

## **Guidelines for certification of an electronic scoresheet:**

Any device designed to assist a player in keeping score by an electronic means may be certified by the USCF provided the device meets the minimum requirements stated below. Electronic scoresheets will be tested and verified by the USCF, and a list of all such devices will be made available to the members and tournament directors. Only devices thus certified will be considered as standard score keeping equipment. Player modified electronic devices to keep score cannot be verified, therefore are not considered standard.

### **During a game:**

The player may only record chess moves, offer of a draw and the time displayed on the chess clock. The player may record moves either by accepted chess notation, or by a displayed diagram on the scoresheet.

The scoresheet must have the ability to display the game, in its entirety, in accepted chess notation (Symbolic algebraic, character algebraic, or descriptive).

The scoresheet nor the player may receive information through the use of the scoresheet, either contained within the scoresheet or from any outside source.

The scoresheet cannot be used to contact outside sources, other than those in direct control of the tournament director (TD) or the organizer.

The player or the scoresheet cannot access a chess engine or any stored games, openings or analysis contained within the electronics of the device.

The scoresheet will not provide information, whether solicited or not, regarding the move made on the chess board. That includes all claims such as the legality of the move made, the occurrence of check, checkmate, stalemate, repeated position, 50 move rule, or any other claim that is to be initiated by the player.

Unless the device itself contains a chess clock that is in use by both players, the scoresheet may not provide information regarding the time used or remaining, or to make a time forfeit claim.

If capable, the scoresheet may provide recording ability to both players, either through direct input either by the chessboard or by the each of the players.

### **After the completion of the game:**

The scoresheet must have the ability to deliver a completed score of the game to the tournament director or organizer. This may be in any form acceptable to the TD, such as a print-out or electronic download.

If required by the TD, both players must be able to sign the completed scoresheet. That signature may be electronic (on the device) or manual (on the printout) as specified by the TD.

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The following electronic scorekeeping devices meet the above requirements for an electronic scoresheet and are approved for use during USCF rated games:

MonRoi Personal Chess Manager (with “Chess Rules = NO” on the setup screen)

DGT Projects Electronic Chessboard (e-board serial number 1200 or later) and TOMA software (version 1.32 or later) or Queen (version 4.0 or later). Computer display is required. The computer or display must be under the supervision of the event organizer or tournament director.