

World Team Championship, 2015

Tsakhkadzor, Armenia, April 18-29, 2015

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. ORGANIZERS

Armenian Chess Federation under the auspices of the World Chess Federation (FIDE).

2. PARTICIPANTS

According to FIDE Regulations and the decision of FIDE President the following federations participate in the championship:

Russia, China, Hungary, India, USA, Egypt, Ukraine, Armenia, Cuba, Israel.

The teams are made up of 4 players plus 1 reserve and 1 captain.

3. VENUE, DATE, SCHEDULE

The Championship will be held in Tsakhkadzor, Armenia from April 18 (day of arrival) till April 29 (day of departure) 2015. The tournament will be held at the Golden Palace Hotel Resort and Spa *****GL.

Saturday	April 18	Arrival of participants
Saturday	April 18 at 19:00	Opening Ceremony
Saturday	April 18 at 22:00	Technical Meeting
Sunday	April 19 at 15:00	1st round
Monday	April 20 at 15:00	2nd round
Tuesday	April 21 at 15:00	3rd round
Wednesday	April 22 at 15:00	4th round
Thursday	April 23 at 15:00	5th round
Friday	April 24	Rest day
Saturday	April 25 at 15:00	6 th round
Sunday	April 26 at 15:00	7th round
Monday	April 27 at 15:00	8th round
Tuesday	April 28 at 11:00	9th round
Tuesday	April 28 at 19:00	Closing Ceremony
Wednesday	April 29	Departures

Changes in schedule may be done if necessary.

4. TRANSPORTATION

Each federation is responsible to cover their own travelling expenses to Yerevan, Zvartnots International Airport. Organizers will provide 6 persons registered as the team for the participating federations with transportation from the airport to the Golden Palace Hotel Resort and Spa *****GL.

Accompanying persons will be charged 50 Euros for the trip from/to airport.

5. ACCOMMODATION

Six members of each team will be provided with full hospitality including lodging, accommodation in a single room of the Golden Palace Hotel Resort and Spa *****GL. <http://goldenpalace.am/>

Accompanying persons must reserve and pay for the accommodation **directly to the Golden Palace Hotel Resort and Spa *****GL by March 15, 2015.**

Attention: Payments must be done by Armenian currency – dram (exchange rate: 1 USD ≈ 477 dram, as of February 5, 2015).

Contact the hotel for payment details (see also the enclosed file):

hotel@goldenpalacehotel.am
seles@goldenpalacehotel.am
<http://goldenpalace.am/>

6. REGISTRATION

By March 15, 2015 every Federation that has entered must notify the following details to the Organizer:

- a. name/surname of the team captain,
- b. name/surname of each member of the team,
- c. FIDE ID and ratings of team members (according to the most recent FIDE rating list).

7. SYSTEM OF PLAY AND SCORING

The championship will be held according to the Handbook and Laws of Chess of FIDE.

The championship will be played using a 9 round, round-robin system. Each team will play a match against all other teams. Colours and starting numbers will be drawn at the Opening Ceremony.

Time control for the event is 90 min/40 moves +30 min/end, with 30 seconds additional time per move, starting from move 1.

Each round the list of the team composition for that round will be delivered to arbiters at 9:00 am morning. Otherwise, that round the top 4 boards will be accepted as the playing team. For the 1st round, the same rule will be applied.

Each match will be scored by match points as used in the FIDE Olympiad. Winner will get 2 points, a draw will give each team 1 point, and a loss is scored as 0 points. If any teams finish with equal game points, the tie shall be resolved as follows:

- a. by board points in total.
- b. if a tie again results, the scores obtained by the tying teams against each other will decide;
- c. if a tie again results, then Berger system will be used.

- d. if a tie again results, it shall be decided by board count (Berlin System) as follows:
 - win on Board 1 - 4 points
 - win on Board 2 - 3 points
 - win on Board 3 - 2 points
 - win on Board 4 - 1 point

In case of drawn games these points are shared. If the board-count results in no victory for either side then the board points of Board 4 are cancelled and so on upwards until the tie is broken.

- e. if a tie still results between teams in contention for medals, these teams shall play a match against each other at a fast time-rate (15 minutes per player for the entire game);
- f. if this match is indecisive, then lots shall be drawn.

8. TROPHIES

Trophies will be awarded to the first three teams and gold, silver and bronze medals for all members (players, reserve and captain) of the first three teams respectively.

Players assigned to the same board number in their respective team lists will be in competition with each other for an individual board prize (gold, silver and bronze medals). For the purpose of this award, the players' percentage scores from their games will be compared, then points, number of games and performance. Only the following will be eligible for board prizes:

Players of boards 1 to 4 who take part in at least 60% of the rounds (i.e. at least in 6 games for 9 rounds).

Players of board 5 who take part in at least 50% of the rounds (i.e. at least in 5 games for 9 rounds).

9. ARBITERS

The Chief Arbiter - IA Ashot Vardapetyan (Armenia).

Deputy Chief Arbiter - IA Stephane Escafre (France).

10. APPEALS COMMITTEE

The names of the chairman and members of the Appeals Committee will be published by 15 March, 2015.

11. VISAS

Citizens of the below-mentioned countries don't need visa to visit Armenia:

Russia, Ukraine, Hungary, USA.

Citizens of the following countries can get Armenian entry visa upon their arrival at Yerevan airport:

Cuba, Israel.

Citizens of China and India must apply to the Embassy of Armenia respectively in Beijing and Delhi for getting the Armenian entry visa.

Egyptian Chess Federation must send passport copies of its members to the Organizers as soon as possible for receiving visa invitations from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia.

12. MEDICAL CARE

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

13. TOURNAMENT OFFICE

Participants can get all necessary information through Armenian Chess Federation.

E-mail: armchess@arminco.com

Fax: (374) 10570758

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14. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Tournament Director - GM Smbat Lputian.