

NSSCA GRAND PRIX 2022/2023 RULES

Background

There are four tournaments accumulating Grand Prix points for final prizes: December, January and two in February. The best three results will count towards the final standings.

Crown Group - Players that start the Grand Prix with a rating of 1000+
Intermediate Group - Players that have a rating of 750+

Note: Rating cutoffs are estimated and may be adjusted based on ratings of registered players. The Tournament Director always has the option of placing players into any group.

Crown & Intermediate groups always play swiss tournaments if greater than 6 players, no tiebreakers. Other groups for these four tournaments are grouped in either round robin or swiss based on Tournament Director's decision.

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 based on final ranking in an event. 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 place or lower.
Points are not altered if fewer than 12 participate in an event.

Grand Prix Prizes

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

Top 3 trophies for the result of the Grand Prix at the conclusion the last event.

In the event there are ties in the standings, the tiebreakers shall be:

- 1) Results of the GP games between the tied players;
- 2) Number of games won in the GP;
- 3) Standings in GP #4;
- 4) 10 minute playoff.

Promotion

Promotion to the Crown Group can occur during the season

- 1) An Intermediate player wins twice solo, without losing a match has the option to promote.
- 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.

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.