

# Michigan Long Match #11

In the spirit of fostering good competition—and in our annual quest to find the best cribbage player in Michigan—the eleventh annual Michigan Long Match will begin in January 2016. The following rules govern this tournament.

1. All games must be played in accordance with the rules of play established by the American Cribbage Congress and published in the August 2010 ACC rulebook. The tournament is single elimination, with the winner advancing to the next round and the loser looking for revenge next year.
2. MLM #11 is limited to a full bracket (16 or 32).
3. The entry fee is \$50. The top 25% of the entrants will receive prize money in a schedule that pays double for each level. Here are the payout schedules:

16 PLAYERS			32 PLAYERS	
\$400	x 1 =	\$400	<b>1st place</b>	\$640 x 1 = \$640
\$200	x 1 =	\$200	<b>2nd place</b>	\$320 x 1 = \$320
\$100	x 2 =	\$200	<b>3rd-4th place</b>	\$160 x 2 = \$320
			<b>5th-8th place</b>	\$80 x 4 = \$320
		\$800		\$1,600

4. For entrants who want to play for a larger purse, a \$20 side pot is available, which will pay to one-in-eight entrants. There will be no tiebreaker for the side pot; if two or more players go out on the same round, then they split their share(s) evenly.
5. A trophy can be provided if the winner wants one (paid for from winnings).
6. Entry into MLM #11 is simple: first come, first served. The bracket will be determined by a blind drawing, to be conducted at Club 71 in Grand Rapids at a date to be announced. Spouses and blood relatives will be placed in opposite halves of the bracket.
7. The official bracket will be posted on **challonge.com**, and it is each player's responsibility to determine their next opponent and schedule their matches, which can be played at any mutually agreeable location and time. Players who provide an email address will be automatically notified by **challonge.com** when their next match is ready for play.
8. Each match consists of twenty games. In certain situations, a match might be longer or shorter—see rules #12 and #14 below.
9. At times, ACC-approved judges may be on hand to adjudicate disagreements between players. Otherwise, opponents will judge their own play (a rulebook should be brought to each match). Disputes during a game should be settled by the players; if they cannot reach agreement, they may call the tournament director. Disputes about the final outcome of a game and/or match will be resolved by the TD in consultation with ACC judges.
10. Before the first game, both players cut for deal. The player who cuts the low card deals first, and thereafter the deal alternates between players. If a match goes into "overtime" (see #12 below), the deal continues to alternate between opponents.
11. A normal win (i.e., by 30 or fewer holes) earns 3 game points (GPs) for the winner; a skunk

(i.e., winning by 31 or more holes) earns 4 GPs. Spread points (i.e., the amount of holes that a game was won by) are irrelevant and are not recorded on the score sheet.

12. The winner must win the match by 6 GPs (i.e., two games). If neither player has a 6-GP lead after playing the required number of games for that round, the match continues, one game at a time until one player leads by 6 or more GPs.
13. Since this is match-play format, a player can concede a game or skunk to an opponent if his or her position is untenable. If there is doubt about the outcome of the game or if a skunk is in the balance, it is recommended that the game be played out.
14. When it becomes mathematically impossible to get within 6 GPs, the match is over; you do not have to play all of the required games.
15. Game results should be recorded on the official score sheet, which is available at [michigancribbage.com/MLM11\\_scoresheet.PDF](http://michigancribbage.com/MLM11_scoresheet.PDF). The winner should notify the TD of the match results.
16. All matches must be played on a long board using new/very good playing cards.
17. Muggins is not played.
18. No refund will be given to any player who forfeits a match.
19. Each match must be completed within a two-month window. The winner of a match not completed within this time may be determined by blind draw. If the player who advances under this scenario wins prize money, it will be split 60-40 with the player who does not.

Mail entry form and fee (checks payable to David Aiken) to the following address.



David Aiken  
P.O. Box 313  
Ada, Michigan 49301-0313



616.401.8311



[cribbage@iserv.net](mailto:cribbage@iserv.net)

name: \_\_\_\_\_

address: \_\_\_\_\_

city: \_\_\_\_\_ state: \_\_\_\_\_ zip: \_\_\_\_\_

ACC no.: \_\_\_\_\_

telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am entering . . .**

**\$50 main**     **\$20 side**

I agree (a) to play MLM #11 according to the ACC rules, (b) to follow the attached instructions for this tournament, and (c) to complete my matches in a timely manner.

\_\_\_\_\_  
signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
date