**REGULATIONS**

**of the International Chess Tournament “Minsk - 2024” dedicated to the 100th anniversary of D.I. Bronstein**

**1. ORGANIZERS**

Ministry of Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Belarus, the Republican Center of Olympic Training for Chess and Draughts” and the Public Association “Belarus Chess Federation”.

**2. DATE AND VENUE**

This regulation is an official invitation to all national chess federations and their members to take part in the international tournament **“Minsk - 2024” dedicated to the 100th anniversary of D.I. Bronstein** (hereinafter “Tournament”).

The Tournament will be held in Minsk (Republic of Belarus) from July 11 (Arrival Day) to July 21 (Departure Day) 2024.

The venue is the Republican Center of Olympic Training for Chess and Draughts” (10 K. Marksa Street, Minsk).

Website: https://chesscenter.by/

**3. SCHEDULE**

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| Weekday | Date | Time | Event |
| Thursday | 11.07.2024 | 10.00 – 19.00 | Arrival day, registration |
| 19.00 | Technical Meeting |
| Friday | 12.07.2024 | 15.00 | Opening Ceremony |
| 15.30 | Round 1 |
| Saturday | 13.07.2024 | 15.30 | Round 2 |
| Sunday | 14.07.2024 | 15.30 | Round 3 |
| Monday | 15.07.2024 | 10.00 | Round 4 |
| 16.30 | Round 5 |
| Tuesday | 16.07.2024 | 15.30 | Round 6 |
| Wednesday | 17.07.2024 | 15.30 | Round 7 |
| Thursday | 18.07.2024 | 15.30 | Round 8 |
| Friday | 19.07.2024 | 15.30 | Round 9 |
| Saturday | 20.07.2024 | 11.00 | Round 10 |
| 17.30 | Closing Ceremony |
| Sunday | 21.07.2024 |  | Departure day |

**4. PARTICIPATION**

All qualified chess players who have paid the tournament fee are invited to participate in the Tournament.

All persons except players, arbiters and tournament organizers are considered to be accompanying persons. Only persons accredited by the organizers are allowed access to the playing hall (before the start of the game).

**5. REGULATIONS**

The Tournament will be organized according to the Swiss system with 10 rounds, in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess and the Tournament Rules.

Time control is 90 minutes to the end of the game with an addition of 30 seconds for each move, starting from the first move.

Allowed time for late arrivals is 30 minutes from the beginning of each round.

**6. SCORING AND ADDITIONAL INDICATORS**

In case two or more participants scored the same number of points, the final places are distributed taking into account the following additional indicators in descending order:

1. The results of the players in the same point group - applicable only in cases if all the participants who scored the same number of points played against each other;

2. The Buchholz score reduced (without the worst result);

3. The Buchholz coefficient;

4. Berger’s coefficient.

**7. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

Flash photography is allowed only with the approval of the Chief Arbiter of the Tournament. Only players and arbiters are permitted to be in the playing area, unless otherwise authorized by the Chief Arbiter.

Players are not allowed to enter the area where the first boards are located unless they are playing there.

The FIDE anti-cheating regulations apply to this Tournament.

**8. APPEAL COMMITTEE AND ARBITERS**

The Chairman and members of the Appeals Committee and Arbiters will be announced prior to the Tournament.

**9. APPEAL PROCEDURE**

The appeals against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within 1 hour after the end of the round.

The appeal must be made upon payment of an amount of 5 base values as a deposit from the signatory party. The deposit should be given to the Chairman or a member of the Appeals Committee. If the appeal is upheld, the amount shall be promptly refunded. If the appeal is rejected, this deposit shall be forfeited to the Tournament organizers. The appeal must be made by the player or his official representative.

The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

**10. Prizes**

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| Main awards: | |
| 1st Place | 5,000 Belarusian rubles + Apple iPhone 15, Cup, medal, diploma |
| 2nd Place | 2,500 Belarusian rubles + Apple iPhone 15, Cup, medal, diploma |
| 3rd Place | 2,000 Belarusian rubles + Apple iPhone 15, Cup, medal, diploma |
| 4th Place | 1,500 Belarusian rubles |
| 5th Place | 1,200 Belarusian rubles |
| 6th Place | 1,000 Belarusian rubles |
| 7th Place | 800 Belarusian rubles |
| 8th Place | 600 Belarusian rubles |
| 9th Place | 500 Belarusian rubles |
| 10th Place | 300 Belarusian rubles |
| 11th Place | 250 Belarusian rubles |
| 12th Place | 250 Belarusian rubles |
| Special awards: | |
| 1st Place (Women) | Valuable prize (worth at least 500 Belarusian rubles) and diploma |
| 2nd Place (Women) | Valuable prize (worth at least 300 Belarusian rubles) and diploma |
| 1st Place (Veterans, born in 1964 and earlier) | Valuable prize (worth at least 500 Belarusian rubles) and diploma |
| 2nd Place (Veterans, born in 1964 and earlier) | Valuable prize (worth at least 300 Belarusian rubles) and diploma |
| 1st Place (Boys, born in 2008 and later) | Valuable prize (worth at least 300 Belarusian rubles) and diploma |
| 1st Place (Girls, born in 2008 and later) | Valuable prize (worth at least 300 Belarusian rubles) and c diploma |
| 1st Place (Boys, born in 2012 and later) | Valuable prize (worth at least 300 Belarusian rubles) and diploma |
| 1st Place (Girls, born in 2012 and later) | Valuable prize (worth at least 300 Belarusian rubles) and diploma |
| The Youngest Tournament Participant | Valuable prize (worth at least 200 Belarusian rubles) and diploma |
| The Oldest Tournament Participant | Valuable prize (worth at least 200 Belarusian rubles) and diploma |

The awards are not divided. Each participant can receive only one prize (the highest).

Additional special prizes are established when at least five participants take part in each category.

According to the current legislation of the Republic of Belarus, the taxes on money awards will be withheld.

The Belarus Chess Federation reserves the right to grant additional valuable prizes.

**11. APPLICATIONS, REGISTRATION**

The deadline for registration is July 1, 2024. To ensure proper tournament standards, player representatives or participants themselves must complete the official registration form and send it to the contact person by the above registration deadline to [blr\_chess@tut.by](mailto:blr_chess@tut.by) **with a copy of the tournament fee receipt attached**. It is **obligatory** to indicate the name of the participant in the receipt.

Incomplete registration forms will not be accepted. All players must have a FIDE ID. In case of its absence, it is necessary to apply for it in your national chess federation.

All Belarusian participants must be members of the Belarus Chess Federation and have no debts on payment of membership fees for the current year 2024.

After the registration deadline the organizers reserve the right to refuse late registration or may impose a penalty in the form of double payment of the tournament fee. Late registration is allowed upon agreement with the organizers.

*Registration form (all fields are mandatory)*

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| First name |  |
| Last name |  |
| Date of birth |  |
| Country |  |
| Chess Federation |  |
| Title |  |
| FIDE Rating |  |
| FIDE ID |  |
| Is there a need for placement in an official hotel |  |
| Is visa support required |  |
| Contact telephone number |  |
| E-mail |  |

**12. TOURNAMENT FEE**

The player must pay the tournament fee when registering. The tournament fee is mandatory and is a confirmation of participation.

Tournament fees are not refundable.

Grandmasters, Women's Grandmasters, International Masters, Women's International Masters and players with an international rating of 2400 and above are exempt from paying the tournament fee.

The participants born in 2006 and later, women, veterans (born in 1964 and earlier), persons with disabilities of the I and II groups pay 50% of the tournament fee.

The amount of the tournament fee depending on the international rating:

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| International rating  as of June 1, 2024 | Fee |
| 2400 and above | No fee required |
| 2100 – 2399 | 60 Bel.rubles |
| 1800 – 2099 | 120 Bel.rubles |
| less than 1800 and unrated | 200 Bel.rubles |

The payment of the tournament fee is made via the link on the official website of the Belarus Chess Federation <https://openchess.by/bfsh/minsk2024/> or to the current account of the public association “Belarus Chess Federation”:

*Address: 49 Nezavisimosti Ave., room 30, 220005 Minsk,*

*UNP 100376428*

*IBAN BY52 UNBS 3015 0032 9000 8000 0933 (BYN)*

*in CJSC “BSB Bank”*

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Tournament fees are used to provide the prize fund, to pay the organizational expenses of the public association “Belarus Chess Federation”, including payment for the calculation of the FIDE international rating.

Foreign players can pay the tournament fee upon arrival during the registration period.

In case of late registration on July 11 it is necessary to have a document confirming the payment of the tournament fee.

The participants not registered within the time limit set by the Regulations are included in the Tournament by the decision of the Chief Arbiter from the 2nd round (in the first round the participant receives a minus).

**13. PERSONAL TOURNAMENT INVITATION**

The organizers invite foreign international grandmasters and international masters to ensure the possibility of establishing and fulfilling the norms of international ranking (10 participants). As agreed with the organizers, they get the personal right to participate in the Tournament and they will be offered free single accommodation and board, as well as transportation in the amount of up to 1,500 Belarusian rubles when providing travel documents.

**14. VISA DETAILS**

There are certain benefits for foreign visitors arriving at “Minsk National Airport” from a number of countries, depending on the duration of stay.

Foreign citizens who require visas should send a copy of the passport to the organizers to prepare the appropriate invitation letter.

**15. ACCOMMODATION**

The organizers provide accommodation for invited participants and officials in the official chain hotel “Minotel”.

Website: <https://minotel.by/>

The participants are responsible for booking and paying for accommodation on their own.

**16. TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation costs are paid by the participants or their national federations.

**17. HEALTH SERVICES AND INSURANCE**

Health services will be provided during the Tournament in accordance with the established requirements.

**Foreign** players must have a compulsory medical insurance policy and a life and accident insurance for the entire period of the Tournament.

**18. TOURNAMENT OFFICE**

The necessary information is available on the official website of the Tournament: [www.openchess.by](http://www.openchess.by)

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**19. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The participants or their accompanying persons are responsible for safety, preservation of life and health. Chess players with obvious signs of acute respiratory infection will not be admitted to the competition and may be excluded.

Participants and spectators shall comply with all the requirements of these Regulations, being disciplined, organized, respectful to each other, arbiters and spectators.

All tournament participants, accompanying persons and guests are subject to the generally accepted norms of the legislation of the Republic of Belarus concerning the stay in public places.

The application for participation in the Tournament is the agreement with all the clauses of these Regulations.

The organizers reserve the right to make reasonable changes to these Regulations.

The final interpretation of these Regulations is reserved to the organizers of the Tournament.