

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 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.

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 (current model, April 2006 or later); conditional: If the DGT chessboard is interfaced to a computer for display or transmittal purposes, that computer must be under the direct control or supervision of the event organizer or tournament director.

eNotate by North American Chess Association: (see below)

REPORT

eNotate by North American Chess Association

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Electronic Scoresheet Certification team.

Statement of Certification

The certification Committee for Electronic Scoresheets has determined the eNotate, a program designed and operated on a Pocket PC personal computer operating under The Windows Mobile 5 or greater operating system as **PASSING** the minimum requirements for certification as an electronic scoresheet, and is therefore acceptable to be used in US Chess Federation rated events.

Overview:

eNotate is a program (download) to a hand-held pocket PC for the purpose of recording a chess game. Once activated it locks out all other programs, and records the moves on a diagram board. The only way to exit the program is to record a result, and log out of the program. It is not a stand-alone device. It is loaded on any standard pocket pc and operates under the windows operating system. It interfaces with other PCs to download and print the games.

The following are the test results:

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The PPC with the eNotate software has appropriate security. A unique label will be provided purchasers of the software, and identification through a registered serial number is available through the eNotate web site. Note allowing eNotate installed on a phone based PDA / converged device is not allowed. The scoresheet must stay at the table at all times during a game.

The following evaluation was conducted once the program was activated:

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.

Once the device is activated in the record mode, it can only record moves made.

PASS

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

PASS

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

We were unable to activate any other program, or to communicate with other remote device.

PASS

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

Same comment as above, **PASS**

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

I was unable to do so. Turning off the unit does not disable the program, but is immediately accessed on power-up. A final action of entering a result is required to exit the program.

PASS

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.

PASS

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.

PASS

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

N/A

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.

I could print the game, but with some difficulty. Access to a computer with a printer is required. Also, a program on that computer that can read a pgn file is needed. If the player can provide this after the game is over and signed off, then it passes this test. The game is transferable electronically if the computer has Activesync for the hand-held. PASS, if the user has access to a PC after the game (with a printer), and the appropriate software.

Note that the player may also hand copy the game score on another scoresheet after the game. The final copy delivered to the tournament director must have the appropriate documentation (result and signatures) as appropriate for the event.