

# Scoresheets - Why You Need Them

2026-04-29

## I. The USCF

- If the position becomes confused or needs to be restored
- Returning several moves back to where an illegal move was made
- A question or disagreement about a move sequence.
- A question or disagreement about the result of the game.
- To verify a claim of threefold repetition.
- To verify a claim for the 50-move rule
- To verify if the requisite number of moves have been made if there is a move/time requirement.

## II. Personal Use

- It serves as a personal history of who you played when and the result
  - You may play someone who one day becomes famous and you'll have the moves.
- Many coaches say the best way to improve your game is to analyze and study your own games.
- Putting your game into a chess engine is a quick way to get feedback on your game.

## III. Other reasons

- FIDE rated events require you to turn in a copy of your scoresheet and have both players sign it.
- If you are playing with someone famous or a very high rated player, you may want to have the score sheet signed as a memento