

REGULATIONS

The International Rapid Chess Tournament “Memorial tournament in honour of Viktor Kupreichik”

1. PURPOSES

- advocacy and promotion of chess within the Republic of Belarus;
- improvement of chess skills of participants;
- commemoration of the international GM Viktor Kupreichik;
- strengthening of international sports relations;

2. ORGANISERS

General organisation of the tournament is carried out by Belarus Chess Federation (hereinafter referred to as BCF). Direct staging of the tournament is under the responsibility of the panel of arbiters. Chief arbiter – Natalia Popova, IA, e-mail: nata_chess@mail.ru. General secretary – Vasily Yakushev, FA.

3. DATE AND VENUE

The International Rapid Chess Tournament “Memorial tournament in honour of Viktor Kupreichik” (hereinafter referred to as “Memorial tournament in honour of Viktor Kupreichik”) is held from the 20th of June 2018 (arrival date) to the 24th of June 2018 (departure date) in the Palace of Sports at the address: Minsk, pr. Pobediteley, 4.

4. SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Description	Venue
20.06.2018	All day	Arrival of participants	
21.06.2018	15.00	Technical meeting of participants	Palace of Sports, pr. Pobediteley, 4
	15.30	Opening ceremony	
	16.00 – 20.00	Rounds 1 to 4	
22.06.2018	16.00 – 20.00	Rounds 5 to 8	Palace of Sports, pr. Pobediteley, 4
23.06.2018	16.00 – 19.00	Rounds 9 to 11	Palace of Sports, pr. Pobediteley, 4
	20.00	Closing ceremony	
24.06.2018	All day	Departure of participants	

Organisers reserve the right to change the schedule, if necessary.

5. SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Any qualified chess player with FIDE ID who paid the tournament fee within the time limits and under the terms of these Regulations, registered within the time limits defined by these Regulations, and who presented the following documents during such a registration, shall be accepted as a participant of the Memorial tournament:

- proof of identity and age of a player (passport or birth certificate);
- receipt on payment of the tournament fee;
- proof of payment of a membership fee to the Belarus Chess Federation for 2018 (only for Belarusian participants).

6. REGULATIONS

Memorial tournament shall follow the Swiss system with 11 rounds in accordance with the FIDE Laws of chess and tournament regulations. Time control: 15 minutes per game with an increment of 10 second for every move, starting from the first move.

Participants shall not be included into the pairing procedure for the next round in case of failure to appear at the game without prior notice.

It is strictly prohibited to use cell phones or other mobile means of communication during the round.

Computer pairing shall be carried out with the help of Swiss Manager software. Appeals against the pairing procedure and final distribution of places shall not be accepted as per the criteria defined in these Regulations, excluding the appeals against technical issues.

During the game participants are allowed to speak only with an arbiter or an opponent within the limit of such an action defined in the Laws. In case if the game was fixed the Chief Arbiter may take a decision according to which both players shall be deemed lost.

Photo shoot with flash is allowed only within the first five minutes of every round.

The final interpretation of these Regulations shall be under the responsibility of organisers.

7. SCORING AND ADDITIONAL INDICES

Winners and awardees of the Memorial tournament shall be defined according to the biggest count of points (game won – 1 point, game draw – ½, game lost – 0 points).

In case if two or more participants have equal points, the winners shall be defined considering the following additional indices in descending order:

- Buchholz cut system (the worst scores discarded)
- Buchholz system;
- Sonneborn-Berger score;
- number of games won;
- in-person meeting.

8. APPEALS COMMITTEE

Chairman and the members of the Appeal Committee shall be announced before the beginning of the tournament.

9. APPEAL PROCEDURE

Appeals against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter shall be filed in written form to the Chairman of the Appeal Committee within 10 minutes after round was finished.

Appeal shall be supported by the sum of 200 roubles as a security deposit from a person that filed such an appeal. The security deposit shall be given to the Chairman or member of the Appeal Committee. If the appeal was granted, the security deposit shall be returned to the participant. If the appeal was refused, the security deposit shall be seized in favour of the Belarus Chess Federation, Decision of the Appeal Committee is final.

10. PRIZES

The winner of the Memorial tournament shall be awarded with a cup, medal and diploma of the I degree, awardees shall be awarded with medals and diplomas of respective degrees.

The tournament will have money prizes.

Main prize fund:

1st place – 2000\$, 2nd place – 1000\$, 3rd place – 500\$, 4th place – 400\$, 5th place – 300\$, 6th place – 200\$.

Special prize fund:

- Women: 1st place – 300\$, 2nd place – 200\$, 3rd – 100\$;
- Boys and girls under 18 (year of birth: 2000 or younger): 1st place – 300\$, 2nd place – 200\$, 3rd – 100\$;
- the best senior player among men (year of birth 1958 or older) – 100\$;
- the best senior player among women (year of birth 1958 or older) – 100\$;
- the best Belarusian player – 100\$;

Special prizes awarded by the Chess Academy named after Viktor Kupreichik:

- the most senior participant of the tournament – 50\$;
 - the youngest participant of the tournament – 50\$;
- Each participant can get only one highest prize.

11. APPLICATIONS AND REGISTRATION

All tournament applications shall be sent to the following e-mail address: nata_chess@mail.ru with the subject “Participation in the Memorial tournament in honour of Viktor Kupreichik”. All applications shall be sent until **10th of June 2018**.

The application shall contain the following information for each player: surname, name, date of birth, FIDE ID, player's country and city, title (category).

The following documents shall be enclosed to the application:

- proof of identity and age of a player;
- proof of payment of the tournament fee;

- proof of payment of the membership fee to BCF (for Belarusian participants).

Participants, whose applications do not meet the above-mentioned requirements, shall not be accepted to participate in the tournament.

Application to the tournament signifies the acceptance of these Regulations to the full extent.

12. TOURNAMENT FEES

A tournament fee for the Memorial tournament is 40 EUR per participant for those registered before the 10th of June 2018.

Discount of 50% to the tournament fee shall be granted to the following participants: boys and girls under 18 (year of birth 2000 or younger), senior players (year of birth 1958 or older), disabled persons of I and II category.

The tournament fee shall be paid before the 10th of June 2018.

If a participant refused to participate, tournament fees shall not be refunded.

Tournament fee shall be paid via bank transfer:

- for non-residents of the Republic of Belarus (payment shall be made in EUR):

Name of the beneficiary: Belarus Chess Federation

Bank name: BSB Bank

Account number: BY51 UNBS 3015 0032 9003 7000 0978

SWIFT: UNBSBY2X

Correspondent bank: DEUTSCHEBANK AG, Theodor-Heuss-Allee70, 60486, Frankfurt-am-Main

Correspondent bank' account: 100-9478058-00 EUR

SWIFT: DEUTDEFF

- for residents of the Republic of Belarus (payment shall be made in Belarusian roubles at the rate of the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus on payment day):

Name of the beneficiary: Belarus Chess Federation

Beneficiary's bank: ZAO "BSB Bank"

Account number: BY52 UNBS 3015 0032 9000 8000 0933

SWIFT: UNBSBY2X

In case of a cashless settlement all transfer fees shall be paid by the payer. **It is important to mention the name and surname of a player whose participation is being paid.**

13. VISA INFORMATION

There are specific visa terms for foreigners arriving to the National Airport "Minsk-2" according to the country and duration of visit to the Republic of Belarus.

To get full information on visas, including the information on visa-free travel, visit:

<http://mfa.gov.by/en/visa/visafreetravel/e0ced19bb1f9bf2c.html>

Participants that need visas (according to the information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) shall send a copy of passport to organisers (blr_chess@tut.by) to receive the written invitation. Participants willing to get the visa in embassies of the Republic of Belarus in their countries shall send the following information to blr_chess@tut.by:

1. Name and surname (as in passport);
2. Date of birth;
3. Citizenship;
4. Country of residence;
5. ID or passport number;
6. Date of issue;
7. Date of validity (valid to);
8. Employer (school name and number);
9. Profession;
10. Main operational activities of a foreign organisation;
11. Means of crossing the state border: air plane, rail road, car.

It is important to note that **free** visas can be given **only** to players and their trainers.

14. HOTEL AND MEALS

The official tournament hotel: hotel “Belarus”, Minsk, vul. Starazhouskaja,
15. Hotel web-site: <http://www.hotel-belarus.com>.

The tournament venue is located within 500 meters from the hotel.

Special tariffs shall be provided for the participants of the Memorial tournament (single day accommodation + breakfast price):

- single room: **52 EUR**;
- twin/double room: **35 EUR/person**;
- family room (3 persons): **116 EUR**.

Participants are free to book another hotel or rent an apartment. Hotel booking shall be confirmed immediately after all fees will be transferred to the bank account of Belarus Chess Federation. Hotel may be paid by a participant or by the national federation of the participant.

15. TRANSPORTATION

The organising committee shall provide transportation for every participant of the Memorial tournament from the National airport “Minsk-2” and from the train station Minsk to the official hotel (hotel “Belarus”). Transportation shall be available on the 20th of June 2018 (arrival date) and the 24th of June 2018 (departure date). If necessary, organisers may accept the change of dates as per the request from the participants.

The organising committee shall be responsible only for the official transportation services during the tournament. Transportation cost is 40 EUR per

person from and to the National airport “Minsk-2” and 10 EUR per person from and to the train station Minsk.

Players and accompanying persons that arrange their own arrival shall be fully responsible for anything that might happen during their arrival or departure and — particularly — for the late attendance of the Memorial tournament.

Transportation costs shall be covered by participants or their respective national federations.

16. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND INSURANCE

The medical assistance shall be provided as per the FIDE Tournament regulations.

Participants shall have the insurance certificate of compulsory health insurance and the insurance certificate of accident and health insurance that cover the whole period of the Memorial tournament.

17. FINANCES

Financial obligations on provision of the prize fund and payment for arbiters' work are the responsibility of the Belarus Chess Federation.

Travel expenses (travel, meals, hotel, tournament fees) are the responsibility of participants or respective responsible organisations.

18. TOURNAMENT OFFICE

To get the detailed information visit the official web-site of the tournament:
www.openchess.by.

Chief arbiter – Natalia Popova, IA, e-mail: nata_chess@mail.ru.

Visa information – blr_chess@tut.by.

These regulations are an official invitation to participate in the International Rapid
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