Chord Symbol Guidelines (developed by Keith Waters, Ben Geyer, and the SMT-Jazz Interest Group)

| chord type                                              | symbol         |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Triads                                                  |                |
| major triad                                             | CM             |
| minor triad                                             | Cm             |
| diminished triad                                        | Cdim           |
| augmented triad                                         | Caug           |
| sus 4                                                   | Csus4          |
| sus 2                                                   | Csus2          |
| Four-Note Chords                                        |                |
| dominant seventh chord (major-minor 7th chord)          | C7             |
| major seventh chord                                     | CM7            |
| minor seventh chord                                     | Cm7            |
| minor-major seventh chord (minor triad w/major 7th)     | Cm(#7)         |
| half-diminished seventh chord (minor 7th w/b5)          | Cø7 or Cm7(b5) |
| diminished seventh chord                                | C°7 or Cdim7   |
| sus chord (dominant 7th w/sus4)                         | C7sus          |
| augmented major seventh chord (major 7th w/#5)          | CM7(#5)        |
| dominant seventh #5 chord                               | C7(#5)         |
| major sixth chord                                       | C6             |
| minor sixth chord                                       | Cm6            |
| Extended Chords                                         |                |
| dominant seventh chord with extension                   | C9             |
| major seventh chord with extension                      | CM13           |
| minor seventh chord with extension                      | Cm11           |
| half-diminished seventh chord with extension            | Cm11(b5)       |
| fully diminished seventh with extension                 | Cdim7(#7)      |
| suspended seventh chord with extension                  | C9sus          |
| chromatically altered tone after first number           | C13(#11)       |
|                                                         | CM9(#11)       |
|                                                         | C7sus(b9)      |
| multiple chromatically altered tones after first number | C13(b9,#11)    |
|                                                         | CM9(#5,#11)    |
| Other Configurations                                    | 1 - ( - / )    |
| 6/9 chord (excludes seventh)                            | C6/9           |
| added extension (excludes seventh)                      | Cm(add9)       |
| omitted chord tone                                      | Cm(no5)        |
| single pitch                                            | C(pure)        |
| root and fifth, omitted third ("power chord")           | C5             |
| inversion                                               | Cm/Eb          |
| slash chord / "hybrid" chord                            | CM/D           |
| polychord                                               | CM/DM          |
| modes as chords - first three letters except Aeolian    | Aeol           |
|                                                         | Phr            |