



## Rules for IMSA World Masters - Hengshui, China 2019

### 1. Events

The chess events in IMSA World Masters Championship will be a series of four events, two Men events and two Women events:

- RAPID CHESS – MEN 16 players – 11 rounds, Swiss System format.
- RAPID CHESS – WOMEN 16 players – 11 rounds, Swiss System format.
- BLITZ CHESS – MEN 16 players – 11 double rounds, Swiss System format.
- BLITZ CHESS – WOMEN 16 players – 11 double rounds, Swiss System format.

#### 1.1 Selection of Players

Sixteen (16) participants compete in each category (Men and Women):

- a) Twelve (12) players qualify by their average rating.
  - For the purpose of deciding twelve (12) qualifiers by their average rating, the average ELO from the twelve FIDE rating lists (standard, rapid and blitz chess) from February 2018 to January 2019 will be used.
- b) Three (3) players are nominated by the host country (China).
- c) One (1) player is nominated by FIDE President.
- d) All players have to confirm their participation before **28<sup>th</sup> February 2019**. The confirmation e-mail should be sent to [office@fide.com](mailto:office@fide.com) , [mohd.al-mudahka@fide.com](mailto:mohd.al-mudahka@fide.com) , [emil.sutovsky@fide.com](mailto:emil.sutovsky@fide.com)

## 1.2 Men's List

### Qualifiers

FIDE ID	NAME	Fed	Std_12	G	Blz_12	G	Rpd_12	G	S_Avg	G
1503014	Carlsen, Magnus	NOR	2840,1667	76	2948,9167	30	2881,0000	18	2890,0278	124
2016192	Nakamura, Hikaru	USA	2767,8333	61	2883,2500	143	2829,2500	66	2826,777767	270
623539	Vachier-Lagrave, Maxime	FRA	2783,8333	90	2885,8333	75	2785,1667	35	2818,277767	200
13300474	Aronian, Levon	ARM	2773,0833	76	2846,6667	112	2789,5000	59	2803,083333	247
5202213	So, Wesley	USA	2778,9167	75	2801,2500	81	2794,7500	38	2791,6389	194
14109603	Karjakin, Sergey	RUS	2766,0833	71	2839,4167	133	2766,1667	60	2790,555567	264
4168119	Nepomniachtchi, Ian	RUS	2758,0000	37	2832,0000	52	2775,9167	52	2788,6389	141
2020009	Caruana, Fabiano	USA	2816,6667	91	2777,5000	71	2762,1667	36	2785,444467	198
4126025	Grischuk, Alexander	RUS	2767,9167	32	2825,8333	88	2758,4167	51	2784,055567	171
13401319	Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar	AZE	2812,1667	79	2764,1667	133	2774,5000	60	2783,611133	272
5000017	Anand, Viswanathan	IND	2770,5833	62	2795,6667	115	2771,5833	60	2779,277767	237
4101588	Kramnik, Vladimir	RUS	2786,3333	51	2765,2500	31	2767,2500	18	2772,944433	100

### Reserves list

FIDE ID	NAME	Fed	Std_12	G	Blz_12	G	Rpd_12	G	S_Avg	G
24101605	Artemiev, Vladislav	RUS	2703,5833	70	2838,6667	124	2764,3333	69	2768,8611	263
24116068	Giri, Anish	NED	2779,7500	60	2764,9167	65	2758,1667	24	2767,611133	149
4102142	Svidler, Peter	RUS	2751,7500	49	2779,5833	54	2755,3333	40	2762,2222	143
13400924	Radjabov, Teimour	AZE	2751,7500	19	2743,0000	0	2738,0000	0	2744,25	19
4158814	Andreikin, Dmitry	RUS	2711,6667	73	2786,8333	52	2733,6667	49	2744,055567	174
24130737	Fedoseev, Vladimir	RUS	2713,3333	70	2710,0833	72	2802,3333	15	2741,916633	157
400041	Adams, Michael	ENG	2706,0000	57	2775,0000	10	2735,4167	6	2738,805567	73
12401137	Le, Quang Liem	VIE	2723,6667	72	2735,8333	41	2748,1667	15	2735,8889	128
309095	Navara, David	CZE	2737,5000	110	2712,1667	50	2722,1667	25	2723,944467	185
5007003	Harikrishna, Pentala	IND	2732,9167	71	2707,2500	54	2730,3333	36	2723,5	161
2900084	Topalov, Veselin	BUL	2744,5833	13	2708,0000	0	2703,5000	7	2718,694433	20
13401653	Mamedov, Rauf	AZE	2705,0833	54	2731,0000	72	2719,8333	48	2718,638867	174

### 1.3 Women's List

#### Qualifiers

FIDE ID	Name	Fed	Std_12	G	Blz_12	G	Rpd_12_	G	S_Avg	G
14111330	Muzychuk, Anna	UKR	2563,8333	48	2550,9167	30	2603,9167	37	2572,8889	115
14109336	Lagno, Kateryna	RUS	2556,6667	23	2573,9167	19	2533,0833	24	2554,555567	66
13601903	Dzagnidze, Nana	GEO	2514,3333	49	2572,3333	17	2511,5833	12	2532,749967	78
4128125	Kosteniuk, Alexandra	RUS	2551,0833	85	2498,1667	63	2509,75	51	2519,666667	199
4167570	Gunina, Valentina	RUS	2514,5	73	2504,8333	60	2473,6667	82	2497,666667	215
5015197	Harika, Dronavalli	IND	2496,0833	47	2476,9167	23	2477,6667	36	2483,555567	106
2902257	Stefanova, Antoaneta	BUL	2487,5833	45	2496,5	52	2458,75	42	2480,944433	139
14114550	Muzychuk, Mariya	UKR	2534,8333	86	2383,5833	19	2517,8333	20	2478,749967	125
4147103	Goryachkina, Aleksandra	RUS	2513,75	87	2432,5	40	2479	23	2475,083333	150
617822	Sebag, Marie	FRA	2483	30	2475	21	2446	0	2468	51
14110911	Ushenina, Anna	UKR	2440,4167	78	2427,8333	41	2477,75	30	2448,666667	149
4641833	Paehz, Elisabeth	GER	2485,0833	98	2365,9167	53	2491,0833	33	2447,3611	184

#### Reserves list

FIDE ID	Name	Fed	Std_12	G	Blz_12	G	Rpd_12_	G	S_Avg	G
13602640	Khotenashvili, Bela	GEO	2475,5833	79	2365	30	2468	34	2436,194433	143
13703544	Abdumalik, Zhansaya	KAZ	2471,4167	74	2400,0833	44	2421,8333	47	2431,1111	165
2012782	Krush, Irina	USA	2425,4167	53	2416,25	26	2442,5833	26	2428,083333	105
4181751	Bodnaruk, Anastasia	RUS	2439,8333	72	2388,8333	108	2452,1667	56	2426,944433	236
13300210	Danielian, Elina	ARM	2415,75	56	2383,5	17	2479,1667	14	2426,1389	87
4195752	Giryra, Olga	RUS	2467,25	103	2367,3333	53	2434,1667	71	2422,916667	227
1700030	Cramling, Pia	SWE	2459,4167	86	2395,3333	30	2406,25	57	2420,333333	173
4147855	Pogonina, Natalija	RUS	2470,75	82	2323,6667	43	2443,9167	30	2412,7778	155
4129725	Galliamova, Alisa	RUS	2427,6667	26	2416,75	17	2371,4167	16	2405,2778	59
13601377	Matnadze, Ana	ESP	2377,9167	49	2441,0833	22	2393,25	56	2404,083333	127
13601458	Javakhishvili, Lela	GEO	2469,5	67	2372,6667	30	2363,75	42	2401,972233	139
12512214	Khademalsharieh, Sarasadat	IRI	2431,5833	67	2375,25	23	2391,8333	18	2399,555533	108

### 1.4 Restrictions

No federation shall have more than 2 players in either event. Exceptions may be made only for the current or previous World Champions for Rapid and Blitz and for the host federation.

## 1.5 Schedule

Date	Event	Rounds	Time
12 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Arrival of players and officials	-	-
13 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Opening Ceremony	-	
14 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Rapid event Men & Women	1-4	14:00
15 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Rapid event Men & Women	5-7	14:00
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Rapid event Men & Women	8-11	14:00
17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Blitz event Men & Women	1-6 (12 games)	14:00
18 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Blitz event Men & Women	7-11(10 games)	14:00
19 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Departure	-	-

## 2. Time Control for Play

### 2.1 Rapid Chess – Men & Women

For all rapid chess competitions each player will have 15 minutes plus 10 seconds per move, starting from move one (G15'+10"), for the whole game.

### 2.2 Blitz Chess – Men & Women

For all blitz chess competitions each player will have 3 minutes plus 2 seconds per move, starting from move one (G 3'+2"), for the whole game.

## 3. Tournament Regulations

3.1 Players are not permitted to speak to their opponents during the games. Appropriate sporting behaviour is expected from all participants and FIDE rules of conduct are to be strictly followed at all times.

3.2 During the playing session, a player may leave the playing area only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter and only if he is accompanied by one of the arbiters.

3.3 Players are required to attend the Players' Meeting on the day of the Opening Ceremony at a time to be decided by the Chief Arbiter and the Organizers. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Players' Meetings.

3.4 The draw for Colours and Pairings will be made in the first Players' Meeting for all four events.

3.5 Players are requested to note the requirements of FIDE Regulations C.01 (Article 8.1) in respect of their dignified appearance at all times during the matches. Sport Accord may provide a dress code for the event and players and officials will comply with the dress code.

3.6 Players will not be allowed to offer draws directly to their opponents. Any draw claim will be permitted only through the Chief Arbiter in the following cases:

- a triple-repetition of the position as per FIDE Laws of chess ( FIDE Handbook, E art. 9.2 )
- in dead drawn positions as per FIDE Laws of Chess ( FIDE Handbook, E art. 9.6 )
- applying the rule of 50 moves as per FIDE Laws of chess ( FIDE Handbook, E art. 9.3 )

#### 4. Prizes & Medals

4.1 Organizers shall award a gold medal to the winner of each event, a silver medal to the player who took the second place and a bronze medal to the player who took the third place.

##### 4.2 Prizes for Men's events:

Place	Rapid	Blitz
1	18,000	18,000
2	13,000	13,000
3	9500	9500
4	7000	7000
5	6000	6000
6	5000	5000
7	4000	4000
8	3000	3000
9	2000	2000
10	1500	1500
11	1000	1000
12	1000	1000
13	1000	1000
14	1000	1000
15	1000	1000
16	1000	1000
<b>Total</b>	<b>75,000 €</b>	<b>75,000 €</b>

##### 4.3 Prizes for Women's events:

Place	Rapid	Blitz
1	12,000	12,000
2	8000	8000
3	6000	6000
4	5000	5000
5	4000	4000
6	3000	3000
7	2500	2500
8	2000	2000
9	1500	1500
10	1000	1000
11	1000	1000
12	1000	1000
13	750	750

<b>14</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>750</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,000 €</b>	<b>50,000 €</b>

**4.3 Conditions of victory:** The player with the most points (1 point for each win, half a point for each draw, 0 for each loss) is declared the winner of the tournament.

## 5. Tie Breaks

A tie-break system will be used to determine the three (3) medal winners (gold, silver, bronze) but all money prizes will be divided equally in cases of a tie. The tie break criteria are as below:

### 5.1 Rapid:

5.1.1 Direct encounter [Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other)].

5.1.2 Buchholz cut 1.

5.1.3 Tournament performance rating.

### 5.2 Blitz:

5.2.1 Direct encounter [Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other)].

5.2.2 Buchholz cut 1.

5.2.3 Tournament performance rating.

5.3 **In case** of any tie-break even after the above criteria, Organisers may organize Armageddon matches as it may be required to determine the medal winners. All prizes will still be split equally.

5.4 **Armageddon:** the players shall play one (1) sudden death game. The player who wins the drawing of lots may choose the color. The player with the white pieces shall receive 5 minutes; the player with the black pieces shall receive 4 minutes whereupon, after the 60<sup>th</sup> move, both players shall receive an increment of 2 seconds per move starting from move 61. In case of a draw the player with the black pieces is declared the winner.

## 6. Interviews, functions and mode of dressing.

6.1 Players are expected to cooperate reasonably with the media. General interviews with them can be arranged only through the Press Officer.

6.2 Players are required to make themselves available for short interviews immediately after each game. In general, both players shall be available for the daily press conference.

6.3 Players are required to be present at all official functions approved by Organisers including official receptions and the opening and closing ceremonies.

6.4 Players are specifically requested to note the requirements of FIDE Regulations in respect of their dignified appearance at all times during the event.

6.5 Only photographers and camera crews expressly authorized by the Organising Committee may work in the playing venue.

6.6 Apart from the players and principals, no other person shall be allowed in the field of play during the games, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.

6.7 During the playing session (lasting from 10 minutes before the start of the round until the departure of players), the following additional regulations shall be in force:

6.7.1 Players are not permitted to bring into the playing venue any electronic or technical or other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset the opponent or may be in breach of the Rules of Chess. The Chief Arbiter shall decide what constitutes extraneous equipment liable to offend the opponent or may be in breach of the Rules of Chess.

6.7.2 Players shall shake hands (or shall greet each other in a normal social manner in accordance with the conventional rules of their society) before the start and after the end of each game. If a player fails to meet these requirements and after being asked to do so by the Chief Arbiter, then the player will lose the game immediately.

6.7.3 During the game, a player may talk only to an arbiter or communicate with a steward.

6.7.4 Organizers shall provide in sufficiency, free of charge, coffee, tea and soft drinks for the players and principals. It is advisable that the same offer shall apply for the press members.

6.7.5 Organizers shall provide score sheets according to the specifications provided by FIDE.

6.8 During play either the Chief Arbiter or the Deputy Chief Arbiter must be present in the playing area.

6.9 The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the Chairman of Appeals Committee, the players and after the approval of the FIDE President, issue additional written regulations to lay down the exact playing hours and take care of other details not covered by these regulations.

6.10 Immediately after the end of the event, the Chief Arbiter shall draw up a report in the English language and send it without delay to the FIDE Secretariat. The report shall be supplemented by adding two copies of any bulletins of the event. The report shall contain the result of each individual game as well as the final standings of the event. In addition, the report shall contain a general description of the course of the event.

6.11 Immediately after the end of the event, the Chairman of Appeals Committee shall draw up a report in the English language and send it without delay to the FIDE Secretariat. The

report shall contain an overview of the organization, the conditions and any other matter that may be deemed relevant by the Chairman of Appeals Committee.

6.12 Organizers shall ensure the field of play and its environs meet at least the requirements of the FIDE Regulations for the Organization of Top-Level Tournaments (FIDE Handbook C.01).

6.13 The field of play shall be decorated with the FIDE flag, Sport Accord flag, the flags of the host nation and the participating Federations.

6.14 Organizers shall provide, free of charge, coffee, tea and soft drinks for the players and principals. It is advisable that the same offer shall apply for press members.

## **7. Arbiters**

Chief Arbiter will be nominated by FIDE, two Deputy Chief Arbiters and assistant Arbiters will be chosen by FIDE and the Chinese Chess Federation.

## **8. Appeals Committee**

8.1 The Members of the Appeals Committee are selected by FIDE President as officials during the event.

8.2 All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than fifteen minutes after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against.

8.3 The Committee may decide on the following matters:

8.3.1 An appeal against a decision by an arbiter.

8.3.2 A protest against a player's behaviour.

8.3.3 Complaint alleging false interpretation of the regulations.

8.3.4 Request for the interpretation of specific regulations.

8.3.5 A protest or complaint against any participant.

8.3.6 All other matters which the Committee considers important.

8.4 If possible, the Committee shall reach a decision not more than fifteen minutes after the submission of a protest. The appeals process shall include written representations and a written decision. The Committee shall endeavour to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto, Gens Una Sumus.

8.5 Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of €500 (five hundred Euros) or a written statement that this fee can be deducted from the prize fund if the protest is rejected. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, then in this case, FIDE reserves the right to withhold the deposit fee.

8.6 The decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

#### **9. Opening Ceremony for each tournament**

A short Opening Ceremony shall take place and all participants are required to take part.

#### **10. Closing Ceremony of each tournament**

The Closing Ceremony shall take place according to schedule.

#### **11. Travel Expenses**

Air fares and other travel expenses with a maximum reimbursable cost of 800 euros within the same continent and 1200 euros for Europe, Americas or Africa. All travel expenses will be reimbursed through FIDE and accommodation will also be covered on a full board basis by the organizers, the Board and Card Games Administrative Center of the General Administration of Sport, Beijing, China.

**12.** At any time in the course of the application of these regulations, any grounds that are not covered or any unforeseen event shall be referred to the President of FIDE for final decision.

### **ANNEX 1**

#### **2019 IMSA WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP TECHNICAL REGULATIONS (FIDE Laws of Chess)**

The FIDE Laws of Chess are Annex 1, as valid since 1 January 2018 and published on the FIDE website:

<http://www.fide.com/component/handbook/?id=208&view=article>