

**Information and Regulations
of the International Chess Open Festival "AEROFLOT OPEN 2015"
and the Blitz Tournament.**

General information of the festival:

The International Chess Festival "Aeroflot Open 2015" will be held in Moscow from 26 March (the date of arrival) to 06 April 2015 (the date of departure).

The Aeroflot Open Chess Festival, which is popular throughout the world, will be held in March - April 2015 for the twelfth time running. This major event is open to chess players of most varied qualification: from unrated to having a very high rating. As before, the festival is held "under the wings" of our leading air company – "Aeroflot – Russian airlines". The festival will be held in the hotel "Cosmos", which is one of the largest in Moscow (over 1700 rooms). The hotel is located in one of the most beautiful and environmentally pure Moscow districts within 20-minutes travelling from Red Square and only 200-m walking from the nearest subway station. This time the festival has the guaranteed prize fund amounting to EUR 140 000 (taking into account the prizes for the Blitz Tournament).

Three Open Tournaments (A, B and C) are made up according to the rating of the participants. Naturally, the greatest interest is aroused by A tournament, requiring from a participant a rating above 2550 and in which usually take part a number of extra class players.

In addition to the Open Tournaments, a Blitz Tournament will be held within the festival.

The official accommodation for the participants and also the venue of the Tournament will be at the "Cosmos" hotel.

The Organizers of the Festival are the "Aeroflot-Russian Airlines", the Russian Chess Federation and the Association of Chess Federations.

Type of Chess Festival:

The festival consists of three open tournaments, each of which is a nine round Swiss event.

The Tournaments and Prize Fund:

The total prize fund of the three tournaments is EUR 120 000.

**Tournament A:
for chessplayers with a FIDE rating higher than 2549.
Total prize fund Group A: EUR 65 000**

1st Prize	18000	6th - 10th Prizes	1700x5=8500
2nd Prize	10000	11th - 15th Prizes	1200x5=6000
3rd Prize	7000	16th -20th Prizes	700x5=3500
4th Prize	4000	21st - 30th Prizes	500x10=5000
5th Prize	3000		

The winner of the A tournament will be entitled to participate in the round-robin Super Tournament in Dortmund (June 27 – July 5, 2015).

**Tournament B:
for chessplayers with a FIDE rating less than 2550, but higher than 2299.
Total prize fund Group B: EUR 35 000**

1st Prize	8000	6th - 10th Prize	850x5=4250
2nd Prize	5500	11th -15th Prize	550x5=2750
3rd Prize	3500	16th - 25th Prize	450x10=4500
4th Prize	2000	26th- 35th Prize	300x10=3000
5th Prize	1500		

Tournament C:
for chessplayers with a FIDE rating lower than 2300 or without rating.
Total prize fund Group C: EUR 17500

1st Prize	3000	6th - 10th Prizes	500x5=2500
2nd Prize	2300	11th -15th Prizes	400x5=2000
3rd Prize	1500	16th - 25th Prizes	250x10=2500
4th Prize	1000	26th- 35th Prizes	200x10=2000
5th Prize	700		

In exceptional cases the Organising Committee has the right to permit a chessplayer to play in a higher rated tournament than his/her FIDE rating indicates.

In case of a tie of 2 or more participants, the prizes are divided according to the Hort system.

The number of prizes in each tournament does not exceed that indicated above in the tables.

Tiebreak systems:

For tournament A and B:

- 1. The number of games played with Black pieces. Byes and forfeited games will be considered as games played with White.**
- 2. The average of the opponents ratings minus the highest and the lowest rating.**

For Tournament C:

- 1. The Buchholz score**

Explication of the Hort System for the prize distribution.

In cases of a tie of two or more participants will be divided according to the Hort system. The following example will explain this system.

Suppose 4 players share the same place. The four prizes are as follows: 1st EUR 10,000, 2nd EUR 8,000, 3rd EUR 6,000, 4th EUR 4,000.

We have to split the amount of EUR 28,000. We split it into two equal parts of EUR 14,000 each.

The first part will be split equally. Each of the players receives EUR 3,500.

The second part will be split according to the ranking after tiebreak.

#1 receives $3,500 + 5,000 = 8,500$

#2 receives $3,500 + 4,000 = 7,500$

#3 receives $3,500 + 3,000 = 6,500$

#4 receives $3,500 + 2,000 = 5,500$

Special Prizes:

There will also be special prizes for the best performance among seniors, women and juniors in all tournaments amounting to EUR 2500 in total.

There will also be a prize for the best result shown by an unrated player in section C.

Only one prize can be awarded to a player (the highest one).

The exact distribution of the special prizes will be announced after the second round of the tournament, when the numbers of seniors, women and juniors and the ratings of these players are known.

Attention is called to the fact that for such prizes to be awarded there should be at least 3 players in each of the above categories.

Seniors, Juniors and Women:

A player will be considered a Senior when he was born before 01-01-1955.

A player will be considered a Junior when he was born after 31-12-1996.

Time control:

Tournament A: 100 minutes for the first 40 moves, then 50 minutes for the next 20 moves and 15 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from the first.

Tournament B: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves and 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from the first.

Tournament C: 90 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 30 seconds per move from the first.

The participants should keep the record of moves till the end of the game.

The Festival Schedule:

	Tournaments A, B	Tournament C
Arrival and Registration of the Players	Mar.26	Mar.26
Opening Ceremony	Mar.26: 21.00	Mar.26: 21.00
Round 1	Mar.27: 15.00	Mar.27: 9.30
Round 2	Mar.28: 15.00	Mar.28: 9.30
Round 3	Mar.29: 15.00	Mar.29: 9.30
Round 4	Mar.30: 15.00	Mar.30: 9.30
Round 5	Mar.31: 15.00	Mar.31: 9.30
Round 6	Apr.01: 15.00	Apr.01: 9.30
Round 7	Apr.02: 15.00	Apr.02: 9.30
Round 8	Apr.03: 15.00	Apr.03: 9.30
Round 9	Apr.04: 15.00	Apr.04: 9.30
Closing Ceremony	Apr.05: 18.00	
Prizes	Apr.05: 19.00 – 22.00	
Blitz Tournament	Apr.05: 10.00	
Departure	Apr.06	Apr. 05-06

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Appeals Committee

There will be an Appeals Committee of 3 members and two reserve members.

An appeal must be delivered to the non-voting Chairman of the Appeals Committee, Mr. A.Bach, within one hour after the round involved.

Appeals against pairings are not accepted, unless the following rules of the Swiss system are violated:

1. Two players shall not meet more than once.

2. A player can receive only one bye.

A player who appeals has to pay a deposit of EUR 200, which will be returned if the Appeals Committee decides to satisfy the appeal.

Swiss system

The Swiss pairings program used in all tournaments and in the Blitz tournament is Swiss - Manager based on ratings.

5 April 2015 a double nine-round Swiss Blitz Tournament will be held in the same venue (Hotel “Cosmos”). The time control is 3 minutes with an increment of 2 seconds per move till the end of the game. The prize fund of the Blitz Tournament constitutes EUR 20,000 to be distributed as follows:

1st	5000	5th	1000
2nd	3000	6-10th	700x5=3500
3rd	2000	11-15th	500x5=2500
4th	1500	16-20th	300x5=1500

The Organizing committee reserved the right to pay the prizes in the same currency in which the package were paid for.

The participants of tournaments A and B are admitted without a fee. The other players will be admitted upon the following terms:

- admission fee: EUR 300
- 2 nights at the hotel (single room: EUR 90; double room: EUR 150 for two persons)
- airfare (depending on the zone): See the table

Determination of the winner

- 1. If two players tie for the first place, then two blitz games with the same control as in the tournament will be played to determine the winner. If the outcome is still undecided, then a sudden-death game with a time control of 5 min. vs 4 min. will be played.**
- 2. If more than two players tie for the first place, then the first two are determined as follows:**
 - **Buchholz score**
 - **number of wins**
 - **result of personal encounter**

Whereupon an additional match is played between the first two players, as per paragraph 1.

Attention of all potential participants!

All participants and accompanying persons who enjoy, within this project, the services of the air company Aeroflot – Russian airlines and who have paid for their respective packages, will get their fully paid for air tickets by e-mail.

The earlier you pay for the tournament package the smaller the amount will be.

The minimal fees are accepted until 20 January 2015. All prices are given in EUR.

Visa, tickets and payment

From the tables given below one can see the financial conditions of participation. The price of the package (airfare, transfer, accommodation and entry fee) is given at a discount. A participant who does not need air ticket and accommodation should only pay the entrance fee, which is the same for all participants. The earlier the payment is made the smaller its amount.

We again call the attention of all foreigners who wish to participate in the festival “Aeroflot Open 2015” that in order to get their visas and air tickets in time they should pay for the package no later than March 15, 2015.

After the payment is made please send to our e-mail or fax addresses the registration form, including the name and surname, Elo rating, birth date, home address, number and expiry date of your passport, **as well as a (scanned) copy of it**, your itinerary (with arrival and departure dates). Please name the city in which you want to get your entry visa. The further course of action is this – the Association of Chess Federations receives a confirmation of payment and at once,

within a single working day, sends an invitation to start arranging for a visa. Electronic tickets will be sent to the e-mail address you indicate.

Accommodation at the hotel room from March 28 to April 8, 2015 is paid for by the package. Those who wish to come earlier and/or depart at a later date should book and additionally pay for their rooms in advance (not later than March 15, 2015). The room prices in the periods from March 24 to 26 and from April 6 to 8, 2015 are:

- single room – EUR 45
- double room – EUR 75 (for 2 persons)

One person may stay in a double room only if he has paid the whole price (EUR 75).

Attention is called to the fact that full packages that have already been paid for are not refundable.

Additional information will be published on the site www.ruchess.ru

Payments in US dollars is accepted at the rate EUR 1=USD 1.3

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Attention of foreign participants

All foreigners who wish to participate in the festival “ Aeroflot Open 2015” should pay the entry fee not later than 15.03.2015 in order to be able to get a visa and airticket in time.

Bank details

We kindly request the participants to transfer the payment in EUR or USD for the package to the following double-currency (EUR, USD) account:

Beneficiary:	Interchess Ltd.	
Account	IBAN LV36RTMB0000639806488	
Rietumu Banka	Vesetas 7, Riga, LATVIA	SWIFT: RTMBLV2X

Calculation of the value of the package “Aeroflot Open 2015” (all prices are in euro)

Flight	Conditions of accommodations	Terms of payment for package									
		Till 20.01.2015		21.01-10.02.2015		11.02-28.02.2015		01.03-20.03.2015		21.03-27.03.2015	
	Type of room	standart	superior	standart	superior	standart	superior	standart	superior	standart	superior
No Flight	No accommodation	250		275		300		350		375	
No Flight	Single room	680	800	705	825	730	850	780	900	805	925
	Place in two-bed room	575	655	600	680	625	705	675	755	700	780
Zone 1 - Moscow - Zone 1	No accommodation	400		425		450		500		525	
	Single room	830	950	855	975	880	1000	930	1050	955	1075
	Place in two-bed room	725	805	750	830	775	855	825	905	850	930
Zone 2 - Moscow - Zone 2	No accommodation	450		475		500		550		575	
	Single room	880	1000	905	1025	930	1050	980	1100	1005	1125
	Place in two-bed room	775	855	800	880	825	905	875	955	900	980
Zone 3 - Moscow - Zone 3	No accommodation	500		525		550		600		625	
	Single room	930	1050	955	1075	980	1100	1030	1150	1055	1175
	Place in two-bed room	825	905	850	930	875	955	925	1005	950	1030
Zone 4 - Moscow - Zone 4	No accommodation	550		575		600		650		675	
	Single room	980	1100	1005	1125	1030	1150	1080	1200	1105	1225
	Place in two-bed room	875	955	900	980	925	1005	975	1055	1000	1080
Zone 5 - Moscow - Zone 5	No accommodation	650		675		700		750		775	
	Single room	1080	1100	1105	1215	1130	1250	1180	1300	1205	1325
	Place in two-bed room	975	1055	1000	1080	1025	1205	1075	1155	1100	1180

Prices of the packages “Aeroflot Open 2012” and payment period for journalists and accompanying persons

(all prices are in Euro)

The package includes air ticket, accommodation and transfer airport – hotel – airport for a 11-day package, but only a one-way transfer for a 5-day package.

Itinerary	Accommodation	Terms of payment			
		till 28.02.15		from 1.03.2015	
		5 nights	11 nights	5 nights	11 nights
No flight	Single room	300	660	360	750
Zone 1 - Moscow - Zone 1	Single room	450	810	510	900
Zone 2 - Moscow - Zone 2	Single room	500	860	560	950
Zone 3 - Moscow - Zone 3	Single room	550	910	610	1000
Zone 4 - Moscow - Zone 4	Single room	600	960	660	1050
Zone 5 – Moscow – Zone 5	Single room	700	1060	760	1150

Attention of the participants and accompanying persons is drawn to the fact that the number of airtickets provided with the packages is limited.

The hotel provides a buffet breakfast. For the participants and accompanying persons breakfasts are provided at a discount price of EUR 110 for the entire period of tournament.

Zone breakdown for calculation of the value of the package "Aeroflot Open 2012"(table 2)

Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Zone 4	Zone 5
Kaliningrade	Warsaw	Kemerovo	Amsterdam	Paris
Krasnodar	Barnaul	Krasnoyarsk	Baky	Tehran
St.-Peterburg	Novosibirsk	Antalya	Barcelona	Los Angeles
Kiev	Omsk	Athens	Yerevan	Beijing
Astrakhan	Tyumen	Beirut	Nice	New-York
Volgograd	Belgrade	Vienna	London	Tashkent
Perm	Brussels	Venice	Milan	Shanghai
Samara	Bucharest	Vladivostok	Rome	Hanoi
Sochi	Budapest	Dubai	Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk	
Ufa	Hannover	Geneva	Hong-Kong	
Ekaterinburg	Dusseldorf	Zagreb	Delhi	
Chelyabinsk	Irkutsk	Madrid	Tbilisi	
Oslo	Munich	Petropavlovsk – Kam.		
Riga	Nizhnevartovsk	Sofia		
Istanbul	Prague	Tel-Aviv		
Stockholm	Frankfurt	Khabarovsk		
Helsinki	Surgut	Zurich		
Berlin	Karaganda	Cair		
Bishkek				
Simferopol				
Hamburg				
Copenhagen				
Chisinau				