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the Top Chess Engines Competition, prior to [season 8](#) in 2015 called the **Thoresen** Chess Engines Competition, is a private tournament and rating list <sup>[1]</sup>, organized, directed and hosted by [Martin Thoresen](#) and [Chessdom](#). It's goal is to provide viewers a live broadcast <sup>[2]</sup> of matches played between strong chess engines. Supported by original engine authors in providing their engines, and based on voluntariness and [donation](#), TCEC does not enforce [ICGA rules](#) and [sanctions](#) concerning engine originality. Starting in 2010, TCEC caused a furor in February 2011, when [Houdini 1.5](#) defeated [Rybka 4.0](#) in a match, with the event recognized in various chess blogs <sup>[3]</sup> <sup>[4]</sup>. After a break in 2011 <sup>[5]</sup>, Thoresen relaunched TCEC in January 2013 <sup>[6]</sup>. In August 2013, for the start of [season 5](#), TCEC joined forces with [Chessdom Arena](#) <sup>[7]</sup> <sup>[8]</sup>.

## Tournaments

Season	from	until	Winner	Result	Runner up
<a href="#">TCEC Season</a>	December	2010 February 06	2011 <a href="#">Houdini</a>	23½ - 16½	<a href="#">Rybka 4.0</a>

<a href="#">n 1</a>				<a href="#">1.5a</a>		
<a href="#">TCEC Season 2</a>	February 11 2011	April 21 2011		<a href="#">Houdini 1.5a</a>	22 - 18	<a href="#">Rybka 4.1</a>
<a href="#">TCEC Season 3</a>	April 29 2011	May 28 2011			cancelled <sup>[9]</sup>	
<a href="#">TCEC Season 4</a> (n 4 (n TCEC 1))	January 22 2013	May 09 2013		<a href="#">Houdini 3</a>	25 - 23	<a href="#">Stockfish 25.0413</a>
<a href="#">TCEC Season 5</a> (n 5 (n TCEC 2))	August 26 2013	December 01 2013		<a href="#">Komodo 1142</a>	25 - 23	<a href="#">Stockfish 19.1113</a>
<a href="#">TCEC Season 6</a>	February 07 2014	May 30 2014		<a href="#">Stockfish 17.0514</a>	35½ - 28½	<a href="#">Komodo 7</a>
<a href="#">TCEC Season 7</a>	September 19 2014	December 27 2014		<a href="#">Komodo 1333</a>	33½ - 30½	<a href="#">Stockfish 14.1214</a>
<a href="#">TCEC Season 8</a>	August 21 2015	November 30 2015		<a href="#">Komodo 9.3x</a>	53½ - 46½	<a href="#">Stockfish 02.1115</a>
<a href="#">TCEC Season 9</a>	May 01 2016	December 05 2016		<a href="#">Stockfish 8</a>	54½ - 45½	<a href="#">Houdini 5</a>
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