

2021 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 this event. Dues/Entry Fees are payable to Lon Rutkofske.
5. Game winners, or the player having the white pieces in the case of a draw, must report the results to the TD.
6. All results must be reported to the TD by 8:00 PM ,Wednesday before the next round is to be paired.
7. It is the responsibility of the person **not present** on the date of the scheduled round to meet the reasonable request of his opponent.
8. 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 5 Round Swiss style tournament (Number of rounds will be determined by registrants.). Players will be paired after registration ends at 7:00 PM on June 9, 2021. All games

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will be USCF and PHCC rated. Should there be insufficient number of players (**A minimum of 5 will be required.**) that register prior to June 10, 2021, the tournament will be canceled until further notice.

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-**June 10th – July 22, 2021 PHCC In-Person Championships:** 5 Round Swiss USCF and PHCC Rated (USCF and PHCC memberships required); **EF:** \$10.00 Adult, Under 19: \$5.00; **Rounds** = June 10, 17, (bye June 24) July 1, July 8, (bye July 15) July 22. – Contestants must be registered by June 9, 2021; **Time Controls:** G/90 with 5 sec. delay .
3. **Current Covid-19 Protocols will be in place for the duration of the tournament, unless otherwise updated before each 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 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.
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, July 22, 2021.
9. **Entry Fees:** \$10:00/contestant ;(**Junior players EF: \$5.**) USCF ratings will be used for pairings and prize distribution.
10. **Awards based on 7 entries:**
 - 1st Place - \$30 + Plaque ; 2nd Place - \$25 + Plaque
 - Top Over 1700 = \$10 + Plaque
 - Top Under 1700 = \$10 + Plaque
 - Biggest Upset - \$10

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 phone in advance to make sure if it is okay at 810-984-9760 (Ronda Bingham).

Game Scores: Publication of games, pairings, rules, or updates or changes will be published on our website: <http://porthuronchessclub.yolasite.com>. Please send your corrected games, with analyses if you do desire, to Lon so we can have a complete record of this event.