

**Information and Regulations
of the International Chess Open Festival "AEROFLOT OPEN 2009"
and the Qualification Tournament for the World Blitz Championship 2009.**

General information of the festival:

The International Chess Festival "Aeroflot Open 2009" will be held in Moscow from 16 February (the day of arrival) to 27 February 2008 (the day of departure).

The Aeroflot Open Chess Festival, which is popular throughout the world, will be held in February 2009 for the eighth time running. This major event is open to chess players of most varied qualification: from unrated to having a very high rating. As before, the festival is held "under the wings" of our leading air company – Aeroflot. For the fourth year running the festival will take place in the major tourist complex "Izmailovo" - hotel "Gamma – Delta", where the participants of the previous festivals so liked to stay and to play. This time the festival has the largest prize fund in the entire history of Aeroflot Open Festival = EUR 180 000 (taking into account the prizes for the World Blitz Qualification Tournament).

Four Open Tournaments (A1, A2, B and C) are made up according to the rating of the participants. Naturally, the most interest is aroused by A1 tournament, requiring from a participant a rating above 2550 and usually boasting a number of extra class players.

This time, within the festival the Qualification Tournament for the World Blitz Championship will be held in addition to four open tournaments.

The official hotel and tournament venue is hotel "Gamma-Delta" belonging to the Tourist Complex "Ismailovo".

The Organizers of the Festival are the "Aeroflot-Russian Airlines", the Association of Chess Federations and the Russian Chess Federation in cooperation with the Committee on Tourism of the Municipality of Moscow.

Type of Chess Festival:

The festival consists of four tournaments. Each tournament is a nine rounds Swiss Tournament.

The Tournaments and Prize Fund:

The total prize fund of the four tournaments is EUR 140 000.

**Tournament A1:
for chessplayers with a FIDE rating higher than 2549.
Total prize fund Group A1: EUR**

1st Prize	21000	6th - 10th Prizes	each 1700
2nd Prize	12000	11th - 15th Prizes	each 1200
3rd Prize	7000	16th -20th Prizes	each 700
4th Prize	4000	21st - 30th Prizes	each 500
5th Prize	3000		

**Tournament A2:
for chessplayers with a FIDE rating less than 2550, but higher than 2399.
Total prize fund Group A2: EUR 36000**

1st Prize	9000	6th - 10th Prizes	each 850
2nd Prize	5500	11th -15th Prizes	each 600
3rd Prize	4000	16th - 25th Prizes	each 450
4th Prize	1750	26th- 35th Prizes	each 300
5th Prize	1000		

**Tournament B:
for chessplayers with a FIDE rating less than 2400, but higher than 2199.
Total prize fund Group B: EUR 19500**

1st Prize	3500	6th - 10th Prize	each 500
2nd Prize	2000	11th -15th Prize	each 400
3rd Prize	1500	16th - 25th Prize	each 350
4th Prize	1200	26th- 35th Prize	each 250
5th Prize	800		

Tournament C:
for chessplayers with a FIDE rating lower than 2200 or without rating.
Total prize fund Group C: EUR 12000

1st Prize	2000	6th - 10th Prizes	each 425
2nd Prize	1200	11th -15th Prizes	each 325
3rd Prize	900	16th - 25th Prizes	each 175
4th Prize	650	26th- 35th Prizes	each 125
5th Prize	500		

In exceptional cases the organising committee has the right to permit a chessplayer to play in a higher tournament than his/her FIDE rating indicates.

In case of a tie of 2 or more participants, the prizes are divided according to the Hort system.

The number of prizes in each tournament does not exceed that indicated above in the tables.

Tiebreak systems:

For tournament A1, A2 and B:

1. The number of games played with Black. Byes and forfeited games will be considered as games played with White.

2. The average of the opponents' ratings minus the highest and the lowest rating.

For Tournament C:

1. The Buchholz score

Explication of the Hort System for the prize distribution.

As mentioned in the regulations on Internet the prizes in cases of a tie of two or more participants will be divided according to the Hort system. The following example will explain this system.

Suppose 4 players share the same place. The four prizes are as follows 1st EUR 10000, 2nd EUR 8000, 3rd EUR 6000, 4th EUR 4000

We have to split EUR 28000. We split this amount in two equal parts, of each EUR 14000.

The first part will be split equally. Each receives EUR 3500.

The second part will be split according to the ranking after tiebreak.

#1 receives $3500 + 5000 = 8500$

#2 receives $3500 + 4000 = 7500$

#3 receives $3500 + 3000 = 6500$

#4 receives $3500 + 2000 = 5500$

Special Prizes:

There will be also special prizes for the best performance among seniors, women and juniors in all tournaments (total EUR 2500).

There will also be a prize for the best result shown by an unrated player in section C.

Only one prize can be awarded to a player (the highest one).

The exact distribution of the special prizes will be published after the second round of the tournament, when the numbers of seniors, women and juniors and the ratings of these players in the festival are known.

Attention is called to the fact that for such prizes to be awarded there should be at least 3 players in each of the above categories.

In case of a tie a special prize is awarded to the player who has the best auxiliary score.

Seniors Juniors and Women:

A player will be considered a Senior when he was born before 01-01-1949.

A player will be considered a Junior when he was born after 31-12-1990.

Girls born before 31-12-1989 will be considered as Women players.

Time control:

Tournament A 1 and A 2: 40 moves in 2 hours, then 20 moves in 1 hour, finally 15 minutes for the remaining moves with an increment of 30 seconds per move in the last period.

Tournament B and C: 90 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1.

The Festival Schedule:

	Tournaments A1, A2	Tournament B	Tournament C
Arrival and Registration of the Players	Feb.16:	Feb.16	Feb.16
Opening Ceremony	Feb.16: 21.00	Feb.16: 21.00	Feb.16: 21.00
Round 1	Feb.17: 15.00	Feb.17: 9.30	Feb.17: 9.30
Round 2	Feb.18: 15.00	Feb.18: 9.30	Feb.18: 9.30
Round 3	Feb.19: 15.00	Feb.18: 15.30	Feb.19: 9.30
Round 4	Feb.20: 15.00	Feb.19: 9.30	Feb.19: 15.30
Round 5	Feb.21: 15.00	Feb.20: 9.30	Feb.20: 9.30
Round 6	Feb.22: 15.00	Feb.21: 9.30	Feb.21: 9.30
Round 7	Feb.23: 15.00	Feb.22: 9.30	Feb.22: 9.30
Round 8	Feb.24: 15.00	Feb.23: 9.30	Feb.23: 9.30
Round 9	Feb.25: 15.00	Feb.24: 9.30	Feb.24: 9.30
Closing Ceremony	Feb.26: 18.00	Feb.24: 16.00	Feb.24: 16.00
Prizes	Feb.26: 19.00 – 22.00	Feb.24: 17.00 - 21.00	Feb.24: 17.00 - 21.00
Qualification Blitz Tournament	Feb.26: 10.00		
Departure	Feb.27	Feb.24-25	Feb.24-25

Appeals Committee

There will be an Appeals Committee of 3 members and two reserve members.

An appeal must be delivered to the non-voting Chairman of the Appeals Committee, Mr. A.Bach, within one hour after the round involved.

Appeals against pairings are not possible, unless the following rules of the Swiss system are violated:

1. Two players shall not meet more than once.

2. A player can receive only one bye.

A player who appeals has to pay a deposit of EUR 200. The Appeals Committee will decide whether this amount will be returned or not.

Swiss system

The Swiss pairings program used in all four tournaments and in the Blitz Qualification is Swissmaster 5.1 based on ratings..

26 Feb. 2009 a double nine-round Swiss Blitz Tournament will be held in the same venue (complex "Izmailovo"), which will have the status of qualification for the World Blitz Championship 2009 (Final). The final tournament will take place in Moscow from 15 to 17 Nov.2009. It will consist of 20 players (10 participants of Mikhail Tal Memorial 2009, 6 winners of the Qualification Tournament of Feb.26, 2009 and 4 wild cards named by the Organizers). The prize fund of the Qualification Tournament constitutes EUR 40000 to be distributed as follows:

1st	10000	5th	2000
2nd	6000	6-10th	1500x5=7500
3rd	4000	11-15th	1000x5=5000

4th	2500	16-20th	600x5=3000
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Chess players with a rating of 2400 and higher will be admitted to the Qualification Tournament. The participants of tournaments A1 and A2 are admitted without the fee. The other players will be admitted upon the following terms:

- admission fee: EUR 300
- 2 nights at the hotel (single room:EUR 180; double room: EUR 280 per two persons)
- airfare (depending on the zone): EUR 50; 100; 200; 250

In case of a tie, the Buchholz score will be used to determine the players who have qualified for the Final Tournament.

Payment in USD and Euro should be made to the Interchess Ltd. bank account.
When paying in USD 1 Euro = 1,5 USD.

Bank details

We kindly request the participants to transfer the payment in EUR or USD for the package to the following account:

EUR:

Bank	CREDIT SUISSE	SWIFT: CRES CH ZZ 80 A
Account (IBAN)	CH07 0483 5056 0205 7200 1	
Account name	Interchess Ltd.	
CREDIT SUISSE	Paradeplatz 8	Sort Code (Swiss Interbank Clearing): BC 4835
8070 Zurich	Postfach 500	SWIFT: CRES CH ZZ 80 A

USD:

Bank	CREDIT SUISSE	SWIFT: CRES CH ZZ 80 A
Account (IBAN)	CH34 0483 5056 0205 7200 0	
Account name	Interchess Ltd.	
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Visa, tickets and payment

From the tables given below one can see the financial conditions of participation. The price of the package (airfare, transfer, accommodation and entrance fee) is given at a discount. A participant who does not need air ticket and accommodation should only pay the entrance fee, which is the same for all participants. The earlier the payment is made the smaller its amount.

We again call the attention of all foreigners who wish to participate in the festival "Aeroflot Open 2009" that in order to get their visas and air tickets in time they should pay for the package no later than Feb.9, 2009.

After the payment is made please send to our e-mail or fax addresses the registration form, including the name and surname, Elo rating, birth date, home address, number and expiry date of your passport, **as well as a (scanned) copy of it**, your itinerary (with arrival and departure dates). Please name the city in which you want to get your entry visa and also indicate where it would be convenient for you to get your air ticket – at the Aeroflot office in the city or the Aeroflot desk at the airport. The further course of action is this – the Association of Chess Federations receives a confirmation of payment and at once, within a single working day, sends an invitation to start arranging for a visa. Then the representative of Aeroflot in the given country will be permitted to issue an air ticket. The address of the office where a ticket can be got will be made known to the participant in good time.

Accommodation at the hotel room 16 to 27 Feb. 2009 is paid for by the package. Those who wish to come earlier and/or depart at a later date should book and additionally pay for their rooms in advance (not later than Feb. 2, 2009). The room prices in the periods from 14 to 16 Feb. and from 27 Feb. to 1 Mar., 2009 are:

- single room – EUR 90
- double room – EUR 140 (for 2 persons)

One person may stay in a double room only if he has paid the whole price (EUR 140).

Attention is called to the fact that full packages that have already been paid for are not refundable.

Registration and the package payment details are published on www.aeroflotchess.com.

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Calculation of the value of the package “Aeroflot Open 2008” (all prices are in euro)

Flight	Conditions of accommodations	Terms of payment for package											
		Up to 20.11.2008		21-30.11.2008		1-31.12.2008		1-31.01.2009		1-7.02.2009		8-16.02.2009	
	Type of room	standart	business	standart	business	standart	business	standart	business	standart	business	standart	business
No Flight	No accommodation	275		300		325		350		400		425	
No Flight	Single room	655	775	680	800	705	825	730	850	780	900	805	925
	Place in two-bed room	575	655	600	680	625	705	650	730	700	780	725	805
Zone 1 - Moscow - Zone 1	No accommodation	325		350		375		400		450		475	
	Single room	705	825	730	850	755	875	780	900	830	950	855	975
	Place in two-bed room	625	705	650	730	675	755	700	780	750	830	750	855
Zone 1 - Moscow - Zone 2	No accommodation	350		375		400		425		475		500	
	Single room	730	850	755	875	780	900	805	925	855	975	880	1000
	Place in two-bed room	650	730	675	755	700	780	725	805	775	855	800	880
Zone 1 - Moscow - Zone 3	No accommodation	375		400		425		450		500		525	
	Single room	755	875	780	900	805	925	830	950	880	1000	905	1025
	Place in two-bed room	675	755	700	780	725	805	750	830	800	880	825	905
Zona 1 - Moscow - Zone 4	No accommodation	400		425		450		475		525		550	
	Single room	780	900	805	925	830	950	855	975	905	1025	930	1050
	Place in two-bed room	700	780	725	805	750	830	775	855	825	905	850	930
Zone 2 - Moscow - Zone 2	No accommodation	375		400		425		450		500		525	
	Single room	755	875	780	900	805	925	830	950	880	1000	905	1025
	Place in two-bed room	675	755	700	780	725	805	750	830	800	880	825	905
Zone 2 - Moscow - Zone 3	No accommodation	400		425		450		475		525		550	
	Single room	780	900	805	925	830	950	855	975	905	1025	930	1050

	Place in two-bed room	700	780	725	805	750	830	775	855	825	905	850	930
Zone 2 - Moscow - Zone 4	No accommodation	450		475		500		525		575		600	
	Single room	830	950	855	975	880	1000	905	1025	955	1075	980	1100
	Place in two-bed room	750	830	775	855	800	880	825	905	875	955	900	980
Zone 3 - Moscow - Zone 3	No accommodation	425		450		475		500		550		575	
	Single room	805	925	830	950	855	975	880	1000	930	1050	955	1075
	Place in two-bed room	725	805	750	830	775	855	800	880	850	930	875	955
Zone 3 - Moscow - Zone 4	No accommodation	475		500		525		550		600		625	
	Single room	855	975	880	1000	905	1025	930	1050	980	1100	1005	1125
	Place in two-bed room	775	855	800	880	825	905	850	930	900	980	925	1005
Zone 4 - Moscow - Zone 4	No accommodation	525		550		575		600		650		675	
	Single room	905	1025	930	1050	955	1075	980	1100	1030	1150	1055	1175
	Place in two-bed room	825	905	850	930	875	955	900	980	950	1030	975	1055

Zone Breakdown for calculation of the value of the package "Aeroflot Open 2008"(table 2)

Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3		Zone 4
Anapa	Barnaul	Amsterdam	Istanbul	Bangkok
Astrakhan	Ekaterinburg	Antalya	London	Beijing
Kalinigrad	Kemerovo	Athens	Madrid	Mumbai
Krasnodar	Kiev	Baku	Milan	Delhi
Mineralnye Vody	Krasnoyarsk	Barcelona	Munich	Havana
Perm	Novosibirsk	Beirut	Nice	Hanoi
Samara	Omsk	Belgrade	Nizhnevartovsk	Hong Kong
Sochi	Riga	Berlin	Norilsk	Khabarovsk
St. Petersburg	Simferopol	Bishkek	Oslo	Los Angeles
Ufa	Surgut	Brussels	Paris	Magadan
Volgograd	Chelyabinsk	Bucharest	Prague	New York
	Tyumen	Budapest	Rome	Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky
		Cairo	Sofia	Seoul
		Copenhagen	Stockholm	Shanghai
		Damascus	Tashkent	Tokyo
		Dubai	Tehran	Toronto
		Dusseldorf	Venice	Ulaanbaatar
		Erevan	Vienna	Vladivostok
		Frankfurt	Warsaw	Washington
		Geneva	Zagreb	Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk
		Hamburg	Zurich	
		Hanover	Bratislava	

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