

MBD Chess Mates

Overview

MBD Chess Mates is a United States Chess Federation (USCF – www.uschess.org) affiliated chess club and sponsored by MBD Consulting, LLC (www.mbdsolus.com).

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Meeting Time and Location

Location: Dover Moose Lodge

Address: 21 Sammis Ave., Dover NJ (Nearest cross street is Blackwell Av)

Time: Thursday 7-10 pm (except for holidays)

Note: Please DO NOT call the Dover Moose Lodge for information. All inquiries should be directed to the contact person (see Contact Information).

Events and Schedule (2010)

Nov 4th 2010: Inaugural Meeting, 7 – 10 pm

Nov 11th 2010: MBD Chess Mates Inaugural Swiss (Round #1):

- 5 SS, G/75 (5 sec delay)
- Cost:
 - Under 25:
 - \$3 members
 - \$5 non-members

- Non-USCF members must purchase a Tournament Membership for an additional \$7
 - 25 and over:
 - \$5 members
 - \$7 non-members
 - Non-USCF members must purchase a Tournament Membership for an additional \$12
- USCF ID is required (full membership or tournament membership)
- Registration 7 – 7:20, start 7:30
- Subsequent rounds will start no later than 7:30 pm.
- Prizes
 - No cash prizes will be offered at this tournament. Trophies awarded as follows:
 - Top adult
 - Top Youth (15 – 24)
 - Top Under 14
- One half-point “bye” will be granted for any round. Byes requested for the last round must be requested before round #3. Byes, once requested, cannot be retracted.

Nov 18th 2010: MBD Chess Mates Swiss (Round #2): Time Control G/75.

Nov 25th 2010: No Meeting (Thanksgiving Holiday)

Dec 2nd 2010: MBD Chess Mates Swiss (Round #3): Time Control G/75

Dec 9th 2010: MBD Chess Mates Swiss (Round #4): Time Control G/75

Dec 16th 2010: MBD Chess Mates Swiss (Round #5): Time Control G/75

Dec 23rd 2010: No Meeting (Christmas Holiday)

Dec 30th 2010: Annual Meeting, 7pm. Tournament makeups, TBD. All makeups must be played by Dec 31st for timely awards.

Communication

Communication to the club membership will be primarily via email. It is important that all members provide a valid email address when joining.

Mission

The mission of MBD Chess Mates is to:

- Provide a safe environment where people of all ages and skill levels can learn and play chess.
- Foster a positive environment for fellowship and friendship
- Through example, foster an environment where good sportsmanship is not the exception but the rule

Membership

(Information in this area is subject to change without notice)

Membership in MBD Chess Mates is open to any person of any age. We offer different levels of membership with the following membership fees:

Adult (age 25 – 64):

- Annual membership: \$25 per year
- Premium Annual membership: \$50 per year (includes a 1 year membership to the USCF)
- Six Month membership: \$15 per year

Senior (age 65 and over)

- Annual membership: \$20 per year
- Premium Annual membership: \$35 per year (includes a 1 year membership to the USCF)
- Six Month membership: \$10 per year

Youth (to age 24):

- Annual membership: \$17.50 per year
- Premium Annual membership: \$30 per year (includes a 1 year membership to the USCF)
- Six Month membership: \$15 per year

Special Membership

Until 12/31/2010 we are offering “charter memberships”. Charter members are considered to be “Life Members” of the club and not subject to annual club renewal.

- Adult Charter membership: \$75 (includes 1 year membership to the USCF)

- Senior Charter membership: \$60 (includes 1 year membership to the USCF)
- Youth Charter membership: \$50 (includes 1 year membership to the USCF)

USCF memberships are offered on a 1 year basis. The club member is responsible for renewing their membership in the USCF unless otherwise notified. MBD Chess Mates is authorized to renew USCF memberships.

Membership Privileges

- Participate in “Club only” events
- Participate in open Club events at a reduced rate or no charge
- Attend all annual meetings
- Senior and Adult members have full voting rights in the club

USCF Membership

USCF Membership is NOT a pre-requisite for club membership. However, club members may not participate in rated events unless they have a USCF ID number. This can either be through a full membership or through a tournament membership. A tournament membership gives you the right to participate in that particular event, and can be used toward the purchase of a full USCF membership.

Club Leadership

At the present time, the club leadership is vested in the Managing Director. The Managing Director will be responsible for the club operation and finances until it reaches the point where it is fairly self-sufficient. All tournaments and events will be run and facilitated by the Chief TD.

Club Rules

Tournament / Event Conduct

In all cases where these rules conflict with the Official USCF Rules of Chess, the latter will prevail.

Any tournament or event that is considered to be “rated” by the USCF will be conducted in strict accordance with the USCF Rules of Chess. All members are responsible for understanding the rules. The following rules will be strictly enforced (not limited to the following):

- Touch – Move rule: If you touch a piece you must move it (provided there is a legal move) unless you state “adjust” or “j’adoube” in advance.
- Time controls will be strictly enforced. All players are encouraged to bring their own clocks and sets.
 - We provide a limited amount of sets and clocks. These sets are NOT to leave the tournament area.

- There will be no coaching of any players that have a game in progress. This will result in an immediate forfeit by the player being coached. Coaching is defined as (but not limited to):
 - Assistance from spectators
 - Using notes or other reference material during a game in progress
- There will be no analysis in the tournament area. There will be a place set aside for side games and analysis. Please, however, bear in mind that there will still be games in progress.

The decision of the Chief TD will be final. In the event that the Chief TD is one of the players, the decision will be deferred to another person not a party to the game knowledgeable of the rules of chess.

Attendance / Make Ups

All people that register for a tournament are expected to play all games unless:

- A ½ point “bye” for the round has been requested and granted
- Extenuating circumstances prevail. In this case please contact the Chief TD as soon as possible before the round starts.

Make ups for missed rounds will be scheduled on a case by case basis.

Adjournments

In certain circumstances a game in progress can be adjourned, either at the request of either player or by the Chief TD. The final decision to adjourn will be made by the Chief TD. Adjournments will be done in accordance with the USCF Rules of Chess. Resumption of adjourned games is done at the discretion of the Chief TD or at the makeup night.

Absentee Forfeits

A game is considered to be forfeited if the absent player does not show up for the 1st move after the lesser of:

- One half of the time control has passed (e.g. for a G/90 this would be 45 minutes) OR
- One hour has elapsed since the starting of clocks or the established starting time

The player that is present, if playing the White pieces, must make a move, record the move and start their opponent’s clock (if one is used). If the player is playing the Black pieces they may start their opponent’s clock. If a clock is used the game is considered to be a forfeit if 45 minutes have elapsed on the clock. Any forfeited games are marked as X on the crosstable.

Emergency situations are considered on a case by case basis. If an emergency arises please contact the TD at 732-425-5088 (emergencies only) as soon as possible.

Decision of the Chief TD will be final in all cases.

Awards

Awards for winners of tournaments will be determined by the Chief TD.

Pairings

When possible, pairings will be done so that players are closely matched. Sometimes, depending on the turnout and the type of tournament this is not possible. However, bear in mind that playing against a strong player will actually help you improve your chess.

General Decorum

- Cell phone usage: All cell phones must be shut off or put into “vibrate” mode when an event is in progress. No phone conversations are to take place in the club area. Please take all cell phone conversations outside.
 - No person with a rated game in progress is authorized to use a cell phone to include email or text messaging unless authorized in advance by the Chief TD. Any person who violates this rule is subject to fine (not to exceed \$5.00), loss of time or forfeit at the discretion of the Chief TD. No exceptions.
 - iPhones that are used ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE of listening to pre-recorded music are excepted from this rule.
- Personal Listening Devices (i.e. iPod, MP3) : Personal listening devices are authorized
- Use of facilities:
 - The Dover Moose Lodge is a private organization that maintains their own private “social quarters” for members and qualified guests. They are providing us only with a meeting facility. Anyone in attendance at the club that are NOT members of the Order of the Moose or a WOTM Chapter are requested to remain in the Lodge hall (or immediately outside) for the duration of the evening. Restroom facilities are available in the hall and we will strive to provide ample refreshments (for a minimal donation) each night. The kitchen area, bar area and other areas that are “closed off” are off limits.
 - Please park only in designated areas. There is ample parking in front and on either side of the building.
 - Building entry: The Lodge Hall can be entered through the door closest to Sammis Av.
 - Please abide by any requests made of you by the Lodge officers or Social Quarters manager. Please refer any disputes to the Managing Director
 - It is a tradition of the Loyal Order of the Moose to hold a short ceremony at 9 pm. All in attendance are asked to show courtesy during the short ceremony.

- Children under 16: Children at the chess club under the age of 16 are to be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or other responsible adult at all times. We cannot accept responsibility for accidents or injuries. You assume any liability for any accident or injury involving your child. **If any child is at the club without a parent present, the Dover Police department will be notified. We are not a babysitting service. No exceptions.**
- All people in attendance are expected to conduct themselves in an orderly manner at all times. Foul language, illegal or abusive conduct and anything considered to be derogatory or disruptive will not be tolerated at any time. Violators will be asked to leave. Any illegal activity will be reported to the Dover Police Department. No exceptions.

MBD Chess Mates Application

To apply, please fill out the following application. If paying by credit card you can fax the application to (973) 775-9556. If paying by check or money order please mail to:

MBD Chess Mates

c/o MBD Consulting, LLC

55 Madison Avenue Suite 400

Morristown, NJ 07960

Please do not send cash through the mail, and for your safety do not send any personal or financial information via email.

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Age:

DOB:

Email address:

Are you presently or have you ever been a member of the USCF? YES NO

If YES:

USCF ID (If known):

Membership Year(s):

State:

Name (Name you were registered under with the USCF):

Membership Desired (check all that apply):

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Adults and Seniors

I request membership in the MBD Chess Mates Chess Club. I have been provided with a copy of the rules, and I certify that I have read and agree to abide by the rules. I agree to hold MBD Chess Mates, MBD Consulting, LLC and the Dover Moose Lodge harmless from any injury or accident that may occur during my attendance at club events and accept full responsibility for my actions.

Signature:

Date:

Youth (must be signed by parent or legal guardian if under 18)

I request membership for my child in the MBD Chess Mates Chess Club. I have been provided with a copy of the rules, and I certify that I have read and agree to abide by the rules. I further agree that I am responsible for my child's conduct and actions during my child's attendance at club events and further agree to hold MBD Chess Mates, MBD Consulting, LLC and the Dover Moose Lodge harmless from any injury or accident that may occur during my attendance at club events and accept full responsibility for mine and my child's actions.

Signature:

Date:

Total membership fees:

Method of Payment:

Check / Money Order (make payable to MBD Consulting, LLC)

Cash

Visa MC AMEX

Name on Card:

Card Number:

Expiration:

CVV:

Billing Address:

Billing Phone Number:

I agree to pay the total shown in "total membership fees" in accordance with the terms of my credit card agreement with the issuer.

Signature:

Date:

Approval Code: