

15th International Chess Open of Vandœuvre-lès-Nancy

2nd to 6th of January, 2019

Regulations

Article 1: Organization

The Vandœuvre Chess Club is organizing its 15th International Chess Open from 2nd to 6th of January 2019, at the Parc des Sports, rue de Gembloux, 54500 VANDŒUVRE-LÈS-NANCY.

The event consists of 3 tournaments (A, B, C) approved by the French Chess Federation (FFE) under the numbers 45968, 45969 and 45970, as well as by the World Chess Federation (FIDE). The games are FIDE rated and are taken into account for the 1st of February 2019 calculation. All players having A-licence in the French Chess Federation and in another FIDE affiliated National Federation are allowed to participate. The organizer reserves the right to decline the participation of a player.

The distribution of the players within the three tournaments is as follows:

- Tournament A: players with Elo rating more than or equal to 1900
- Tournament B: players with Elo rating less than or equal to 2000
- Tournament C: players with Elo rating strictly below 1600 (8 rounds, tournament over 3 days, from 4th to 6th of January)

The latest Elo ranking published on the 1st of January 2019 will be taken into account. Players in the overlapping gaps can select their tournament. No possible exemption.

All players should possess the ID FIDE. If a French player does not have one, the FFE provides him with it. The foreign player should apply to his own federation for an ID before entering the tournament. Failing to comply with these conditions, the FFE will assign him a French ID number (affiliation under the country code "FRA").

The event is composed of a fourth tournament "D", for the beginners only, unrated players, with or without licences. No entry fee. The organizer will offer the B-licence to the participants who do not have it yet. The tournament will take place on Sunday, 6th of January, from 10am (registration at the playing venue before 10am) to 2pm and will be rated for Elo Rapide FFE.

Article 2: Rules and Pairings System

The Rules applied are the current FIDE Rules of Chess (voted at the 88th Goynuk Congress in 2017 and entered into force on January 1, 2018). Swiss system is used for the pairings of all the tournaments. The pairings are assisted by the software PAPI (version 3.3.4) designed by Erick Mouret and approved by the FFE. All the players who confirmed their presence (control of the licences and payment of entry fees) are paired for the first round.

Article 3: Time control

The time controls are the followings:

- 1h30 + 30s / move (Fischer) per player for the whole game in tournaments A and B.
- 50 min + 10s / move (Fischer) per player for the whole of the game in tournament C.
- 15 min per player in tournament D.

Article 4: Schedule and withdrawals

A and B Tournaments

Registration and obligatory presence on Wednesday, 2nd of January before noon.

Round 1: 2/01 at 12:30

Round 2: 2/01 at 17:30

Round 3: 3/01 at 10:00

Round 4: 3/01 at 16:00

Round 5: 4/01 at 10:00

Round 6: 4/01 at 16:00

Round 7: 5/01 at 10:00

Round 8: 5/01 at 16:00

Round 9: 6/01 at 9:30

C Tournament

Registration and obligatory presence on Friday, 4th of January before noon.

Round 1: 4/01 at 12:30

Round 2: 4/01 at 15:00

Round 3: 4/01 at 17:30

Round 4: 5/01 at 10:30

Round 5: 5/01 at 14:00

Round 6: 5/01 at 16:30

Round 7: 6/01 at 9:30

Round 8: 6/01 at 12:00

Tournament D: from 10 am to 2 pm Sunday, 6th of January.

Prize giving ceremony for all 4 tournaments on Sunday, 6th of January around 16:00.

All games start when the arbiter announces the start of the round. The clocks of the latecomers shall be started by the arbiter or the opponent. A player forfeits the game if he hasn't appeared at his/her board within 30 min after the start of the game. The arbiter may decide to extend this period in case of exceptional circumstances. After the end of the game the winner or the player having white pieces in case of a draw, brings the signed scoresheets to the arbiter of his tournament. The results can be registered by the players themselves thanks to the application developed by Pascal Aubry.

It is considered that a player absent without having notified the arbiter has abandoned the tournament, unless this absence is justified by admissible arguments before the next round's pairings have been published. Such withdrawals will be reported to the Director of Titles and Penalties for French players and to the relevant Federation for foreign players.

Telephone number of the chief arbiter Loriane LEBRET: +33 633 75 23 01.

Article 5: Entry fees and Prizes

Tournament A and B:

- Adults 50 € (+ 10 € from 01/12/18 and + 30 € at the playing venue).
- Youth 25 € (+ 5 € from 01/12/18 and + 15 € at the playing venue).

Tournament C:

- Adults 40 € (+ 10 € from 01/12/18 and + 30 € at the playing venue).
- Young 20 € (+ 5 € from 01/12/18 and + 15 € at the playing venue).

Tournament D: Free of charge.

The payment of the entry fee must be done by bank transfer or cheque before the tournament. The organizer is free to accept or not any player who registers directly at the venue.

The prizes are announced before Round 5. Prizes are not shared. Prizes in the form of valuable gifts for Tournaments C and D.

Any player absent during the prize giving ceremony ipso facto waives his prize.

Article 6: Ranking and Tie-breaks

The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored (victory / draw / loss: 1 / 0.5 / 0). The system of the tie-breaks will be randomly selected by the arbiter immediately after the last game of the last round (among the three following combinations) :

- Buchholz Cut 2 (sum of the adjusted scores of the 7 best opponents) then Performance
- Cumulative then Performance
- Kashdan (4 pts win, 2 pts draw and 1 pt defeat) then Performance

Article 7: Draws by mutual agreement

Draws by mutual agreement are prohibited in all tournaments. Failure to comply with this rule may result into a loss of the game for both players (score 0-0). **Players are required to call an arbiter to validate on the board such type of draws (as stalemate, dead position, triple repetition, 50 moves rule).**

Article 8: The « Bye »

Any player of the tournaments A, B and C can take a « bye », which means getting half a point, without playing the round (and not being paired for this round). He MUST warn the arbiter of his tournament BEFORE the end of the previous round. Each player is limited to **2 "Byes" maximum** during the tournament, and these Byes must be used before **the last three rounds.**

Article 9: Mobile Phones

In accordance with Article 11.3.2 of the FIDE Rules, **a player is prohibited from bringing any electronic devices not specifically authorized by the arbiter in the playing area, unless the device is completely switched off (neither vibro nor airplane mode) and stored in a closed bag** that the player is not allowed to carry on until the end of his game (including the bar or the toilets). **Any player who violates this measure loses his game immediately, his opponent is declared a winner.**

Article 10: Conduct of players

- Any inappropriate attitude or lack of respect for the person or the instructions of the arbiter are sanctioned to its proper extent.
- Correct outfit is expected from all participants (players and spectators).
- Analyses and blitz are forbidden in the tournament hall **(including after the rounds)**.
- It is forbidden for any player to stay in the analysis area during the game, but any player can however cross it without lingering to go to the bar.
- The players are asked to avoid any discussion and any suspicious reading.

Article 11: Arbitrage

Chief Arbiter: Loriane LEBRET (FA) - Tel : +33 633 75 23 01.

Deputy arbiters : Anastasia SAVINA (NA), Nicolas SCHMITT (NA), Claude DUBUC (NA), Cedric PACI (NA).

Article 12: Appeals procedure and Appeals Committee

The appeals committee of 5 members is formed during the first round of A and B tournaments. Its composition is posted up in the playing hall. It is chaired by the organizer (G rard Simon, president of Vand uvre Chess Club) and includes one of the arbiters as well as three players (including at least one player from each of the tournaments A and B). To approve the decision on an appeal, the commission must reach a quorum of 3 members. In case of disagreement on the decision and equality of votes, the vote of the chairman of the committee is decisive.

To make an appeal, the player must firstly follow the instructions of the arbiter mentioning his intention to appeal. He shall then drop off the appeal in writing form with to the chief arbiter not later than 30 minutes after the end of the game in question.

Article 13: Commitment

All participants, players and spectators, undertake to respect these Regulations. Anyone who contravenes any of the points of these Regulations may receive a warning. Two written warnings mean immediate exclusion from the tournament.

Article 14: Photography

Photos and videos of the tournament will be taken by the organizers and published on the club's website and social network accounts. Registration for the tournament implies the participants' agreement to their image being posted.

Article 15: Security

The safety / medical official is the president of the organizing club Vandoeuvre-Echecs, G rard Simon.

The organizer

The chief arbiter