

**Information and Regulations
of the International Chess Open Festival "AEROFLOT OPEN 2010"
and the Qualification Tournament for the World Blitz Championship 2010.**

General information of the festival:

The International Chess Festival "Aeroflot Open 2010" will be held in Moscow from 8 February (the day of arrival) to 19 February 2010 (the day of departure).

The Aeroflot Open Chess Festival, which is popular throughout the world, will be held in February 2010 for the ninth 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 fifth 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 same prize fund as in 2009 amounting to 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 greatest 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, the Qualification Tournament for the World Blitz Championship will be held within the festival, in addition to four open tournaments.

The official hotel and tournament venue is the 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 open tournaments, each of which is a nine round 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 70 000**

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 rated 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 in the 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 10,000, 2nd EUR 8,000, 3rd EUR 6,000, 4th EUR 4,000.

We have to split the amount of EUR 28,000. We split it into two equal parts each EUR 14,000.

The first part will be split equally. Each of the players receives EUR 3,500.

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

#1 receives $3,500 + 5,000 = 8,500$

#2 receives $3,500 + 4,000 = 7,500$

#3 receives $3,500 + 3,000 = 6,500$

#4 receives $3,500 + 2,000 = 5,500$

Special Prizes:

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

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 01-01-1950.

A player will be considered a Junior when he was born after 31-12-1991.

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.8	Feb.8	Feb.8
Opening Ceremony	Feb.8: 21.00	Feb.8: 21.00	Feb.8: 21.00
Round 1	Feb.9: 15.00	Feb.9: 9.30	Feb.9: 9.30
Round 2	Feb.10: 15.00	Feb.10: 9.30	Feb.10: 9.30
Round 3	Feb.11: 15.00	Feb.10: 15.30	Feb.11: 9.30
Round 4	Feb.12: 15.00	Feb.11: 9.30	Feb.11: 15.30
Round 5	Feb.13: 15.00	Feb.12: 9.30	Feb.12: 9.30
Round 6	Feb.14: 15.00	Feb.13: 9.30	Feb.13: 9.30
Round 7	Feb.15: 15.00	Feb.14: 9.30	Feb.14: 9.30
Round 8	Feb.16: 15.00	Feb.15: 9.30	Feb.15: 9.30
Round 9	Feb.17: 15.00	Feb.16: 9.30	Feb.16: 9.30
Closing Ceremony	Feb.18: 18.00	Feb.16: 16.00	Feb.16: 16.00
Prizes	Feb.18: 19.00 – 22.00	Feb.16: 17.00 - 21.00	Feb.16: 17.00 - 21.00
Qualification Blitz Tournament	Feb.18: 10.00		
Departure	Feb.19	Feb.16-17	Feb.16-17

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 accepted, 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..

18 Feb. 2010 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 2010 (Final). The final tournament will take place in Moscow in November 2010. It will consist of 20 players (10 participants of Mikhail Tal Memorial 2010, 6 winners of the Qualification Tournament of Feb.18, 2010 and four to six wild cards named by the Organizers). The prize fund of the Qualification Tournament constitutes EUR 40,000 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 a 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 for two persons)
- airfare (depending on the zone): EUR 50; 100; 250; 325

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

Attention of all potential participants!

This year the Organizing Committee decided to partially reimburse the participants for the airport and fuel taxes they have to pay. Accordingly, despite a small increase in the cost of a package, the whole trip will become cheaper for both the participants and the accompanying persons.

For instance:

1. For a participant who flies from Paris (3rd zone) the cost of the package in 2009 was EUR 425 (without accommodation) plus EUR 105 of the taxes, i.e. EUR 530 in total. Now (in 2010) it is merely EUR 475. Thus, due to the absence of the taxes, a participant will save EUR 55.
2. For a participant who flies from Delhi (4th zone), the cost of the package in 2009 was EUR 525 plus EUR 145 of the taxes, i.e. A total of EUR 670. Now it will be EUR 600, i.e. a participant will save EUR 70.

Similar calculations apply to accompanying persons. There is an insignificant redistribution of airport cities by zones. Otherwise, all package costs remain the same as in the previous year.

Futhermore, starting from the year 2010, all participants and accompanying persons who enjoy, within this project, the services of the air company Aeroflot – Russian airlines and who have paid for their respective packages, will get their fully paid for air tickets by e-mail,thus making unnecessary any visits to Aerolfot offices to collect tickets.

The earlier you pay the entry fee (also, with a very cheap air ticket) the smaller its amount will be.

The minimal fees are accepted until 20 Nov 2009. All prices are given in EUR.

Payment in USD and Euro should be made to the Interchess Ltd. bank account (see the bank details below).
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.	
CREDIT SUISSE	Paradeplatz 8	Sort Code (Swiss Interbank Clearing): BC 4835
8070 Zurich	Postfach 500	SWIFT: CRES CH ZZ 80 A

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 2010" that in order to get their visas and air tickets in time they should pay for the package no later than Jan 25, 2010.

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. 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. Electronic tickets will be sent to the e-mail address you indicate.

Accommodation at the hotel room 8 to 19 Feb. 2010 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, 2010). The room prices in the periods from 6 to 8 Feb. and from 19 Feb. to 21 Feb 2010 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 2010" (all prices are in euro)

Flight	Conditions of accommodations	Terms of payment for package									
		Up to 20.11.2009		21-30.11.2009		1-31.12.2009		1-31.01.2010		1-8.02.2010	
	Type of room	standart	business	standart	business	standart	business	standart	business	standart	business
No Flight	No accommodation	275		300		325		350		425	
No Flight	Single room	655	775	680	800	705	825	730	850	805	925
	Place in two-bed room	575	655	600	680	625	705	650	730	725	805
Zone 1 - Moscow - Zone 1	No accommodation	325		350		375		400		475	
	Single room	705	825	730	850	755	875	780	900	855	975
	Place in two-bed room	625	705	650	730	675	755	700	780	750	855
Zone 1 - Moscow - Zone 2	No accommodation	350		375		400		425		500	
	Single room	730	850	755	875	780	900	805	925	880	1000
	Место в 2-х местном номере	650	730	675	755	700	780	725	805	800	880
Zone 1 - Moscow - Zone 3	No accommodation	375		400		425		450		525	
	Single room	755	875	780	900	805	925	830	950	905	1025
	Place in two-bed	675	755	700	780	725	805	750	830	825	905

	room										
Zona 1 - Moscow - Zone 4	No accommodation	400		425		450		475		550	
	Single room	780	900	805	925	830	950	855	975	930	1050
	Place in two-bed room	700	780	725	805	750	830	775	855	850	930
Zone 2 - Moscow - Zone 2	No accommodation	375		400		425		450		525	
	Single room	755	875	780	900	805	925	830	950	905	1025
	Place in two-bed room	675	755	700	780	725	805	750	830	825	905
Zone 2 - Moscow - Zone 3	No accommodation	425		450		475		500		575	
	Single room	805	925	830	950	855	975	880	1000	955	1075
	Place in two-bed room	725	805	750	830	775	855	800	880	875	955
Zone 2 - Moscow - Zone 4	No accommodation	490		515		540		565		640	
	Single room	870	990	895	1015	920	1040	945	1065	1020	1140
	Place in two-bed room	790	870	815	895	840	920	865	945	940	1020
Zone 3 - Moscow - Zone 3	No accommodation	475		500		525		550		625	
	Single room	855	975	880	1000	905	1025	930	1050	1005	1125
	Place in two-bed room	775	855	800	880	825	905	850	930	925	1005
Zone 3 - Moscow - Zone 4	No accommodation	540		565		590		615		640	
	Single room	920	1040	945	1065	970	1090	995	1115	1070	1190
	Place in two-bed room	840	920	865	945	890	970	915	995	990	1070
Zone 4 - Moscow - Zone 4	No accommodation	600		625		650		675		750	
	Single room	980	1100	1005	1125	1030	1150	1055	1175	1130	1250
	Place in two-bed room	900	980	925	1005	950	1030	975	1055	1050	1130

Prices of the packages “Aeroflot Open 2009” and payment period for journalists and accompanying persons

(all prices are in Euro)

The package includes air ticket, accommodation and transfer airport – hotel – airport for a 10-day package, but only a one-way transfer for a 5-day package.

Itinerary	Accommodation	Terms of payment			
		till 15.01.10		from 16.01.2010	
		5 nights	10 nights	5 nights	10 nights
No flight	Single room	400	800	450	900
	Place in two-bed room	275	550	325	650
Zone 1 - Moscow - Zone 1	Single room	500	900	550	1000
	Place in two-bed room	375	650	425	750
Zone 1 - Moscow - Zone 2	Single room	525	875	575	975
	Place in two-bed room	400	675	450	775
Zone 1 - Moscow - Zone 3	Single room	550	900	600	1000
	Place in two-bed room	425	700	475	800
Zone 1 - Moscow - Zone 4	Single room	600	950	650	1050
	Place in two-bed room	475	750	525	850
Zone 2 - Moscow - Zone 2	Single room	550	900	600	1000
	Place in two-bed room	425	700	475	800
Zone 2 - Moscow - Zone 3	Single room	600	950	650	1050
	Place in two-bed room	475	750	525	850
Zone 2 - Moscow - Zone 4	Single room	665	1015	715	1115
	Place in two-bed room	540	615	590	715
Zone 3 - Moscow - Zone 3	Single room	700	1050	750	1150
	Place in two-bed room	575	850	625	950
Zone 3 - Moscow - Zone 4	Single room	765	1115	815	1215
	Place in two-bed room	640	915	690	1015
Zone 4 - Moscow - Zone 4	Single room	825	1175	875	1275
	Place in two-bed room	700	975	750	1075

Zone breakdown for calculation of the value of the package "Aeroflot Open 2010"(table 2)

Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3		Zone 4
Anapa	Barnaul	Amsterdam	Irkutsk	Bangkok
Astrakhan	Ekaterinburg	Antalia	Cair	Washington
Volgograd	Kemerovo	Athens	Karlovy Vary	Havana
Kaliningrad	Krasnoyarsk	Baky	Copenhagen	Hong Kong
Krasnodar	Kiev	Barcelona	London	Delhi
Mineralnye vody	Novosibirsk	Beyrut	Madrid	Los Angeles
Perm	Omsk	Belgrade	Milan	Mumbai
Samara	Simferopol	Berlin	Munich	New York
St.Petersburg	Surgut	Bishkek	Nizhnevartovsk	Beijing
Sochi	Tyumen	Bratislava	Norilsk	Seul
Ufa	Chelyabinsk	Brussels	Oslo	Tokyo
		Budapest	Paris	Shanghai
		Bucharest	Petropavlovsk	Ulaanbaatar
		Warsaw	kamchatsky	Hanoi
		Vienna	Prague	
		Venice	Rome	
		Vladivostok	Riga	
		Hamburg	Sofia	
		Hannover	Istanbul	
		Damascus	Stockholm	
		Dubai	Tashkent	
		Dusseldorf	Tehran	
		Yerevan	Frankfurt	
		Geneva	Khabarovsk	
		Zagreb	Helsinki	
		Magadan	Zurich	
		Nice	Yuzhno-	
			Sakhalinsk	