

Practical Advice to Prepare for the Tournament

- Include *chess notation* in your practice routine, not just during a tournament
- Play in chess tournaments with *a time control of at least 60 minutes per player*; Blitz games are fun, but they won't get you ready for the deep thinking of serious long games
- *Know how to make a rules violation claim* to a Tournament Director; raise your hand to ask a question, don't wait until the game is over
- *Practice with a chess clock* so that using one is part of your move; don't wait until the tournament to learn how to use a clock
- Create and *use your "tournament kit"*: Pencils/pens, notation book, clock
- Put your name on *all* your belongings (clock, chess bag, jacket, hoodie, etc.)

