

The World Chess Federation(FIDE)  
The Croatian Chess Federation

The Chess Club Rijeka

## REGULATIONS

23st Individual World senior chess championship  
November, 11-24 2013 Opatija – Croatia

### 1. ORGANIZERS

Chess club "Rijeka", Blaža Polica 2, 51000 Rijeka, Croatia in agreement with Croatian Chess Federation, Trg Krešimira Cosica 11, 10000 Zagreb, under the auspices of the Mountain-littoral County, the City of Rijeka and the City of Opatija.

### 2. VENUE AND DATE

The Championship will be held in Opatija, Croatia, from November 11th 2013 (arrival of the participants) until November 24th (day of departure) 2013. Opening and closing ceremony and matches will take place in the conference centre Tamaris in Grand Hotel 4.Opatijska cvijeta in Opatija.

### 3. PARTICIPATION

The 23rd World senior chess championship for men and women is open to all players representing the FIDE Chess Federations, regardless of their title or rating, providing that the men are older than 60 and women are older than 50 years of age. For example, each male participant in the 23rd World senior Championship must be born in 1953 or earlier (women -1963) to be allowed to participate.

There is also no limit of participants per federation.

### 4. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

The championship will be based on Swiss system,11 rounds, in accordance with the FIDE Tournament Rules and FIDE Rules of Chess. The playing time will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one. The Article 6.6. of the Rules of Chess will be applied – each player being late at the beginning of his match will loose the match.

### 5. RANKING

Winner and Senior World Champion will be the person who, at the end of the tournament, has scored the highest number of points. If two or more players are tied the following tiebreaks will be used:

- 1.Result of direct encounters between the tied players  
(applies only if all tied players have played each other)

2. The sum of progressive scores. The highest total wins.

If the tie persists, the first round score will be deducted and, if necessary, the second round score will be deducted, and so on.

3. If still tied, the number of games played with black by each player in the tie (the highest number wins)

4. If still tied, the average rating of the 7 top rated opponents of each player. (the highest number wins).

The title of „Grandmaster“ will be conferred to the winner of the 21st FIDE World Senior Chess Championship 2013 who will receive the Gold medal. The second place will receive the Silver medal, while the third place will be awarded Bronze medal. The same rules for the medal awards are applied to the participating women players, who play separately within their own tournament.

## 6. WOMENS' TORUNAMENT

The women will play at the separate tournament, after which the 2013 World senior chess champion will be proclaimed. As regards the registration, payment of organization fee, commencement of the rounds, the regulations which will be applied are the same as the ones valid for the male tournament. Having in mind possible lesser number of participants, the following conditions must be respected: -Minimal number of participants is 12 women from 4 FIDE zones. In that case, a closed „Round Robin“ tournament will be played. -If 13 to 30 participants will be registered, 9 rounds will be played according to the Swiss system -If over 30 participants are registered, 11 rounds will be played. The prize fund is fixed in relation to the number of participants, but will amount to at least 4.000 euro.

## 7. ARBITERS AND FIDE TEHNICAL DELEGATE

FIDE Technical Delegate and Chief arbiter will be announced later by the FIDE Steering Committee.

## 8. APPEALS PROCEDURE

Prior to the commencement of the first round, the players will elect the Appeals committee members. Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter his deputies must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within one hour after completion of the playing session. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 100 €, as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the Organizer. The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

## 9. REGISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION FEE

The national federations and/or the players are kindly requested to fill in and return the Registration Form to be downloaded from [www.riekachess.com](http://www.riekachess.com) to the Organizer's e-mail address [info@riekachess.com](mailto:info@riekachess.com) within October 15,2013.

The organization fee is 140 Euro per participant\_which includes 70 Euros payable to FIDE and is obligatory for all participants.

Players are obliged to make the payment of the organisation fee untill Tuesday 12.11.2013. till 12:00.

The foreign participants are kindly requested to effect the payment of the organization fee in favor of the following account opened by Chess club Rijeka, Blaža Polica 2, 51000 Rijeka:

Erste & Steiermarkische bank, branch office Rijeka

IBAN: HR 732.402.006.110.012.7900

Swift: ESBCHR22

The bank commissions will be paid by the participant.

The Croatian participants will effect the payment of the participation fee according to the sales exchange rate of Erste & Steiermarkische bank valid for Euro at the day of payment, in favor of the following account: 2402006-1100127900.

In addition to the written registration, it is required that the participants make a personal registration prior to the commencement of the tournament. The personal registrations will be made on November 11, 2013 from 17:00 to 21:00h and on November 12th from 9:00 to 12:00h in the Conference center Tamaris of the Grand Hotel 4. Opatijska Cvijeta in Opatija.

#### 10. ACCOMMODATION

The organizer has provided for an accommodation in standard double and single rooms in Opatija, the oldest Croatian tourist resort, famous for its friendly climate, large botanic garden and Central European architecture, unique at the Mediterranean. The doors to the players will be opened by the Milenij hotels in their accommodation units categorized with four and five stars.

The competition will be held in the congress center Tamaris which is located within the hotel 4 opatijska cvijeta. Milenij hotels are a perennial partner of Chess club Rijeka in organization of big competitions and they have offered promotional prices for all competitors. All competitors are obligated to use the hotels provided by the organizer according to the FIDE regulations.

The Milenij hotels provide for an accommodation in their four star hotel complex Grand hotel 4 opatijska cvijeta (4 flowers of Opatija) and the Agava hotel, at the following prices:

Board Room Price(€)- 4 stars

Full 1/1 - 62 €

Full 1/2 - 49 €

Half 1/1 - 56 €

Half 1/2 - 43 €

The Milenij hotels provide for an accommodation in their five star hotel complex as well Hotel Milenij at the following prices:

Board Room Price(€) - 5 stars

Full 1/1 - 84 €

Full 1/2 - 69 €

Half 1/1 - 78 €

Half 1/2 - 63 €

There is a possibility of organizing bus transport to Opatija from airports(price for both ways) in Zagreb(70€), Trieste(60€) and Ljubljana(90€) if requested by the participants.

#### 11. PRIZES

The total prize fund amounts to 18.000,00 euro, of which 14.000,00 will be paid to the male players, while 4.000,00 euro will be reserved for female players.

Prizes for Men:

1. 2.400,00 €, trophy and gold medal
2. 2.000,00 €, silver medal
3. 1.700,00 €, bronze medal
4. 1.300,00 €
5. 1.100,00 €
6. 1.000,00 €
7. 900,00 €
8. 800,00 €
9. 700,00 €
10. 600,00 €
11. 500,00 €
12. 400,00 €
13. 300,00 €
14. 200,00 €
15. 100,00 €

## Prizes for Women

Position	Prize(€)	Additional reward
1	1.100,00 €	trophy and gold medal
2	800,00 €	silver medal
3	600,00 €	bronze medal
4	500,00 €	
5	400,00 €	
6	300,00 €	
7	200,00 €	
8.	100,00 €	

The entire prize fund in the amount of 18.000,00 Euro will be paid by the Organizer to FIDE prior to the end of the championship. FIDE will affect the payment of prizes to the players. The players who will be awarded the prizes are obliged to contact the Organizer and provide their bank account details in order to receive payment by FIDE.

## 12.SCHEDULE

### Day Date Hour Schedule

Monday 11.11.2013. 17:00 – 21:00 Arrival, check-in in the chosen hotel, registration and fee payment or bringing evidence of the registration fee payment. Registration will be held in the Conference center Tamaris of the Grand Hotel 4. Opatijska Cvijeta

Tuesday 12.11.2013. 09:00 – 12:00 Registration and fee payment/bringing evidence of the registration fee payment.

15:30 Championship opening in the Conference center Tamaris of the Grand Hotel 4. Opatijska Cvijeta  
16:00 First round

Wednesday 13.11.2013. 16:00 Second round

Thursday 14.11.2013. 16:00 Third round

Friday 15.11.2013. 16:00 Fourth round

Saturday 16.11.2013. 15:00 Fifth round

21:30 Rapid tournament

Sunday 17.11.2013. Day off(trips)

Monday 18.11.2013. 16:00 Sixth round

Tuesday 19.11.2013. 16:00 Seventh round

Wednesday 20.11.2013. 16:00 Eighth round

Thursday 21.11.2013. 16:00 Ninth round

Friday 22.11.2013. 16:00 Tenth round

Saturday 23.11.2013. 15:00 Eleventh round

22:00 Closing and award ceremony

Sunday 24.11.2013. Player's departure

### 13. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The organizer shall provide free board and lodging (single rooms with bath and/or shower) for at least one player of each zone, nominated by each FIDE Zone President, according to the agreement with the president of the individual zone, providing that the registration of such a player is received by September 30, 2013.

Free board and lodging will also be provided by the Organizer for the male and female champions of the World senior chess championship 2012.

### 14. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

Analyzing is not allowed in the playing hall. During the game the players are not allowed to go to the analyzing room or to the press room. Flashes may be used only in the first ten minutes of each round. Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter. Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards, if they don't play there themselves. As long as the game is in progress a player may talk only to an arbiter or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess. In case of pre-arranged results the chief arbiter can decide that the result of the respective game is 0-0. We assume that all the players have read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to obey them. The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version.

### 15. MEDICAL CARE

During the Tournament there will be Medical Services according to the FIDE Tournament Regulations.

### 16. ELECTRICITY

The voltage in Croatia is 220 Volts.

### 17. CURRENCY & EXCHANGE

The official currency in the Republic of Croatia is the Kuna.

### 18. VISAS

Visas for free entrance in the Republic of Croatia are necessary to the citizens of the states with which the Republic of Croatia has no state border passing arrangement. In this case, the interested player should contact the closest Croatian embassy with the request to be issued a visa to enter Croatia. In case where a group of players should have problems due to distance / inexistence of the Croatian consulate, the Organizer may ask for the issue of visa at the state border. Such a group should be as small as possible. The cost of visa issued at the state border is

75 euro per visa. There are states with which Croatia has a contract, based on which the visa is given at the entrance to the Republic of Croatia, based on the Organizer's invitation letter. All the information about visas may be found on web page of the Croatian Ministry of foreign affairs and European integrations at the address [www.mvpei.hr/english/diplomatic\\_directory/visa requirements](http://www.mvpei.hr/english/diplomatic_directory/visa_requirements). The organizer will make every effort to speed-up the procedure of obtaining the visas, and the players will be informed accordingly. Visa's costs will depend of the valid laws at that moment. The Organizer is at the players' disposal for any additional information.

#### 19. TOURNAMENT OFFICE

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