

Currently

As mentioned in the other documents we are currently in the “Planning schedule” stage. This represents for each of you a “placeholder” method to sign up for games. While not a true placeholder we make every attempt to make it one.

The Merge

About 7-10 days before the tournament we will receive the “Final schedule”. Now we can’t; nor do we want to; nor do you want us to dump the planning schedule and load the final schedule and start the signup process all over again. So instead we do a merge, which takes a fair amount of time for us to finish.

- 1) On **day 1** of receipt the schedule, it will be formatted for loading to the website , cross checked with the tournament; and then
- 2) We will (descriptively) put the planning schedule and the final schedule side by side and merge the games as close as possible so as to retain the ESSENCE of what you signed up for. This is not an easy task because while the planning schedule games have game times and the games are in series, it is based on the number of teams at each level of play from last year. With the economy, and the random nature of tournament participation we expect there will be some games that will not match up in the merged schedule.
- 3) This has consequences which can include:
 - a. Some of your games that you signed up for on the Planning Schedule are no longer present.
 - b. The games you signed up for are at too high or too low a level based on your ranking. Clearly we must deal with the “too high”, but also you may not be happy with the “too low”.
- 4) Once we complete the MERGE, for a day, we will review each and every assignment in the Schedule to see what must be adjusted (based on (3) above) and what can be adjusted, etc., so as to achieve the BEST result for the Tournament and you.
- 5) At this time when you first see this new schedule of games ALL OF YOUR games will be in a Reconfirm Status and you must logon and Reconfirm them. As noted above there will (or may) be some games you no longer want and you can simply reject them, or there may be one that is too high for your ranking that we missed and the Reconfirm will fail. We will then get involved to attempt to reconcile the problem.
- 6) During all of this some new games will appear (as OPEN), so you can also adjust your schedule (rework it).

The **TIMELINE** (what to expect)

- 1) We get the schedule and load it to the WEBSITE
- 2) We "hide" ALL of the games "planning" and "final" schedule
- 3) We work on the Merge
- 4) We adjust the games complicated by the merge process.
- 5) We set them to ReConfirm status
- 6) We "unhide" all of the games in the final schedule.
- 7) You ReConfirm acceptance of your games or reject them.

The likely MINIMUM time for the above is **1 day** and it will likely take **2 days**. We will do this separately for each day of the tournament, so it is possible that Day 1 will appear on the Website, then Day 2 and then Day 3.

Caveat: If the planning schedule matches the final schedule better than we anticipate it may go *quicker*, or *longer* if there is a substantial difference.

We will announce when we get the "final schedule" so you will know to be on the lookout for the "reconfirmation" period. A clue will be that the games are gone from the WEBSITE.

Our expectations are that you will "RECONFIRM" all of your assignments within **24** hours.

Keep in mind that ReConfirmation" means either accepting the match or rejecting(***) the match or in some cases if a SelfAssignment rule fails and the Assignor needs to get involved it will show in HOLD status.

*** You need to take great care in clicking on the correct symbol, because if you accidentally REJECT(No) an assignment chances are 99.9% that someone else will sign up before you can SelfAssign it again.

If you **fail** to **ReConfirm** within the allotted timeframe, the games may be released for assignment for other Referees to choose. We apologize upfront for this, but with the compressed time before a tournament we have little alternative.

If you will be **gone** you need to provide us with some guidance of how to handle your specific circumstances. These instructions must be SIMPLE to understand and must be in our hands at least 10 days before the tournament starts.

If I have missed something obvious in this discussion please let me know so I can add an answer to that question into this document.

Tom