

2020 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/move delay (1 and ½ hours plus 5/sec delay) 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 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. Players are responsible for interpreting the Round Robin Crosstable (included in packet with rules and list of email addresses and phone numbers and posted on the PHCC website) and arranging for games they may have to play out of the order assigned on the crosstable. 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. All results must be reported to the TD by 8:00 PM ,Wednesday March 8, 2020.
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.

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9. 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.

Special Rules:

1. This year's event will feature a Round Robin style tournament (Number of rounds will be determined by registrants.). Players will be paired after registration ends at 7:00 PM on January 6, 2020. All games will be USCF and PHCC rated.
2. **Rounds and Pairings:** Players will be notified by email regarding rounds and pairings. : Tournament games will be held Thursdays according to the tournament schedule which will begin with round 1 commencing on Thursday, January 9 and continuing each subsequent Thursday until all rounds are completed. A complete schedule will be available at the beginning of round 1.
3. **Weather issues:** If the Port Huron Area School District is closed due to inclement weather, PHCC will be cancelled as well. 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. Players do not have to play their games at the club, if their opponents agree to play at an alternate time and place. If this happens, please report any changes to Lon prior to the next scheduled round. All results must be submitted to Lon by 8:00 PM., Wednesday prior to the final round.
4. **Courtesy:** Please contact your opponent, if you cannot make it to the club to play your scheduled round with sufficient time so as not to inconvenience your opponent. If you email them, but get no response, please call before the scheduled round. Please copy the TD if you use email.
5. A bulletin of completed games will be circulated every other week of play, so make sure that your score sheets are complete and accurate.
6. Phone numbers and email addresses 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.
7. Ties will be broken using the following methods in order: Median/Harkness; Solkoff; and Cumulative.
8. Prizes: All awards/prizes will be presented Thursday, March 9th.
9. Entry Fees: \$5:00/contestant.
10. Awards based on 7 entries will be:
 - 1st Place - \$35 + Plaque ; 2nd Place - \$20 + Plaque
 - Top Over 1700 = \$10 + Plaque
 - Top Under 1700 = \$10 + Plaque
 - Biggest Upset - \$10

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Options for Make-up games:

1. The Port Huron Recreation Department will provide space for Make-up games on Wednesdays and Fridays between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. They have the keys to the equipment cupboard. Please call in advance to make sure if it is okay at 810-984-9760 (Amanda Dickinson).

2. The Marysville Public Library (1175 Delaware Ave. across the street East of the Middle School and High School) also has invited PHCC members to make up their games anytime M-Thurs. between 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM and on Friday or Saturday between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. Please contact Jayme at 810-364-9493. You will have to furnish your own equipment in this case.

Game Scores: Publication of games on our website: Alan Gregg has volunteered to publish our game on the PHCC website. Please send your corrected games, with analyses if you do desire, to Alan as well as Lon so we can have a complete record of this event.