

## Regulations for Land of the Sky XXXV

### LotS Special (FIDE reference)

- Players may be 1 hour late. (6.7.1)
- Electronic notation is not allowed in Open and Asheville sections. (8.1.1)
- Electronic notation is allowed in Buncombe and U12 sections with USCF-approved devices.
- Tournament will only collect 1 scoresheet from every prize winner. (8.3)
- Players have permission to go to the rest room even if it is their move. (variation from 11.2.3.2)
- Spectators are allowed. (11.2.3.3)
- Smart watches and personal music players are not approved. (11.3.2)
- Noise-canceling headphones and fitness trackers are specifically approved with inspection. (11.3.2)
- Players may have electronic devices switched off in a bag at their table. (11.3.2.1)
- Arbiters may give warnings or time penalties rather than forfeits. (11.3.2.2)
- Add 5 minutes to the base time if not using a clock with increment or delay.
- Masks are optional.

### Pairings

All reports will be created in WinTD, but the source of pairings will vary by section.

#### **Open & Asheville (U2000):**

FIDE Baku Accelerated.

Reference FIDE Handbook C.04.5.1 Baku Acceleration.

The top half of players will get 1.0 virtual points in rounds 1&2 and 0.5 virtual points in round 3.

#### **Buncombe (U1600) and U12 (U1200)**

WinTD v5.00 Standard Accelerated with the break input at 1400 for Buncombe and 900 for U12.

Accelerated pairings improve the likelihood of getting opponents closer to your rating and getting a clear winner in large sections.

WinTD's implementation of accelerated pairings is similar to USCF Variation 28R2.

To fairly accommodate two merging schedules, the break for acceleration is set at a specific point for both Friday evening and Saturday morning rounds, regardless of the actual rating distribution of entrants. The Saturday afternoon round will have winners from below the break play non-winners from above the break.

In the last round, if it is impossible for any player from a prize group to win a place prize in the section, the prize group will be paired within itself to compete for its own prizes.

Players from the same club, school, family, etc, may request that pairings against each other be avoided.