

## **2024 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 6:30 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 PHCC club members may participate throughout the event.** See list of current members for your expiration dates at the end of the final page of this document. Dues are payable to Lon Rutkofske. TD for this year's event will be **Alan Gregg**.
5. Players are responsible for reading the rules and format information attached. An updated list of players and phone numbers will be developed and circulated among participants by the TD. **Alan Gregg** [ [alan1144@gmail.com](mailto:alan1144@gmail.com).] will also email the results and round pairings, prior to each round. Valid email addresses and phone numbers are required of all participants prior to the tournament's commencement.
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 prior to the next round. Since the Swiss System tournament format has been adopted, all games must be completed before and reported to the TD before each subsequent round and by Thursday, August 29, 2024.
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 in order to complete an un-played game.

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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 **Alan Gregg** :2316 Beck Blvd, Apt 104, Ft. Gratiot , MI 48059; Ph. 586-244-8042 (Please leave a message with call back number) or email at [alan1144@gmail.com](mailto:alan1144@gmail.com).

**Special Rules:**

1. This year's event will feature a single section, 5 round Swiss system if over 6 sign up to play. US ratings will be used for pairings in each section. USCF ratings will be used if available, otherwise club ratings will be used. This section is open to those who wish to play for the club championship. **In the event that not enough players pre-register, the TD will have the option of applying the format that works the best for those registered and will notify them prior to the first round.** Time controls will be G90; with 5 sec delay. Score keeping is required. Please let Alan know if you are committed to playing before the play begins - no onsite entries will be permitted Please sign up/pay dues and entry fees prior to the beginning of the first round and indicate which section you wish to participate in.
2. Players will be paired after registration ends at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, before the tournament is scheduled to begin.
3. All games will be PHCC rated.
4. Rounds and Pairings: **The tournament will be 5 rounds, if registrations permit. Please register on or before Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Rounds will be on Thursdays : May23; June 13; July 11; Aug 1; and August 22, 2024.**
5. Players do not have to play their first round games at the club, if their opponents agree to play at an alternate time and place. If this happens, please report any changes to Alan prior to the next scheduled round. All results must be submitted to Alan by 9:00 PM. prior to the next round.
6. **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.
7. A bulletin of completed games will posted in the May issue of Chess Chatter so make sure that your score sheets are complete and accurate.
8. 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.
9. Ties will be broken using the following methods in order: Median/Harkness; Solkoff; and Cumulative.

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- 10.Prizes: All awards/prizes will be presented Thursday, following the end of the tournament will be determined based on entries and will be announced via email and before Rd. 1.
- 11.Entry Fee: \$5:00
- 12.Please check your records/membership cards to see if your membership is current. Annual Dues: 19/Over = \$20;  
Under/19 = \$10.