

Chess.com Isle of Man International

Terms & Conditions

Isle of Man Masters

Eligibility:

Open to all FIDE rated players with a rating on the October 2018 rating list of at least 2000, subject to a maximum of around 174 players. The Tournament Director reserves the right to limit the number of non-titled players rated below 2100 to a maximum of 8 players.

Entry fees:

- Free to GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs
- £30 for FMs, WFM and players with a FIDE rating of at least 2300
- £50 for those with a FIDE rating of 2200 to 2299
- £80 for those with a FIDE rating of 2000 to 2199

The above entry fees 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 137,500:

1st £50,000; 2nd £25,000; 3rd £12,500; 4th £7,500; 5th £6,250; 6th £4,000; 7th £3,500; 8th £3,000; 9th £2,500; 10th £2,000; 11th £1,500

Best relative rating achievement:

2500 – 2599	£1,250
2400 – 2499	£1,000
2300 – 2399	£750
2200 – 2299	£500
2000 – 2199	£500

Ladies' Awards:

1st £7,000; 2nd £3,500; 3rd £1,750; 4th £1,250; 5th £1,000; 6th £750; 7th £500

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 two players tying for first place in the open (i.e. not applicable to the ladies' awards), the winner of the tournament (plus an extra £500 prize money) will be decided by a play-off on the evening of 28 October, after the completion of all round-9 games. The play-off will consist of two blitz games with a rate of play of 5 minutes plus an increment of 2 seconds a move, with colours to be determined by the toss of a coin. If the blitz match finishes equal then the winner will be determined by Armageddon with 5 minutes for White and 4 minutes for Black, plus an increment of 2 seconds a move from move 61, Black having draw odds. A toss of a coin will determine colours.

In the event of three or more players tying for first place, the top two will be determined by tie-break, in the following order of priority, and will enter the play-off described above:

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

British Championship Qualifier:

The highest placed eligible player not already qualified shall qualify for the right to play in the 2019 British Championship, subject to ECF regulations.

Playing schedule:

Saturday 20 October to Sunday 28 October, 9 rounds, starting 2.30pm daily (1.00pm for round 9), approximate 7 hour sessions.

Rate of play:

100 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 50 minutes for 20 moves, then 15 minutes for the remaining moves, with 30 seconds added per move from the start.

No agreed draws before move 30:

Draws by mutual agreement in fewer than 30 moves are not allowed. There must be no pre-arrangement to draw games of any length. **Penalties may involve loss of prize money and suspected pre-arrangement may see the players involved not being invited back!**

Byes:

Players may take one half-point bye in rounds 1 to 8, provided adequate notice is given.

Fees / Appearance money ("conditions"):

The Tournament Director has invited 64 titled players who have been offered conditions. Any further conditions offered will be **STRICTLY BY INVITATION ONLY** and so please do not enquire about conditions as you are highly likely to be disappointed!

Conditions of Entry:

1. Entries must be made online or on an official entry form, unless you have been offered conditions. 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 9.30pm on Sunday 28 October 2018 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.
5. The Tournament Director reserves the right to refuse an entry.
6. IOM International Chess Limited may deduct an administration fee from any refund to players who withdraw.
7. 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 Masters. Quote your membership number on the entry form.
8. Masters entrants must quote their FIDE ID code on the entry form.

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

Registration and first round pairings:

All players in the Masters tournament should register in person by 6.00pm, Friday 19 October at the Villa Marina. If unable to do so, they **MUST** contact the Tournament Director (Alan Ormsby: mobile 07624 453200 or email: masters@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 11.30am, Saturday 20 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 Chief 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 Chief 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. We will also be using two independent statistical systems to evaluate all the games played, one of which will be Chess.com's "Fair Play Detection System".

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.

Cash will **NOT** be paid under any circumstances. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Contact:

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

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