

## **2012 Port Huron Chess Club Championships Rules and Regulations of Play**

The following general rules and regulations of play will govern participation in this year's tournament. All participants should be familiar with these rules and any special rules that govern their play.

### **General Rules:**

1. All play will be governed by the official rules of chess as established by the FIDE and USCF as given in the most current edition of the Official Rules of Chess published by the USCF.
2. Touch rules will be in effect in all games. Both players must record the moves of the game and submit properly completed score sheets to the tournament director (TD) as soon as possible following the completion of the game. Time forfeits or illegal moves cannot be considered without accurate score sheets.
3. A chess timer (clock) must be used in all games. Time controls will be at the rate of "Game in 90 minutes ( 1 and ½ hours) per player. Play will begin by 7:00 PM at the PHCC or at a time and place agreed upon by both contestants. There will be no adjournments. All games are to be completed within the round time limits. Mechanical clocks will be set at 4:30. Prior to the beginning of the game both players are responsible for checking the clock to determine if it is functioning properly and set correctly. Sets and clocks can be checked out at the club, should players need to use club equipment.
4. Only club members may participate in these events. Dues are payable to Lon Rutkofske.
5. It is the responsibility of the players to contact the TD for the next round pairings, if they are not present at the time of posting. An updated list of players and phone numbers will be developed and circulated among participants by the TD. Lon will also email the results and round pairings, prior to each round if you have given him your email address.
6. Winners, or the player having the white pieces in the case of a draw, must report the results to the TD.
7. Results should be reported to the TD by noon of the day preceding the next scheduled round.
8. It is the responsibility of the person not present on the date of the scheduled round to meet the reasonable request of his opponent.
9. Scheduled pairings take precedence over makeup games on Thursdays.

10. Byes count as a full point.
11. Disputes arising from play and unresolved by the players themselves shall be submitted to the TD. His decision will be final. This year's TD will be Lon Rutkofske: 605 Lomasney Ln., Marysville, MI 48040 Ph. 810-388-9219 or email me at [ishking@aol.com](mailto:ishking@aol.com).

### **Special Rules:**

1. This year's event will feature a Round Robin style tournament. Players will be paired against every other player in the tournament on a fixed schedule that will be determined after registration ends at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. All games between PHCC players will be receive club ratings. Games between USCF rated opponents will be USCF rated.
3. Rounds and Pairings:
  - Round 1 January 12
  - Other rounds will be determined by the number of entries, one per each Thursday after round 1, with one Thursday left for makeup games. Since a crosstable of players and their pairings will be provided to all entrants, players do not have to play their games at the club, nor do they need to follow the weekly round schedule, if their opponents agree to play at an alternate time and place. All games must be reported on the Wednesday, prior to the final makeup date designated by the T.D.
4. A bulletin of completed games will be circulated every other week of play, so make sure that your score sheets are complete and accurate.
5. A crosstable chart and phone numbers will be circulated to all players for their records and information in general. The official crosstable will be kept at the club, and will be kept current as results are reported.
6. Ties will be broken by the result of head to head competition.
7. Prizes: Plaques for Club Champion, Runner up Champion to be awarded a week following the makeup round.
8. Club Junior Champion title and plaque will be awarded to the top scoring club member under 19 years old.
9. Entry Fees: Adult: \$20:00 Under 19: \$5.00
10. Cash prizes. based on at least 10 entries, will be:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$100
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$50
  - Top Under 1600 - \$50
  - Biggest Upset and top Junior - \$20