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The U.S. Chess Federation represents the United States in the World Chess Federation (FIDE), linking U.S. members to chess players around the world. A not-for-profit membership organization devoted to extending the role of chessin American society, the USCF promotes the study and knowledge of the game of chess, for its own sake as an artÃ Â and enjoyment, but also as a means for the improvement of society.

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I am glad to see that the USCF has finally put out a new edition of the rulebook. Having a kindle version is great as well, so people can access it on their phone, etc. The previous rule book was way out of date, with different "updates" scattered all over the internet in regards to things like time controls, electronic score keeping devices, etc. It was a confusing mess. I like the "TD Tips", and the rule book is well organized. The only reason I didn't give it 5 stars is because I felt there could have been a little more hyper linking from one rule to another. Whenever a rule is mentioned, there should be a link to that rule, so you can just click on it, and jump to that rule. This was done in some cases, but not consistently. Overall, nice work USCF!

This book serves exactly one purpose. If you don't know what that purpose is, it's probably not the book you want to buy. Chances are you came here because you are planning on participating at an official USCF rated event, or you're studying to become a tournament director. If so, this is the latest version of this book as of the writing of this review, so go ahead and buy it (though if you're merely a participant, you probably don't really need this). If that doesn't describe you, and you're just interested in learning how the game is played, this is not the book you want.

All chess competitors should know the basic rules. Stronger and more serious chess competitors need to have a thorough knowledge of the rules as they will invariably find some player who tries to push the limits. Hint - download the revisions and additions which are also published annually on the US Chess Federation website!

This book is quite useful as it codifies the rules for playing in chess tournaments in the United States. Everyone who plays in chess tournaments should own this book. It also forms the basis of certifying US tournament directors and so must be in possession of every certified director.The lower rating is given because this book is sold on the same as an optional piece of fiction when in reality it is mandatory for serious US players and TDs. The USCF should also make the rules for US Chess available online on their web site with feedback options so that more than a backroom

committee of authors can ask questions and comment on the rules and so that new players can have access to the rules as their interest grows.The lack of availability has led to state and school organizations to create their own set of rules for play in their jurisdictions. As is the print (or kindle) purchase requirement is an impediment to the entry of new players to organized chess. Publishing the rules online would be a big boost for chess.Another short coming of the book and a reason for publishing the rules online is that this book is out of date almost as soon as it is published. It was out of date as of last August (2015) when the USCF rules committee made a few small changes which may impact some players. The USCF does publish online the changes, but does not make available a complete compendium of the rules in any form.For what it is worth I do own 3 copies of this book. I couldn't live without it.

Must have book for U.S. OTB chess players. We are each responsible to know the rules. Table of Contents enable you to quickly navigate to the exact rule you need even in Kindle format.

this is a must have or, at least, knowledge of in order to ensure one understands the rules of chess.

Newest edition, must have for all TD'S and coaches, as well as serious tournament players. The USCF should publish a digital version.

If you play chess a lot, and maybe in an occasional tournament, this book is for you. It's a reference book, and is a very good one.

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