



CHESS TENNIS RULES

OBJECT

- The object of this game is to beat your opponent(s) either in chess or tennis alternatively.
- A 2-player (simple) or a 4-players (double) chess tennis match consists of 7 rounds, 4 rounds of chess and 3 of tennis.
- In the case of a 4-players chess tennis match, each of the pair plays 2 of the 4 blitz chess games.
- There are multiple ways to win the match; in general, by winning the most points in all 7 rounds combined, you can win the match.

WINNING & POINT SCORING

- Chess tennis is played in different bouts, in each bout players either do tennis or play chess against each other.
- Apart from minor differences, the rules applied in chess and tennis games remain the same.
- Ahead of the match, players / teams are given a letter, A or B, so as to track who plays with white pieces at chess and start serving the game at tennis (see section "How It Works" hereunder).
- Any player / team winning a tie-break being the first to win seven points or checkmating his opponent(s) during 3+0 minutes blitz games gets 1 point.
- Players/ teams get half of point for draws either in chess or in tennis.
- The player / team with most points wins the match.

DRAW

In tennis, the tie-break stops at 7-7, i.e. there is no 2-point difference rule.

Within a chess game, only stalemate qualifies for a draw. Because they are geared to longer games and somehow affects the spirit of blitz games, the insufficient material, 50-move repetition or the agreement rule do not apply. More details on these rules can be found here.

There are no draws in a chess tennis match. If the match goes on till the end with a tie at the end of the sixth round (3 points for each player or team), the Armageddon chess rules enter into force. In such situation, the same rules as a regular game of chess apply except for two very important distinctions:

- Black has draw odds, meaning that if Black draws the game, then they win, and
- Black starts with less time on the clock than White, respectively 2' 30" for Black and 3' for White.

If the final seventh round is also a tie (stalemate) then the player / team who used the black chess pieces will be declared winner.



FIELD

- A chess tennis match takes place on a traditional tennis court ; during rounds, players compete against each other in the same way they do in tennis.
- For chess games, two chairs are placed on either side of a small table placed on of the two sides of the court and the game of chess is played over it.
- The changeover always takes place after 6 points have been played in tennis. No changeover in chess.

EQUIPMENT

The equipment required for chess tennis is a set of chess, a chess clock as well as normal tennis attire.

How It Works

A Typical Chess Tennis Match

