Tournament Regulations

International Chess Tournament 17th – 25th, Oct. 2020

Competition Mode:
9 rounds Swiss-system (DWZ and ELO evaluation)
40 moves in 90min + 30min for rest of game, additional 30sec per move; FIDE rules
Grace period: 60min
Software used: Swiss-Chess

Tie-break systems: (under discussion)
1. Average opponent rating (TWZ) 2. Number of games won 3. Decision in blitz games

Smoking and mobiles phones are prohibited in the tournament hall.
If a mobile phone rings, the player will lose the game.

Announcements and Tournament Regulations
The international announcements and English tournament regulations shall help to understand the German versions. In case of doubt (e.g. in case of mistranslation) the German announcement and tournament regulations are decisive.
Players who need Visa should contact us until September 15th, 2020. Because of the processing time of German embassies later enquiries might not be answered.

Registration
• In general participants sign up by money transfer (see announcement below)
• For last minute registrations (beginning of October 2020) players can pay on site at the local registration. In this case please fill out the registration form on our website or send us an email with all required data (to LiraH@sw-lichtenrade.de).
• Only players with a valid ID of FIDE may participate due to the ELO-evaluation.
• The number of participants is generally limited to 180 participants. (Order of registration)

Local Registration
• A local check-in registration on the first day (Oct 17th, 2020) from 10 a.m. - 12:45 p.m is obligatory for participation. After 12:45 p.m. the tournament administration may reject any registration requests so that the first round starts in time at 2 p.m. Please notice that in this case, an entry fee once paid will not be refunded. Delayed participants may only participate from the second round in the tournament onward.
• Every participant has to present his identity card or passport by request. This happens in the interest of all players to prevent fraud.
• At local check-in an additional application form has to be completed which includes contact information of the participant (important for possible queries of the FIDE). With signing this form the participant accepts the tournament regulations. With filling and submission of the registration form the participant accepts the General tournament rules and subjects himself/herself in the event of a match-fixing to sanction rules of the German Chess Federation and the Berlin Chess Federation.
• Players who signed up by money transfer but cannot participate may receive a refund of entry fee. A request has to be received via email (to Schatzmeister@sw-lichtenrade.de) until December 1st, 2020. A handling fee of 10 € is applied. Otherwise, the tournament administration assumes that the entry fee should contribute to the tournament as a donation. A contribution receipt can be provided by request.
List of Participants

- For the determination of the attendance list (important for the matchups of the first round) the DWZ rating is used as primary selection criteria. Players without a DWZ rating are classified by their ELO rating. (Otherwise see section classification)
- The ratings are taken from the last available file of FIDE [2020-10] or the DSB at the beginning of the tournament (16.10.20 at 23:59:59 Clock).

Classification (for Rating Prizes and the List of Participants)
The official tournament rating TWZ is the key classification criteria (based on DWZ or, if missing, ELO – see above). If both DWZ and ELO ratings are missing the tournament administration will provide a TWZ for initial ranking. The following sample cases are provided:

Case 1: For players of Berlin’s company-facilitated chess association „FV Schach“ the local rating will be used as TWZ.

Case 2: Players from foreign countries usually get a TWZ equal to their national rating.

Possible match-fixing
All participants surrender themselves (see registration) in case of match-fixing by direct or indirect use of illegal technical aids to the provisions of the articles of Association of the German Chess Federation (DSB) about the enlightenment and sanctioning toward such violations and accept the jurisdiction of the Arbitration Court of the DSB for a right of appeal against measures. The articles of association of the DSB can be viewed on demand at the tournament office.

Prize Funds:
- The Prizes are guaranteed with 175 paying starters (no Hort-system).
- In case of fewer paying participants, the prizes will be adjusted by the tournament administration to reflect the actual amount of participants. The tournament administration may especially combine and create new rating groups.
- Each Player can only win one prize (except the prize for the most beautiful game).
- Juniors (born in 2003 or younger) play for main prizes, special prizes and the junior prize funds which is guaranteed with 30 or more eligible participants. Juniors will be split up in three rating groups by their TWZ.
- Seniors (born in 1960 or older) play for main prizes, rating prizes and special prizes.
- For players of foreign countries, who are not taxable in Germany, the German Income Tax Act §50a has to be enforced.

Award Ceremony:
- The award ceremony takes place approximately 30min after the last round’s game.
- Each player eligible for more than one prize is awarded only the higher endowed prize. If the prize money is the same, the following order is used: 1. main prizes 2. rating prizes 3. special prizes (except the prize for the most beautiful game). The remaining prizes will be awarded by the following ranks.
- Players must be present at the award ceremony to receive a prize!