**Midwest Open 2023 Chess Tournament:**

**Date:** **April 22-23, 2023**

**Location: Omaha Marriot Regency Hotel,**

 **10220 Regency Cir Omaha, NE 68114, Regency Ballrooms A and B**

**Entry Fee:**  **$70 by 3/31/2023 for the Open, $80 on site.**

 **$25 by 3/31/2023 for the RBO, $30 on site.**

**Pre-Registration and Pre-Payment:**

**Send early payments via paypal to** **scusumano90@gmail.com****, please include information including name, USCF ID number, and section in the paypal payment or in a separate email.**

**Please email the organizer, Steven Cusumano, at** **scusumano90@gmail.com** **if you have any questions.**

**General Information:**

The Open is a 5 round Swiss with a time control of 90 minutes + 30 second increment and will be dual USCF and FIDE rate, directed by Bill Broich. The Open Section is a POY (Player of the Year) event.

The RBO is also a 5 round Swiss played only on Saturday, April 22. The time control is 30 minutes delay 5 seconds and is USCF rated, directed by Michael Gooch. Players in the RBO must be rated under 1200.

**Additional Information:**

* Players must provide their own chess sets and clocks. Only a few extra sets and clocks will be available from the organizer.
* Notation paper with carbonless copy will be provided to both the Open and RBO by the organizer.
* Onsite changes to the RBO’s round times take priority over the times listed in this flyer.
* Byes
	+ One ½ point bye per player. A last round bye must be requested prior to the start of the 3rd round. Byes for all other rounds must be requested 1 hour prior to the start of the round.
* Electronic devises
	+ FIDE rule 11.3 enforced with regards to electronic devices. No electronic scoresheets are allowed.
* Spectator Rules
	+ No spectators are allowed in the playing hall 10 minutes after the start of the round.
	+ Players are allowed to spectate after their game is over.
	+ Spectator rules are subject to change.

**Round Times:**

* **Open**
	+ Saturday, April 22
		- Registration 8-9:15
		- R1: 9:30
		- R2: 2:30
		- R3: 7:00
	+ Sunday, April 23
		- R4: 9:30
		- R5: 2:30
* **RBO – (Rated Beginner’s Open)**
	+ Registration 8-9:15
	+ R1: 9:30
	+ R2: 10:45
	+ Lunch Break
	+ R3: 1:00
	+ R4: 2:15
	+ R5: 3:30

**Prizes:**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Section(s) | Guaranteed Prizes |
| **Open** |  |
| 1st | **$400** |
| 2nd | **$250** |
| 3rd | **$150** |
|  |  |
| U1800 | **$100** |
| U1600 | **$100** |
| U1400 | **$100** |
|  |  |
| **Total** | **$1,100** |

**Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be provided to the top 3 finishers of the RBO. An U800 trophy and an U400 trophy will be provided for the top finishers rated U800 and U400, respectively.**

**The tie-break for the trophies will be decided in the following order:**

1. Common Game
2. Solkoff
3. Modified Median
4. Cumulative

**Contact Information:**

* Steven Cusumano – organizer
	+ scusumano90@gmail.com
	+ 402-301-6365
* Bill Broich – Open tournament director
	+ broich01@yahoo.com
	+ 515-205-8062
* Michael Gooch – RBO tournament director
	+ mdgooch22@gmail.com
	+ 402-850-3618

**Link for the Discount Rate at Omaha Marriot Regency:**

https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1672438656499&key=GRP&app=resvlink

**Social Media:**

**Please consider joining the following Nebraska Chess groups. Those who join the Lichess group will have access to games which have been recorded by the Nebraska game archivist. The games will be under Lichess studies.** [**https://lichess.org/study**](https://lichess.org/study)

* **Nebraska Chess Community on Facebook**
	+ [**https://www.facebook.com/groups/1154213844943829**](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1154213844943829)
* **Nebraska Players club on chess.com**
	+ [**https://www.chess.com/club/nebraska-players**](https://www.chess.com/club/nebraska-players)
* **Nebraska Players club on lichess.org**
	+ [**https://lichess.org/team/nebraska-players**](https://lichess.org/team/nebraska-players)

**Also, be sure to visit the official Nebraska Chess website for the latest updates on upcoming tournaments.**

**http://nebraskachess.com/**