

The Xfoos Rating System
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Overview

1. The system is based on the United States Chess Federation rating system.
2. All tournaments that are AFTSA sanctioned will be a rated event. (Not all Xfoos tournaments are AFTSA events - only major ones).
3. AFTSA rated events will be played by AFTSA timed foosball rules and in the USFF timed foosball format.
4. Only singles matches are rated. There is no doubles rating.
5. Every person has what is called a “provisional” rating for their first 18 games. During this time the formula for calculating the rating has more fluctuation than the formula used for an established player.
6. After 18 games players ratings are “established” and a different formula is used to calculate the ratings.
7. The way a rating is calculated is a formula that takes into account games won minus games lost, the average of all your opponent’s ratings, and your rating at the time.
8. Everyone that plays in their first Xfoos tournament will be given a provisional rating that has been calculated from previous ratings from tournaments on other tables and bell curved up or down. This will tighten the pack and give players a new chance to prove themselves on the Xfoos table.
9. All matches will require the players filling out a match card that display matches won, games, and points.

Sample Rating Scenarios

Without going into the specifics of the formula, a sample rating change will be shown:

Before 18 rated games

Lets say you go to an Xfoos tournament with no rating or less than 18 rated games played to date. According to the format you end up playing 9 games. The average of your opponents ratings was 1,950 and you won 5 games and lost 4. Your new rating would be 2,030. If you went 4-5 your rating would be 1,870. If you went 6-3 your rating would be 2,190 and if you went 3-6 your rating would be 1,710.

After 18 rated games

Lets say you go to an Xfoos tournament with playing 18 rated games played to date and your provisional rating is 1,900. According to the format you end up playing 9 games. The average of your opponents ratings was 1,950 and you won 5 games and lost 4. Your new rating would be 1,918. If you went 4-5 your rating would be 1,886. If you went 6-3 your rating would be 1,950 and if you went 3-6 your rating would be 1,854.

There is a greater fluctuation in rating before 18 games are played.

Ranking Classifications

There are several classifications of rankings and they are as follows:

2,400 and above – Senior Master
2,200 – 2,399 – Master
2,000 – 2,199 – Expert
1,800 – 1,999 – Class “A” Player
1,600 – 1,799 – Class “B” Player
1,400 – 1,599 – Class “C” Player
1,200 – 1,399 – Class “D” Player
1,000 – 1,199 – Class “E” Player
Unrated/provisional

Ratings

Update ratings will be posted periodically. The starting ratings will be posted online before the first Xfoos rated event so players can gauge their starting points.

(Individual ratings to be posted in PDF format soon!)