

REGULATIONS

1. Organizers

The Belarusian Chess Federation and FIDE Chess Academy in Belarus with the support of FIDE organizers the International Online Friendship Chess Team Tournament on the 21st and 22nd of November 2020, which will be hosted on the Tornelo platform.

2. Participation

The event is open to all countries. Each country shall register one team of 6 players (2 players aged under 12, 2 players aged under 10 and 2 players aged under 8 years old) and a captain/representative for the technical meeting and all matters of communication during the event. All licenced FIDE Chess Academy also has the right to register one team. Belarus has the right to register one team from the city of Minsk and one team from each region (total 7 teams).

3. Registration

Registration can be made by filling the attached registration form and sending it to <u>blr_chess@tut.by</u> by November 17, 2020.

The players will be registered by their FIDE rating in rapid chess (or standard if they do not have a rating in rapid). The tournament will not be calculated for FIDE rapid or any other kind of rating. Starting rank of the teams will be in accordance to the players' average rating.

4. System of play – Time control

The event will consist of a Swiss Team Tournament of 7 rounds with the following tie-breaks:

- a) Match points (2 for win, 1 for draw, 0 for loss)
- b) Result of the teams who tied
- c) Game points (sum of the points per board)
- d) Olympiad Sonneborn-Berger

Time control will be 10 minutes + 5 seconds per move for each player.

5. Schedule

Friday	November 20th	Technical meeting	18:00 CET
Saturday	November 21st	Opening Ceremony	13:30 CET
Saturday	November 21st	Rounds 1-4	14:00 - 16:30 CET
Sunday	November 22nd	Rounds 5-7	14:00 – 16:00 CET

6. Prizes

The teams that will take 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will participate in a free online lecture with a top Grandmaster:

- Boris Gelfand challenger for the World Chess Championship
- Ruslan Ponomariov FIDE World Champion (FIDE World Chess Championship 2002)
- Antoaneta Stefanova Women's World Champion (2004-2006).

All players will receive electronic certificates of participation.

7. Platform

The event will be hosted on the Tornelo platform. Upon registration, teams will receive instructions on how to create accounts on Tornelo for their players and how to join the event. During the technical meeting there will be a short presentation of the platform and its special features (ex. "Call the Arbiter" button, chat, integrated Zoom link etc), which will also be sent by written form to all participants.

8. Fair-play rules

a) No other person (besides the player) or electronic device (besides the player's PC or laptop) is allowed in the playing room. Play from a mobile device or tablet is not allowed. Anti-cheating software will be used.

b) Players have to download and install ZOOM Client for Meetings from the link below:

https://zoom.us/download

Players agree to turn on their web cameras and the "Share my Screen" function (in ZOOM) during each and every game. If a player is not logged into ZOOM chat at the published start of the round or turns OFF the web camera, it could result in a loss of the game.

c) Streaming from any broadcast platform including but not limited to Twitch, YouTube or other international platforms is not permitted from participants during their games.

d) The Organisers have no responsibility regarding technical and/or connectivity problems arising during the games. Tornelo's policies regarding disconnections, game interruptions and abortions and anti-cheating instruments are to be followed. If a player gets disconnected from the server during a game, he/she should immediately notify the arbiters via the ZOOM chat and can still try to connect and resume the game.

9. Arbiters and Appeals Commitee

The Chief Arbiter of the event will be IA Tania Karali (GRE). Belarus Chess Federation will appoint the other arbiters and the Chairman of the Appeals Committee and members of the Appeals Committee.

Appeals on the arbiters' decisions should be submitted no later than 15 minutes after the end of the relevant round. Depending on the nature of the matter they concern, they could be discussed in the end of the day, in order to not disturb the schedule.

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