

# Isle of Man International Major & Minor

## Terms & Conditions

This is a FIDE-rated, Swiss event, with two zones of competition.

### **Eligibility:**

FIDE rating of 2150 and below, based on a player's average rating across the May to October 2023 rating lists, subject to a maximum of 70 players.

### **Zones:**

Once entries close, players will be zoned to either the Major or Minor depending on FIDE rating. If a player does not have a FIDE rating then the Tournament Director will assign an estimated rating based on available evidence. In the event of doubt about the player's true strength, the default position is that the unrated player will be placed in the Major zone, unless the Tournament Director decides otherwise. The intention is that each zone will have an equal number of players, but the actual split will be decided by the Tournament Director in the best interests of the tournament.

Any player can win prizes in the Major. Players zoned in the Major cannot win prizes in the Minor.

**Venue:** Villa Marina, Promenade Suite, Douglas, Isle of Man.

**Entry fee:** £30

**Prize fund GBP 10,000:**

Major:

1<sup>st</sup> £2,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> £1,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> £650; 4<sup>th</sup> £500; 5<sup>th</sup> £450; 6<sup>th</sup> £400; 7<sup>th</sup> £350; 8<sup>th</sup> £300; 9<sup>th</sup> £250; 10<sup>th</sup> £200

Minor:

1<sup>st</sup> £1,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> £600; 3<sup>rd</sup> £500; 4<sup>th</sup> £450; 5<sup>th</sup> £350; 6<sup>th</sup> £300; 7<sup>th</sup> £250; 8<sup>th</sup> £200; 9<sup>th</sup> £150; 10<sup>th</sup> £100

Prizes (including the first prize) shall be shared where players have the same score.

No player can win more than one prize. If a player zoned in the Minor wins a prize in the Major that is higher than what they would have received in the Minor then his/her Minor prize money is redistributed within the Minor zone. If a player zoned in the Minor is eligible for a prize in the Major that is equal to his/her prize in the Minor then he/she takes the Minor prize.

### **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 number of games played.
  - A one-point bye will count as a game that was played.
- 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 28 October to Friday 3 November 2023, 7 rounds, starting 2.30pm daily, approximate 5-hour sessions, **apart from the last round when the start time is 1.00pm.**

### **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. (However, see Tie-Break rules.)

### **Conditions of Entry:**

1. The closing date for entries is 23 September 2023 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 8.30pm on Friday 3 November at the Villa Marina, unless they have good reason and give prior notice to the Tournament Director.
6. The Tournament Director reserves the right to refuse an entry.
7. No refunds will be given to any player who pays their entry fee and then withdraws.
8. A player's FIDE ID code should be quoted on the entry form if they have one.
9. The Tournament Director's decision is final in all matters.
10. Our Privacy Policy regarding the use of personal information can be viewed at:  
<https://iomchess.com/privacypolicy>

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

### **Registration and first round pairings:**

All players should **EITHER** register in person by 9.00pm, Friday 27 October at the Villa Marina **OR** contact the Tournament Director (Brian Woodard: mobile 07624 499758 or email: [brian@iomchess.com](mailto:brian@iomchess.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 11.00am, Saturday 28 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 electronic transfer. Prize winners should give their relevant bank account 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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