Prix

## Background

There are four tournaments accumulating Grand Prix points for final prizes: December, January, February and April tournaments.

Crown Group - Made up of players that start the Grand Prix with a rating of 1000+

Intermediate Group - Made up of players that have a rating of 750+

Other groups for these 4 tournaments are grouped in either round robin or Swiss based on Tournament Director's decision.

Crown & Intermediate - Always play Swiss tournaments if greater than 6 players, no tiebreakers.

If ties in the standings at the end of a Grand Prix tournament, the Grand Prix points are added and then divided.

If uneven groups, a bye may be introduced to preserve the integrity of the Grand Prix standings. \*\*

## Points

Points are awarded for their ranking. The system is based on the FIDE Grand Prix

1st Place - 170 points	5th Place - 80 points	9th Place - 40 points
2nd Place - 140 points	6th Place - 70 points	10th Place - 30 points
3rd Place - 110 points	7th Place - 60 points	11th Place - 20 points
4th Place - 90 points	8th Place - 50 points	12th Place - 10 points

0 points are awarded for players in 13th or lower.

Points are not altered if fewer than 12 participate in a tournament.

## Prizes during Grand Prix

Medals for top 3 in each Grand Prix tournament. (Ties included)

Top 3 trophies for the result of the Grand Prix at the conclusion of April's tournament. In the event there are ties in the standings, the tiebreakers shall be: 1) Number of games won in the GP; 2) Results of the GP games between the tied players; 3) 10 minute playoff.

## Promotion

Promotion to the Crown Group can occur during the season:

1. An Intermediate player wins twice solo (without ties).
2. A new player with a 1000+ rating moves to Nova Scotia.
3. A new player is deemed to be strong enough to start in the Crown Group.

If an Intermediate player achieves a 1000+ rating, they are not promoted unless #1 occurs.

Promotion to the Intermediate Group can occur if a player achieves a 750+ rating while playing in lower groups. There are no points carried forward from a Novice Group to the Intermediate Group standings.

If an Intermediate player is promoted, they are still eligible for the intermediate first place trophy regardless of their standing. They are guaranteed a playoff game.

Example:

*Chris has a rating of 780. He wins the December and January Grand Prix tournaments solo (without ties). He is ranked first in the standings, and is promoted to the Crown Group. After the April Grand Prix, Chris is now third in the Intermediate standings, as his Intermediate points are not transferred to the Crown Group. Nor do his Crown points count towards the Intermediate standings. Chris gets a playoff after the April tournaments with the top ranked player in the Intermediate standings.*

## Demotion

Once in either the Crown Group or Intermediate Group, you do not move down.\*\*

## Other notes

Don Bidgood's March Break, Provincial Chess Challenge, and the Provincial School Team tournaments do not count towards the Grand Prix.

Grand Prix standings are updated on the NSSCA web page.

*\*\* The Tournament Director always has the option of placing players into any group.*