

Chess.com Isle of Man International

Terms & Conditions

Major

This is a FIDE rated event.

Eligibility:

FIDE rating of 2100 and below on the October 2019 rating list, subject to a maximum of 35 players.

Venue: Comis Hotel and Golf Resort, Mount Murray Road, Santon, Isle of Man IM4 2HT. The Major and Minor will be held in the golf club function room, about a 3 minute walk from the main hotel. There will be a free bus service from Douglas promenade to the Comis hotel before and after play, plus a regular mini-bus service throughout the day.

Entry fee: £30

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.

Prize fund GBP 5,000:

1st £1,300; 2nd £850; 3rd £650; 4th £500; 5th £400; 6th £300; 7th £200; 8th £150

Best relative rating achievement:

1900 – 1999	£100
1800 – 1899	£100
1700 – 1799	£100
1699 and below	£100

Best score by an IOM resident, playing under the Manx flag: £250

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, unless the Tournament Director decides otherwise.

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:

Saturday 12 October to Friday 18 October 2019, 7 rounds, starting 3.00pm daily, approximate 5 hour sessions.

Rate of play:

90 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 30 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. The closing date for entries is 31 August 2019 or earlier if the tournament capacity is reached.
2. 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, **on condition that the entry fee is received within 10 days of the entry**. Failure to pay the entry fee within 10 days will result in the player's name being removed from the entry list, unless the Tournament Director decides otherwise. Payment must be received before a player's names is shown on the website.
3. Participants are expected to maintain acceptable standards of dress and behaviour.
4. Tea, coffee and water will be provided but there is to be **no eating at the board** (including sweets). If players need to eat, they must step away from the board to the refreshments area without causing disruption.
5. Prize winners are expected to attend the prize giving to be held at approximately 9.00pm on Friday 19 October 2019 at the Comis Golf Club, unless they have good reason and give prior notice to the Tournament Director.
6. Every effort is made to place entrants in the section of their choice but the right is reserved for the Tournament Director to transfer an entry to another appropriate section.
7. The Tournament Director reserves the right to refuse an entry.
8. No refunds will be given to any player who pays their entry fee and then withdraws.
9. 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.
10. A player's FIDE ID code should be quoted on the entry form, if they have one.
11. The first 32 players entering the Major will be given the opportunity to enter a Rapid Play tournament, free of charge, to be held on Saturday 19 October between 2pm and around 7pm. The prize fund will be £600. Full details will be published on iominternationalchess.com by 19 September.
12. The Tournament Director's decision is final in all the above matters.
13. Our Privacy Policy regarding the use of personal information can be viewed at: iominternationalchess.com/privacypolicy

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

Registration and first round pairings:

All players in the Major should **EITHER** register in person by 9.00pm, Friday 11 October at the Comis Hotel reception **OR** contact the Tournament Director (Brian Woodard: mobile 07624 499758 or email: major@iominternationalchess.com) to 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 12 noon, Saturday 12 October. Players who have yet to reach the island, or have failed to make contact with the Tournament Director, may be given a half-point bye, on condition that they reach the playing venue by the start of the first round, unless the Arbiter decides otherwise.

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 relevant details to the Tournament Director.

Contact:

The tournament is organised by IOM International Chess Limited, registered in Isle of Man, company number 015704V.

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