

Chess.com Isle of Man International

Terms & Conditions

Major

This is a FIDE rated event.

Eligibility:

FIDE rating of 2100 and below on the September 2017 rating list (equivalent to ECF grade of 186 and below), subject to a maximum of around 30 players.

Entry fee: £26

The entry fee will be reduced by 50% for Chess.com Diamond Members, on condition that they have Diamond membership both at the date of entry and at the date of the first round of the tournament. Please quote your Chess.com username in the relevant field of the entry form.

Prizes:

1st £1,200; 2nd £600; 3rd £400; 4th £200

Best relative rating achievement:

2000 – 2100 £100

1900 – 1999 £100

1800 – 1899 £100

1700 – 1799 £100

1699 and below £100

Best score by an IOM resident, playing under the Manx flag: £100

Prizes (including the first prize) shall be shared where players have the same score. No player can win more than one complete prize.

A player forfeits the right to a rating prize if they are absent for the last round.

Tie-break (for deciding who receives the award of a trophy):

In the event of a tie for first place, the winner will be decided by tie-break, in the following order of priority:

- The results between the players involved in the tie
- Sum of progressive score
- Sum of opponents' scores (Buchholz)
- Sonneborn-Berger
- Number of won games

Playing schedule:

Monday 25 September to Sunday 1 October 2017, 7 rounds, starting 1.30pm daily (12 noon for round 9), approximate 6 hour sessions.

Rate of play:

100 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 50 minutes for the remaining moves, with 30 seconds added per move from the start.

Byes:

Players may take one half-point bye in rounds 1 to 6, provided adequate notice is given.

Conditions of Entry:

1. Entries must be made online or on an official entry form. **After submitting your entry, please wait for a personal email from the Tournament Director confirming your place in the tournament.**
2. Participants are expected to maintain acceptable standards of dress and behaviour.
3. Prize winners are expected to attend the prize giving to be held at approximately 9.00pm on Sunday 1 October 2017 at the Villa Marina, unless they have good reason and give prior notice to the Tournament Director.
4. Every effort is made to place entrants in the section of their choice but the right is reserved to transfer an entry to another appropriate section. The right is reserved to refuse an entry. The Isle of Man International Chess Committee may deduct an administration fee from any refund to players who withdraw.
5. England and Isle of Man players **MUST** be members of the English Chess Federation both at the date of entry and at the date of the first round of the tournament. Gold or Platinum membership is required for entry into the Major. Quote your membership number on the entry form.
6. A player's FIDE ID code should be quoted on the entry form, if they have one.

Entry to the Major is deemed to be acceptance of these conditions.

Registration and first round pairings:

All players in the Major should register in person by 8.00pm, Sunday 24 September at the Villa Marina. If unable to do so in person, they **MUST** contact the Tournament Director (Brian Woodard: mobile 07624 499758 or email: major@iominternationalchess.com) to either confirm their arrival on the island or to confirm their travel plans.

The intention is that pairings for the first round will be issued no later than 10.00am, Monday 25 September. Players who have yet to reach the island, or have failed to make contact with the Tournament Director, may be provisionally paired against each other. Provisional pairings may be subject to late change at the discretion of the arbiter.

Swiss Pairing System:

Pairings will be made according to the Dutch Swiss pairing system, using the most recent Swiss-Manager pairing program.

Default time:

Players arriving 30 minutes or more after the start of a session shall lose, unless the arbiter decides otherwise.

Anti-cheating measures

The organisers and team of arbiters take anti-cheating measures very seriously, the most visible measure being the use of hand-held metal detectors for random checks of players before every round.

Payment of prizes:

Prizes shall be paid by cheque. However, after the prize presentation, a cheque can be replaced by an electronic wire transfer or PayPal payment by giving your bank account details to the Tournament Director.

For prizes totalling £250 or less, the cheque can be exchanged for cash. **For prizes over £250, cash will NOT be paid under any circumstances. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

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