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## **Application to be a U.S. Chess Federation Certified Club Tournament Director**

I, the undersigned, hereby request certification as a Club Tournament Director. I am a current member in good standing of the USCF. I have read the U.S. Chess Federation's *Official Rules of Chess* (2003, 5th edition). I have access to a copy of this book and to the current administrative regulations necessary to be a good tournament director. I promise to conform to these rules and regulations and to their spirit.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please print your e-mail address very clearly.*

## **Recommendations for Becoming a Good TD**

In order to become a good TD, you should be aware of the rules and regulations involved and should take advantage of resources available to you to gain experience. Contact TDs in your area and ask to assist at their events. The Ratings Supplement contains a list of experienced TDs and is also a good source for rules questions, as well as other information. If you are unable to get assistance locally, feel free to contact the USCF by e-mail at [ratings@uschess.org](mailto:ratings@uschess.org) or by phone at (931) 787-1234, ext. 144.

It is very important for all TDs to be familiar with the Rated Chess Events booklet and to read the "Bits & Pieces" and "TD Corner" columns in each Rating Supplement. The "Bits & Pieces" column is very important as it contains changes and notification concerning ongoing problems. The "TD Corner" helps with directing questions.

Chapter 7 of the rule book has been revised. Please review Tournament Director Certification Standards at Brochures and Forms on our website: <http://www.uschess.org/tds/new05tdcertificationrules.pdf>. It contains the regulations for TD certification. The Club certification is renewable only under certain specified conditions. You should upgrade to Local as soon as you meet the minimum requirements. It is important to remember that you must have an established USCF rating to upgrade.

Thank you for your decision to become a certified TD.