



Press Release

Nutcracker Generation Tournament Starts on December 16 in Moscow

A traditional Christmas event – Nutcracker Generation Tournament – will be held on December 16-23 in the Central House of Chess Player in Moscow. There will be two Scheveningen matches: Kings vs. Princes and Queens vs. Princesses.

The lineup of the Kings: Boris Gelfand (Israel), Alexander Morozevich (Russia), Alexei Shirov (Latvia), Alexey Dreev (Russia);

Princes: Vladimir Fedoseev, Daniil Dubov, Vladislav Artemiev, Grigoriy Oparin;

Queens: Alisa Galliamova, Ekaterina Kovalevskaya, Elena Zaiats, Galina Strutinskaya;

Princesses: Polina Shuvalova, Elizaveta Solozhenkina, Aleksandra Dimitrova, Aleksandra Maltsevskaya (all – Russia).

Each event is a double-round Scheveningen. Each team member will play five games against each player from the opposing team – three in classical chess and two in rapid chess.

The opening ceremony will take place on December 16 at 7 pm. Playing days: December 17-20 (classical chess), December 21-22 (rapid chess).

Classical games cost 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw, for rapid games the scores are halved.

The winning teams will receive prize money and the trophy. The player who produces the best combined result in the Kings vs. Princes match will be invited to the Zurich supertournament – Kortchnoi Zurich Chess Challenge, April 12-17, 2017.

The best player of the second tournament will receive a special prize from the organizers. There are also special prizes set for the best creative achievements.

The organizers: RCF, Ladya Chess Creativity Support Foundation, and Oleg Skvortsov, the entrepreneur who organizes the traditional supertournament in Zurich.

For reference

Kortchnoi Zurich Chess Challenge и Kortchnoi Open. Zurich, April 12-17, 2017

The players invited to the supertournament: Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), Vishy Anand (India), Hikaru Nakamura (USA), Ian Nepomniachtchi (Russia), Peter Svidler (Russia), Yannick Pelletier (Switzerland),

and Boris Gelfand (Israel). There is also a spot for the Nutcracker tournament qualifier.

The supertournament will be carried out in two parts, with different time controls. The first half is called “The new classical” – 45 minutes plus 30 seconds per move for each player. The second half is somewhere in between blitz and rapid – 10 minutes plus 5 seconds per move. Classical games bring 2 points for a win and 1 point for a draw, speed games bring 1 point for a win and 0.5 points for a draw.

Alongside the main event, a large 7-round open tournament Kortchnoi Open will take place (time control – 90 minutes plus 30 seconds per game). The organizers expect about 150-200 participants.

Both events will be played at the Congress House Zurich, which hosted the famous Candidates tournament of 1953.

More details will be published in January 2017 on the tournament website www.zurich-cc.com.

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