

18th International Chess Open of Vandoeuvre-lès-Nancy

19th to 23rd of December, 2021

Regulations

COVID-19 preamble

The following measures are foreseen for the 18th International Vandoeuvre Chess Open:

- The boards placed respecting the social distance
- Availability of hydroalcoholic gel everywhere.
- Players with symptoms related to COVID-19 must inform the organizer and leave the tournament grounds without delay.
- Each participant must provide an email or phone number at registration.
- Wearing a mask is compulsory for all players, the organization staff and arbiters.
- Ventilation and disinfection of the playing hall between the rounds.
- Food is not accepted in the playing hall (drinks only).
- Players over 12 years and 2 months old should present their valid Health Pass before the start of the round each morning. Checks will be done at the entrance by security guards from the Parc des Sport de Vandoeuvre. Without the valid Health Pass, the player cannot play the round in question and his opponent wins by forfeit.
- No traditional handshake, neither at the start nor at the end of the game.
- The players cannot analyze their games at the playing venue.
- The COVID-19 manager is Gérard SIMON, president of the organizing club.

Status as of December 19, 2021. These provisions may be modified depending on ministerial or federal decisions.

Article 1: Organization

The Vandoeuvre Chess Club is organizing its 18th International Chess Open from 19th to 23rd of December 2021, at the Parc des Sports, rue de Gembloux, 54500 VANDOEUVRE-LÈS-NANCY.

The event consists of 3 tournaments (A, B, C) approved by the French Chess Federation (FFE) under the numbers 53600, 53601 et 53602, as well as by the World Chess Federation (FIDE). The games are FIDE rated and are taken into account for the 1st of January 2022 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 between 1300 and 1999
- Tournament C: players with Elo rating strictly below 1600 (8 rounds, tournament over 3 days, from 21th to 23rd of December)

The latest Elo ranking published on the 1st of December 2021 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 Thursday, 23rd of December, from 10am (registration at the playing venue before 10am) to 2pm.

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 3.3.6) designed by Erick Mouret and approved by the FFE. **All the players who confirmed their presence at the venue are paired for the first round.**

Article 3: Time control

The time controls are the followings:

- 90 min + 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 Sunday, 19th of December before noon.

Round 1: 19/12 at 12:30
Round 2: 19/12 at 17:30
Round 3: 20/12 at 10:00
Round 4: 20/12 at 16:00
Round 5: 21/12 at 10:00
Round 6: 21/12 at 16:00
Round 7: 22/12 at 10:00
Round 8: 22/12 at 16:00
Round 9: 23/12 at 9:30

C Tournament

Registration and obligatory presence on Tuesday, 21st of December before noon.

Round 1: 21/12 at 12:30
Round 2: 21/12 at 15:00
Round 3: 21/12 at 17:30
Round 4: 22/12 at 10:30
Round 5: 22/12 at 14:00
Round 6: 22/12 at 16:30
Round 7: 23/12 at 9:30
Round 8: 23/12 at 12:00

Tournament D: from 10 am to 2 pm on Thursday, 23rd of December.

Prize giving ceremony for all 4 tournaments on Thursday, 23rd of December around 15:30.

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 legal Council for French players and to the relevant Federation for foreign players.

Article 5: Entry fees and Prizes

Tournament A and B:

- Adult 56 € (66 € from 01/12/2021).
- Young 28 € (33 € from 01/12/2021).

Tournament C:

- Adult 40 € (50 € from 01/12/2021).
- Young 20 € (25 € from 01/12/2021).

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.

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 has to warn the arbiter of his tournament BEFORE the end of the previous round. Each player is limited to **2 "Byes" maximum** during the tournament. The "byes" cannot be used in **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 (International Arbiter).
Deputy Arbiters : Jordan AKREMANN (NA), Valentin BATTISTELLA (NA),
Anastasia SAVINA (NA).

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

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 (Gérard Simon, president of Vandoeuvre 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: Media

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, Gérard Simon.

The organizer

The chief arbiter