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REGULATIONS

of the Blitz tournament for The 7th International Chess Tournament «Tal Memorial» 2012 participants

1. Aims and Objectives

The Tournament is held to:

- Increase the popularity of chess;
- Determine the winners of the Blitz tournament;
- Determine The 7th International Chess Tournament “Tal Memorial” 2012 participants’ starting orders (drawing of lots).

2. Organizers

The general management of the Tournament is carried out by the Russian Chess Federation. The direct management of the event is assigned to a panel of arbiters. The Chief Arbiter is Andrzej Filipowicz (Poland). The Tournament Director is Ilya Levitov. It is the Russian Chess Federation that is assigned to ensure security during the Tournament.

3. Time and Venue

The Tournament is to be held on 7 June 2012, the day before **The 7th International Chess Tournament “Tal Memorial” 2012**, in the Pashkov House (Vozdvizhenka 3/5, building 1), in Moscow.

The first round starts at 6.30 p.m. (Moscow Time)

4. Participants, system of play and schedule

The Tournament is to be held among The 7th International Chess Tournament “Tal Memorial” 2012 participants according to the FIDE Laws for Blitz chess as an all-play-all event in 9 rounds. Time control is 3 minutes to each player for the rest of the game with 2 seconds increment per move, starting from the first move.

The drawing of lots is fixed. The participants are placed according to their ELO ratings as of 01 May 2012.

1. Magnus Carlsen	2835
2. Levon Aronian	2825
3. Vladimir Kramnik	2801
4. Teimour Radjabov	2784
5. Hikaru Nakamura	2775

6. Fabiano Caruana	2770
7. Alexander Morozevich	2769
8. Alexander Grischuk	2761

9. Evgeny Tomashevsky	2738
10. Luke McShane	2706

5. Determination of winners

The standing is determined according to the number of points scored. A won game is 1 point, a drawn game - 0,5 point, and a lost game - a zero. In case of a tie, the following auxiliary scorings are used in descending order:

- Highest number of games played with Black
- Highest number of wins
- Direct encounter
- Koya system
- Sonneborn-Berger coefficient

6. Prize fund and Awards

The prize fund is 15 000 EUR.

The money prizes are distributed as follows:

1 place	5 000 EUR	6 place	700 EUR
2 place	3 000 EUR	7 place	600 EUR
3 place	2 000 EUR	8 place	500 EUR
4 place	1 500 EUR	9 place	400 EUR
5 place	1 000 EUR	10 place	300 EUR

The indicated amounts of the prizes are after tax.

The prizes are distributed according to the final rankings taking into account the auxiliary scorings.

The prize money is paid to the participants according to their personal results; the prize money is transferred to the banking accounts indicated by the Participant not later than 30 (thirty) working days after the Tournament is finished.

The Blitz tournament participants obtain their starting orders for taking part in The 7th International Chess Tournament "Tal Memorial" 2012 according to their final rankings in the Blitz tournament.

7. Financing

All expenses of organization of the event and the payment of prizes are covered by the Russian Chess Federation.

8. Contact information

For additional information concerning the tournament please contact Alena Vikhornova: tel. (495) 697-71-64 or e-mail: alena.vikhornova@russiachess.org.

All possible additions to the present Regulations, if any, are regulated by the Tournament regulation