

## **2019 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. 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 with 5 second delay (1 and ½ hours plus 5/sec delay) per player. Mechanical clock time control will be game in 95 minutes and the clock will be set at 4:25. 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. Players are responsible for correctly setting their clocks.
4. Only USCF and PHCC club members may participate in these events. Dues are payable to Lon Rutkofske.
5. Winners, or the player having the white pieces in the case of a draw, must report the results to the TD.
6. Disputes arising from play and unresolved by the players 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 (Please leave a message with call back number) or email at [ishking@aol.com](mailto:ishking@aol.com).

### **Special Rules:**

1. This year's event will feature a 5 round, Swiss System tournament taking place through the week of January 17<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. All games must be played at Palmer Park Recreation Center. A half-point bye may be requested prior to the commencement of play for the first round by contacting the T.D.
2. All games will be USCF and PHCC rated.
3. Rounds and Pairings: **The first round of play will begin at 7:00 pm at the PHCC on Thursday, January 17, 2019**; Rounds 2 and 3 on January 19<sup>th</sup>, and rounds 4 and 5 on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Saturday and Sunday games will begin at 10:00 am and 3 pm respectively.

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4. **Weather issues:** If the Port Huron Area School District is closed due to inclement weather, PHCC will be cancelled as well. **In the event of cancellation, the entire event will be moved to the following week beginning on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, and then on Saturday and Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** Please call or email Lon if you have questions before proceeding to the club. Lon will post information on the website and email participants as soon as conditions are posted.
5. A bulletin of completed games and results will be circulated within a week following the tournament. Please make sure that your score sheets are complete and accurate. Both players should submit completed score sheets.
6. Ties will be broken using the following methods in order: Median/Harkness; Solkoff; and Cumulative.
7. Prizes: All awards/prizes will be presented Sunday, January 20, 2019.
8. **Pre-Registration:** Begins December 1, 2018 and will continue through January 16, 2019. Entry Fees: Adult: \$10:00 Under 19: \$5.00 Onsite registration will require a \$10 additional fee. Contact TD Lon Rutkofske.
9. Awards based on 10 entries will be:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$50 + Plaque ; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$30 + Plaque;
  - Top Under 1700 = \$20 + Plaque
  - Biggest Upset - \$10