

## **MSCA Prize Distribution Policy**

Trophies are handed out in person immediately following the conclusion of the tournament.

Monetary prizes are paid via MSCA check and mailed to prize winners during the week following the tournament.

Potential prize winners are responsible for leaving their physical mailing address and e-mail address with the Tournament Director before they leave the tournament hall. Note this is only necessary if this information is different than what was provided to the MSCA during the online registration process.

This modest delay in the distribution of monetary prizes provides time to rate the tournament, publish the cross-table, double-check the results, compute the prizes, and secure any necessary tax documentation from the prize winners.

This modest delay in the timing for the distribution of monetary prizes also provides for a smooth finish to the tournament without the need for chess players to wait around for all the games to finish and the prizes to be decided.

Effective January 1, 2023, there is an additional requirement for chess players to be MSCA members in order to receive a monetary prize. MSCA memberships can be purchased via the link posted on the MSCA website home page.

Any questions about this Prize Distribution Policy should be directed to the Tournament Director or the MSCA Treasurer.