



XII AMERICAN CONTINENTAL ABSOLUTE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE AMERICAS “COLOMBIA 2017”

MEDELLÍN – COLOMBIA
JUNE 9 TO 19, 2017

1. INVITATION

The Confederation of Chess for America (CCA), the Colombian Chess Federation (FECODAZ), the Antioquia Chess League, The Institute for the Promotion of Sports and Recreation of Antioquia (Indeportes) and the Institute of Sports of Medellín (INDER) are pleased to invite all National Chess Federations of the American Continent to the XII American Continental Absolute Chess Championship 2017, to be held in the city of Medellín, Antioquia State – Colombia, from June 9 to 19, 2017

Medellín is a Colombian municipality, capital of the state of Antioquia. It is the most populated city of the state and the second of the country. It sits in the widest part of the natural region known as Valle de Aburrá, in the central Andean mountain range, constituting itself as the largest urban center of such Andean branch. It extends to both banks of the Medellín river - also called Aburrá river -, which crosses it from south to north, and is the main nucleus of the metropolitan area of the Valley of Aburrá. The city has a population of 2'508.452 inhabitants (2017), while that figure, including the metropolitan area, amounts to 3,821,797 people (2016). As a financial, commercial and industrial center, it is the headquarters of national and international companies in sectors such as textiles, clothing, metalworking, energy, finance, health, telecommunications, construction, automotive, and food, among others.





2. THE ORGANIZATION

The Absolute Continental Championship is organized by the Colombian Federation of Chess - FECODAZ - and the Chess League of Antioquia.

The event will be held in the main halls of the Dorado la 70 Hotel, the official hotel of the championship, located in Carrera 70 # 44B - 66, near the Atanasio Girardot Sports complex and the Medellín Metro Station.

The tournament will be played in the main hall of the hotel Dorado la 70, official hosting venue of the event.

3. PARTICIPANTS

Official players: These players have the right to accommodation and full meals by the organization, from Friday June 9 at 2 pm to Monday, June 19 at 12 o'clock.

Official Players:

- The Pan American Youth Champion
- A player appointed by Continental President.
- Up to 3 players in zone 2.1
- Up to 3 players in zone 2.2
- Up to 2 players from each of zones 2.3, 2.4, and 2.5
- The Absolute Continental Champion of the year 2016.

The official players will be accommodated in a double room. Their designation will have to be notified to the organization by the president of each zone, no later than Tuesday, May 30, 2017.

Unofficial Players:

The absolute Continental championship is an open tournament (without minimum requirement of ELO FIDE). Each national federation is able to register as many players as they want. All participants must cover their registration, transportation and accreditation costs.

Each participant must have the endorsement of their Federation belonging to the Confederation of Chess for America, registered in The FIDE, unless otherwise agreed by the president of the CCA.

4. REGISTRATION

Players must be registered by the corresponding Federation before the end of Tuesday, May 30, 2017, by email sent to torneosfecodaz@gmail.com with a copy to fecodaz@gmail.com. After the deadline, all players will be considered unofficial.

No player may be registered without the approval of their own Federation or if he does not belong to the region corresponding to this tournament.



The following information must be provided so the registration is considered completed:

1. Name and surname
2. Country
3. Identity document, scanned photocopy of the passport on both sides.
4. FIDE ID
5. Current passport type photograph in digital form.
6. Full date of birth (in the format m/d/yyyy).
7. FIDE Title.
8. Category and branch (official, extra, companion, delegate, referee, coach)
9. Itinerary (flight number, date and time of arrival and departure)
10. Room package chosen and distribution of rooms.
11. In case any player needs special conditions or food, he must be informed to the organization at the time of registration.

This information must be confirmed on arrival with the passport for verification purposes.

Participants must pay for the registration **TWO HUNDRED AMERICAN DOLLARS (USD \$ 200.00)**. This amount includes the statutory fee for the Confederation of Chess for America of ONE HUNDRED AMERICAN DOLLARS and ONE HUNDRED AMERICAN DOLLARS for the organizing country.

It is mandatory to make the payment before the first round to take part of the event. Each Federation is liable for the payment of the registrations made and the costs caused by the non-submission of the registered players.

Registration payments can be made prior to the start of the tournament in the city of Medellín.

5. SITE OF GAME

One will play the tilt in the principal lounge of the GOLDEN hotel 70, official headquarters of housing of the event.

6. OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATION, FOOD AND TRANSFERS (Aeropuerto José María Córdova – Medellín and vice versa)

The official hotel of the tournament will be the Hotel DORADO LA 70, located in carrera 70 # 44B-66, in Laureles neighborhood, Phone 260-0666. Booking through Fecodaz until May 9, 2017. The unofficial, technical and accompanying players will have preferential rates available at the hotel of the organization.

Accommodation costs:

Hotel DORADO LA 70: Five hundred US dollars (USD 500.00)

This rate includes:

- Accommodation for 10 nights (June 9 to 19).



- Complete meals (breakfast - lunch and dinner), from Lunch on June 9 to breakfast on June 19.

For those interested in a single room and full meals the rate will be USD 800.

The payment of the hotel must be made before the start of the tournament to FECODAZ, Colombian Federation of Chess.

The Organizing Committee will provide the transfer from the international airport José María Córdova, located in the municipality of Rionegro, 35 kilometers from Medellín and from the Hotel to the airport, to the players who request it. Service will cost THIRTY AMERICAN DOLLARS (USD 30.00), upon request of the player.

All fees mentioned in this invitation refer to US dollars, payable in Colombian exchange day rate.

PREFERENTIAL RATES FOR COLOMBIAN PLAYERS: In order to encourage the participation of Colombian players, Fecodaz offers the following discount, including the possibility of accommodation at the official hotel:

- Registration fee: USD 150
- Full lodging plus registration and transportation airport - hotel - airport USD 600.

7. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Event	Date	Time
Arrival and accommodation	June 9, Friday	
Registration	June 9, Friday	7:30 to 20:00
Technical Meeting	June 10, Saturday	14:00
Opening	June 10, Saturday	15:00
Round 1	June 10, Saturday	16:00
Round 2	June 11, Sunday	09:00
Round 3	June 11, Sunday	16:00
Round 4	June 12, Monday	16:00
Round 5	June 13, Tuesday	09:00
Round 6	June 13, Tuesday	16:00
Round 7	June 14, Wednesday	16:00
Round 8	June 15, Thursday	16:00
Round 9	June 16, Friday	16:00
Round 10	June 17, Saturday	16:00
Round 11	June 18, Sunday	10:00
Tie Breaking	June 18, Sunday	14:00
Closing Ceremony	June 18, Sunday	17:00
Departure	June 19, Monday	-



8. PRIZES

PLACE	PRIZE IN AMERICAN DOLLARS
1st Place	USD 5.000,00
2 nd Place	USD 3.400,00
3 rd Place	USD 2.400,00
4 th Place	USD 1.700,00
5 th Place	USD 1.200,00
6 th Place	USD 900,00
7 th Place	USD 800,00
8 th Place	USD 700,00
9 th Place	USD 600,00
10 th Place	USD 550,00
11 th Place	USD 450,00
12 th Place	USD 400,00
13 th Place	USD 350,00
14 th Place	USD 300,00
Best Sub 2400	USD 400,00
Best Sub 2200	USD 400,00
Best Sub 2000	USD 400,00
Best Sub 1800	USD 200,00
Best Lady	USD 250,00

In case of any tie position, all monetary prizes are shared equally.

Pairings and Pgn's will be published an hour after concluding each round in www.chess-Results.com and www.fecodaz.com

9. RULES AND REGULATIONS

8.1 System and rate of play. The tournament will be played by at 11 rounds Swiss system according to the Swiss Manager program. All games must be played using electronic clock. The time rate will be (90) minutes for the first 40 moves plus 30 minute to complete, with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

8.2 Tie-break system.

For the Swiss system, they will be used in strict order:

- Individual result (option 11 Swiss Manager) - if applicable (Only valid if everyone involved played with each other.
- Buchholz (Option 37) - games that do not count on zero; unplayed games: count with real points; do not add own points.



- Sonneborg-Berger
- Bucchholz (Medium)
- Rating performance

The first four classify to the phase "FIDE World Cup", of the cycle of the World championship.

In the event of a tie by one or more qualifying positions, it shall be defined as follows:

Tie between two players: 2 games, 15 minutes per player, plus 10 seconds from the first movement. If the tie persists, two other games of 5 minutes will be played with an additional 3 seconds each. In the event of the tie being held, a new game will be played where the white will have 5 minutes and the black 4 minutes, plus 3 more seconds each. The player who wins the toss chooses the color and in the event of a draw the player with the black pieces wins.

Tie between 3 or more players: Round Robin of 15 minutes per player plus 10 seconds per move from the start. In case of a tie, tie-break rules of the Continental Absolute Tournament must be used.

The tournament will be valid for the International Rating and will give titles and norms according to the regulations of "FIDE Titles"

10. TOURNAMENT AUTHORITIES

10.1 Honor Committee:

- Dr. Federico Gutiérrez Zuluaga – Mayor of the city of Medellín.
- Dr. Luis Pérez Gutiérrez – Antioquia Governor
- Mr. Jorge Vega – America President of Chess Confederation – CCA
- Dr. Clara Luz Roldán González – Directora of Coldeportes Colombia
- Baltazar Medina – Director of the Colombian Olympic Committee
- Dr. Hernán Elejalde López- General Director Indeportes Antioquia
- Dr. Juan David Valderrama López- Director INDER Medellín
- Eng. Luis Pérez Carrillo – Colombian President of Chess Federation

10.2 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

- Tournament Director: Dr. Javier Vergara Garzón
- Technical Director: MI Raúl Henao Calle - Methodologist FECODAZ
- Colombian Chess Federation / Chess League of Antioquia
- President of the Chess League of Antioquia



- Indeportes Antioquia / INDER Medellín

11. APPEALS COMMITTEE:

During the technical meeting an Appeals Committee will be elected. It will consist of three (3) members and two substitutes. A protest against an arbitration decision must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee within the hour following the end of the round, accompanied by a deposit of USD 100, which will be returned if the decision is favorable to the claimant.

12. PAYMENT

Registrations and associated payments can be made depositing the money in the savings account of the Colombian Federation of Chess - 049036147-44 of Bancolombia Bank - or at the tournament headquarters before 2:00 pm on June 8, those payments will be received by the Colombian Chess Federation on the game site. No participant may play without meeting this requirement.

For foreign participants

Beneficiary's Bank: Bancolombia

Swift code: COLOCOBM

Address: Calle 30A # 6 – 75 Piso 1 Torre Sur Bogotá D.C

Beneficiary's Account: 049036147-44 Ahorros

Account Name : Federación Colombiana de Ajedrez

Telephone Number : (571) 755 2940

Payment Reference : Pagos Campeonato Continental de Ajedrez 2017

13. INFORMATION, INSCRIPTIONS AND BOOKING

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