FIDE World Team Championship 2017 Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia 16-27.06.2017

1. Invitation

This is the official invitation to all National Chess Federations who are participating in the **FIDE World Team Championship 2017** which will be held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, from the 16th of June (arrival) till the 27th of June (departure) 2017. The Championship will be organized and held by AI «UgraMegaSport» with the assistance of the Ugra Chess Federation and under the auspices of the Russian Chess Federation and FIDE.

2. Organizing Committee

AI «UgraMegaSport» is Executive Directorate of the Organizing Committee FIDE World Team Championship 2017

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3. Participation

- **3.1** According to FIDE Regulations D.07.11.6.2. the following federations are entitled to participate in the championship:
 - 1. China
 - 2. USA
 - 3. Ukraine
 - 4. Russia
 - 5. Egypt
 - 6. India
 - 7. Norway
 - 8. Turkey
 - 9. Poland
 - 10. Wildcard by FIDE (to be announced)
- **3.2** Each team will consist of 4 players, 1 reserve and one coach/captain of the team for a total of 6 persons

4. Players' Obligations

- 4.1 All players are obliged to participate in opening and closing ceremony.
- **4.2** The tournament will be played according to zero tolerance rules.
- **4.3** Draw offer will not be made for the first 30 moves.
- 4.4 All participating federations accept that they will fully comply with these regulations.

5. Registration

By March 16, 2017 every participating Federation that has registered must notify the following details to the Organizer:

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

In case of late registration the Organizer will not cover the accommodation cost

6. Travel Conditions

All travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their National Federations. During the Tournament the Organizer will provide a transfer:

- from the Khanty-Mansiysk airport to the official hotel (upon arrival);
- from the official hotel to the venue and back (for the rounds);
- from the official hotel to the Khanty-Mansiysk airport (upon departure).

7. Travel to Khanty-Mansiysk

The air company «Utair» makes regular flights from Moscow to Khanty-Mansiysk. «Utair» company performs daily flights enroute: Moscow-Khanty-Mansiysk-Moscow. You can buy air tickets of «Utair» company on the site: www.utair.ru.

The air company «Aeroflot» plans their flights, site: www.aeroflot.ru

The nearest airports to Khanty-Mansiysk are Surgut (300 km), Nizhnevartovsk (510 km), Tyumen (670 km), Yekaterinburg (996 km). The air company «Utair» performs direct air flights from these towns to Khanty-Mansiysk. You can get from Surgut to Khanty-Mansiysk by regular bus as well (travel time is 4 hours).

8. Official hotel

- **8.1** The official hotel of the event is "Olympic", 45, Engels St., Khanty-Mansiysk.
- **8.2** Participants shall be accommodated in the official hotel. Rooms are booked through the Organizing Committee.
- **8.3** Free accommodation in single rooms with full board will be provided to 6 team members (4 players + 1 reserve + 1 team captain) during the Tournament, 16th of June (only lunch and dinner), 27th of June (only breakfast).
- **8.4** Accommodation for additional participants and accompanying persons will cost:
- Double room (single occupancy): 3300 rub. per night
- Double room (two person occupancy, price for one person): 1900 rub. per night

Full board costs **2300 roubles** per person per night (breakfast – 700 roubles, lunch – 800 roubles, dinner – 800 roubles).

Accommodation should be paid directly to the hotel upon arrival. Credit cards VISA Int. (VISA, Electron), Europay Int. (Eurocard / MasterCard) are accepted. Cash payment is made only in Russian roubles in accordance with the Russian legislation. The other currencies are not accepted.

Meals should be paid directly to the restaurant. Credit cards VISA Int. (VISA, Electron), Europay Int. (Eurocard / MasterCard) are accepted. Cash payment is made only in Russian roubles in accordance with Russian legislation. The other currencies are not accepted.

8.5 In case of early arrival before 16.06.2017 before 12:00 pm and/or late departure after 27.06.2017 after 12:00 pm the participant covers accommodation and meals by himself.

9. Playing Hall

The Tournament will be held in the Ugra Chess Academy, 6, Loparev St., Khanty-Mansiysk.

10. Prizes

Cups 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.

11. Programme of the FIDE World Team Championship 2017

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Date		Time	Event
16.06.2017	Fri		Arrival
16.06.2017	Fri	18:00	Players' meeting
		19:00	Opening Ceremony
17.06.2017	Sat	15:00	Round 1
18.06.2017	Sun	15:00	Round 2
19.06.2017	Mon	15:00	Round 3
20.06.2017	Tue	15:00	Round 4
21.06.2017	Wed	15:00	Round 5
22.06.2017	Thir		Day off
23.06.2017	Fri	15:00	Round 6
24.06.2017	Sat	15:00	Round 7
25.06.2017	Sun	15:00	Round 8
26.06.2017	Mon	11:00	Round 9
		20:00	Closing Ceremony
27.06.2017	Tue		Departure

^{*} Time of the Ceremonies is preliminary, changes are possible.

12. System of Play

- **12.1** The championship will be played in round robin system with 9 rounds. Each team will play against with all other teams. Colours and starting numbers will be drawn at the opening ceremony or a technical meeting.
- **12.2** The time control: 90 minutes for 40 moves, 30 minutes to the end, and 30 seconds increment per move starting from move 1.
- 12.3 For each round the list of the team composition for that round will be delivered to the arbiters at 9:00 a.m. in the morning. Otherwise, for that round the top 4 boards will be accepted as the playing team. For the last round the team composition will be delivered at 22:00 hrs the day before last round.

13. Scoring

Each match will be scored by match points as it is 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:

- by board points in total.
- if a tie again results, the scores obtained by the tying teams against each other will decide;
- if a tie again results, then Berger system will be used.
- if a tie again results, it shall be decided by board count (Berlin System) as follows:
- o win on Board 1 4 points
- o win on Board 2 3 points
- o win on Board 3 2 points
- o 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.

- 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);
- if this match is indecisive, then lots shall be drawn.

14. FIDE Officials

Chief Arbiter: TBA

Deputy Chief Arbiter: TBA

Arbiters: TBA

Chairman of appeals committee: TBA Members of appeals committee: TBA

15. Visa

15.1 Participants coming from visa countries are obliged to get visa for entering the Russian Federation. Organizing Committee provides visa assistance to the participants of the Tournament:

• European Union Countries and China:

The issuance of the Russian visa for players of the European Union countries and China is executed according to the invitation letter from the organising organization (invitation from OC).

• Other countries:

Russian visa for players from Non-European Union countries is issued through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russian Federation.

- **15.2** To issue an invitation for visa to enter the Russian Federation participants should send a clear passport copy to the e-mail: **visa@ugrasport.com**.
- **15.3** <u>01.06.2017</u> is the deadline when invitation for visa could be issued. After the deadline visa invitations are not issued.

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