

Registration for the 2014 MCC Club and Class Championships

Congratulations. You are receiving this letter because your performance in MCC events during 2013 has placed you in the top-10 of the Qualification Point List for either the 2014 MCC Club Championship or the 2014 MCC Class (U2000) Championship. Six players for each championship event will be selected from this list. The complete qualification point standings are available on the MCC website.

The 2014 MCC Club Championship and the MCC Class Championship (for U2000 players) will be held in **April 2014 as separate 6-player 5-RR events** run in parallel with the regular 5-SS monthly sections. The Club Championship will be FIDE rated.

The leading contenders for the 2014 Club Championship (and their December 2013 ratings) are listed below. The first six players have qualified. Should anyone decline the invitation, the next alternate player from the list will be invited to participate.

1. Mika Brattain (2386)
2. Denys Shmelov (2505)
3. IM Igor Foygel (2511)
4. Lawyer Times (2287)
5. Vadim Martirosov (2335)
6. Neil Cousin (1984)
7. IM Jonathan Yedidia (2383)
8. Farzad Abdi (2254)
9. Siddharth Arun (2220)
10. Yi Yang (2217)

The leading contenders for the 2014 Class (U2000) Championship (and their December 2013 ratings) and the alternates are listed below.

1. Neil Cousin (1984)
2. Calvin Hori (1850)
3. Ethan Thompson (1884)
4. Yuriy Zhaurov (1995)
5. Mark Fins (1819)
6. Richard Kahn (1526)
7. Michael Barry (1919)
8. Alex Yu (1742)
9. James Donahue (1667)
10. Fridrik Karlsson (1952)

Byes, makeup games, and forfeits

In the round robin championship events, no half-point byes are permitted. Any player who cannot play in a round will, by default, be given a zero-point bye (U) and his opponent will be given a full-point bye (B). Players who know in advance that they cannot make a round should call the club number in the usual way to receive this zero-point bye. In doing so, however, they are committed to this result (see below for procedures for a possible makeup game). The bye cannot be rescinded. By notifying us in advance, it may be possible to notify the opponent so he or she does not need to travel to the club that evening.

If **BOTH** players agree, and if a suitable location with MCC TD supervision can be arranged, a makeup game may be scheduled. If not, the default mentioned above will apply. All makeup games must be completed before the final round of the event (April 29th, 2014), and the final round can **NOT** be made up or rescheduled. Please notify an MCC TD in person, or the club by email (champ_staff@metrowestchess.org), and your opponent (if possible) to begin the process of scheduling a makeup game.

Forfeits will be scored in the standard way (F and X). Standard club rules regarding forfeits will still apply. Please avoid forfeits if at all possible.

Any other situation where games can not be played as scheduled (weather related closures, dual cancellations, etc.) will be dealt with in as fair a manner as possible by the Chief TD of the event, and his or her decision will be final.

Alternates

An alternate will be invited to fill any open slot due to a 'decline' as soon as possible. The goal is to have the list of contestants for both championships finalized by Tuesday, March 18, 2014. A random drawing will be held at the club to determine the seedings for the events so that the round-by-round pairings can be posted in advance of the tournaments.

Any players who have qualified for the Class Championship and also are alternates for the Club Championship who agrees to play in the Class (U2000) Championship and then becomes eligible for the Club Championship **before** rosters are finalized and pairings have been determined can choose to play in either event.

However, **after** the championship rosters have been finalized and the drawing has been held to establish the pairings, preference will be given to alternates rated 2000 or higher to fill-in an unexpected vacancy in the Club Championship event. That is, after pairings have been established, if a player from the Club Championship withdraws before the tournament begins, then a replacement player will be selected from the qualification list from those who have a rating of 2000 or higher. In particular, this means that an U2000 player playing in the Class (U2000) Championship will not be given the option of switching events. The reason is that a

last minute fill-in who switches championship events creates another vacancy which has to be filled and which also alters the posted pairings for the Class Championship. The need for expediency in filling a last minute Club Championship vacancy is another factor for this restriction.

Please check one box on the next page, sign and date the form, and return the form by no later than Tuesday, March 18, 2014 by 7pm. Failure to respond by this date will make you ineligible for the championships. You can return this form either:

- In person at the club to Matt Phelps or to any TD on duty
- By email to champ_staff@metrowestchess.org

Everyone: please check one box and return your form as soon as possible, but no later than March 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM. Failure to respond will disqualify you from playing in the championships. Any questions can be emailed to champ_staff@metrowestchess.org

For Mika Brattain, Denys Shmelov, IM Igor Foygel, Lawyer Times, Vadim Martirosov:

I accept the invitation to play in the 2014 MCC Club Championship

I decline the invitation to play in the 2014 MCC Club Championship

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For IM Jonathan Yedidia, Farzad Abdi, Siddharth Arun, Yi Yang:

I wish to remain on the alternate list for the 2014 MCC Club Championship; I understand that if I should become eligible for this event, I will be invited to play in it

Please remove my name from the alternate list for the 2014 MCC Club Championship; I do not wish to play in this event even if I should become eligible

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Neil Cousin:

___ I accept the invitation to play in the 2014 MCC Club Championship

___ I accept the invitation to play in the 2014 MCC Class (U2000) Championship

___ I decline the invitation to play in either the 2014 MCC Club Championship or the 2014 MCC Class (U2000) Championship

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Calvin Hori, Ethan Thompson, Yuriy Zhaurov, Mark Fins, Richard Kahn:

___ I accept the invitation to play in the 2014 MCC Class (U2000) Championship

___ I decline the invitation to play in the 2014 MCC Class (U2000) Championship

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Michael Barry, Alex Yu, James Donahue, Fridrik Karlsson:

___ I wish to remain on the alternate list for the 2014 MCC Class (U2000) Championship; I understand that if I should become eligible for this event, I will be invited to play in it

___ Please remove my name from the alternate list for the 2014 MCC Class (U2000) Championship; I do not wish to play in this event even if I should become eligible

Signature: _____ Date: _____