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FIDE Women's World Blitz Championship 2010
Final, 17 – 18 September 2010, Russia, Moscow, RGSU
Semi-Final, 15 – 16 September 2010, Russia, Moscow, RGSU
Two On-Line Open Qualification Tournaments, 1 – 10 June 2010

Tournament Regulations

1. Organizers

1.1.

The Russian State Social University and the Moscow Chess Federation in co-operation with the Russian Chess Federation and under the aegis of FIDE will organize the 2010 FIDE Women's World Blitz Championship from September 15 to September 18, 2010 according to the decision of the FIDE Presidential Board (January 2010, Turkey).

2. Participation

2.1.

The FIDE Women's World Blitz Championship is open to all women players representing their National Chess Federations regardless of their title or rating.

2.2.

Applications have to be sent by the National Federations only.

3. Final Format

3.1.

Final tournament - 16 players

3.2.

The Current Women's World Chess Champion

3.3

The top 6 players in the rating list published on May 1, 2010.

3.4.

6 winners of the Semi-Final

3.5

The winner of the Moscow-open 2010 (women's section)

3.6.

1 wild card by the Organizer (by May 1, 2010)

3.7.

1 wild card by the FIDE President (by July 1, 2010)

3.8.

In case someone withdraws or does not participate, from the point 3.2, through to 3.7, their rights go to the next highest rated players rated in the May 1, 2010 rating list.

If a qualified player withdraws before the Final starts, then the Organizer can replace with the next highest scoring player from the Semi Final.

4. Semi-Final Format

4.1.

Semi-Final tournament – without any limits of participants

4.2.

Players representing the National Chess Federations and rated at least 2350 points

4.3.

14 Players who took 2-15 places in the Moscow open 2010 (women's section)

- 4.4.
5 Players who took 1-5 places in the First On-Line Open Qualification Tournament
- 4.5.
5 Players who took 1-5 places in the Second On-Line Open Qualification Tournament
- 4.7.
10 Players nominees by the Organizer
- 4.7.
6 Players nominees by the FIDE President

5. On-Line Open Qualification Tournament Format

5.1.
All players representing National Chess Federations regardless of their title or rating can participate in the **2 On-Line Open Qualification Tournaments**.

5.2.
Number of participants in each On-Line Open Qualification Tournament is set by respective Tournament Director of the Internet server.

6. System of play and playing schedule

6.1.
The Final Tournament shall be played as a double round-robin event, 15 rounds on the first day and 15 rounds on the second day (30 games in two days). All games will be transmitted live. Arrival day is September 16. The Opening Ceremony is at 14.00 on September 17. Start of the first round is at 15.00 September 17. The Closing Ceremony is at 20.00 on September 18. Departure is on September 19.

6.2.
The Semi-Final Tournament shall be played as a Swiss tournament, 13 double rounds (black and white, altogether – 26 games in two days). At least the top 15 games will be transmitted live. Arrival day is September 14. The Opening Ceremony is at 14.00 on September 15. Start of the first round is at 15.00 on September 15. The Closing Ceremony is at 20.00 on September 16.

6.3.
The On-Line Open Qualification Tournaments shall be played as a Swiss tournament, 17 rounds. The date of each On-Line Open Qualification Tournament is set by respective of Tournament Director of the Internet server.
Playing period is from June 1 till June 10, 2010.

7. Time Control

7.1.
For all competitions each player will have 3 minutes plus 2 seconds per move, starting from move one (G 3'+2'').

8. Tie-break system

8.1.
Final Tournament - round robin event
The final standing of players is determined by the number of points scored. If there is a tie, it is broken by

- * Results between the players involved
- * Number of wins
- * Sonneborn-Berger score
- * Sudden death game 5'-4'

If several players tie for the first place, then the above priorities will be used to determine the first and the second players and the title will be decided in a sudden death game between them. Lots will be drawn before the game, the winner choosing the color of his pieces in this last game. If the game is drawn, the player who has the Black pieces is declared the FIDE Women's World Blitz Champion.

8.2.

Priorities for qualifying

The final standing order of players in the preliminary events is determined by the number of points scored. Should two or more players tie for a qualifying place, the tie is resolved by

- * Median Buchholz system (i.e. Buchholz score without the best and the worst results);
- * Buchholz system;
- * Number of wins;
- * Results between the players involved.
- * "Sudden death" game 5'-4' (if more than two players - a tournament)

9. Chief Arbiter and Appeals Committee

9.1.

The Chief Arbiter is International Arbiter Eduard Dubov (Russia).

9.2.

The Appeal Committee will be elected before the start of the Semi-Final and new members of Appeal Committee will be elected before the start of the Final.

9.3.

A protest against any decision must be submitted in writing to the Appeal Committee immediately after the game. The protest shall be accompanied by 300 euros, which shall be returnable only if the appeal is accepted.

9.4.

The decision of the Appeal Committee is final.

10. Financial Regulations

10.1.

The traveling expenses of all participants as well as accommodation of the participants of the Semi-Final shall be paid by them or their national federations.

10.2.

There is no entrance fee to participate in the On-Line Open Qualification Tournaments.

10.3.

The entry fee is 200 euros to participate in the Semi-final (included 100 euros to be transferred to FIDE).

10.4.

Board and lodging for the 16 finalists shall be provided by the Organizer (4 days).

10.5.

Board and lodging for the two Players who took second and third place in the Moscow open 2010 (women's section) shall be provided by the Organizer (4 days).

10.6.

Board and lodging and the airfare (up to 600 euros) for the five Players who took places 1-5 in each On-Line Open Qualification Tournament shall be provided by the Organizer (4 days).

10.7.

Players who took 4-15 places in the Moscow Open 2010 can participate in the Semi-final without any entrance fee.

11. Prizes

11.1.

The Prize fund for the Semi-Final is 10 000 euros.

1 st place	1 000 euros
2 nd place	900 euros

3th place	800 euros
4 th place	700 euros
5 th place	600 euros
6 th place	500 euros
7-21st places	300 euros
22-25 th places	250 euros

11.2.

The Prize fund for the Final is 50 000 euros.

1 st place	10 000 euros
2 nd place	8 000 euros
3th place	6 000 euros
4 th place	5000 euros
5 th place	4500 euros
6 th place	4 000 euros
7 th place	3 500 euros
8 th place	2 500 euros
9 th place	1 500 euros
10-12th places	1 000 euros
13-16 th places	500 euros

Prizes are tax-free (i.e. no local taxes will be deducted from the prizes. However the players are responsible for paying taxes in their countries of residence).

11.3.

Medals and Titles

11.4.

In the name of FIDE, the Organizer shall award a gold medal to the winner of the title of FIDE Women's World Blitz Champion, a silver medal to the player who took the second place and a bronze medal to the player who took the third place.

11.5.

At the end of the tournament the Organizer will transfer 10% from the prize fund to FIDE bank account.

12. Registration and Transportation

12.1.

Entry forms to the Semi-Final and Final must be sent from the Federations and returned to the Organizing Committee not later than July 1, 2010.

12.2.

The complete registration form must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and data of birth with passport number (for visa purpose) of each player and each accompanying person.

12.3.

The cost of transportation provided by the Organizing Committee from the Moscow airport to the hotel Turist with return on the departure day is 3 000 rubles per person (about \$100).

13. Venue-Accommodation

13.1.

Accommodation and board will be provided at the Hotel Turist***. The Playing Hall is the tournament chess hall of the Russian State Social University located at a five minutes walk from the hotel Tourist.

Booking is to be made only through the Organizing Committee (using its full registration and booking form).

Venue: Hotel Turist (3 stars)-Selskohozayistvehhaya Str., 17 (metro "Botanicheski sad").

Prices at the hotel are about 100 euros per day in a single room (see the site: www.hotelturist.com).

14. VISA INFORMATION

14.1.

Players needing visas are requested to contact the Organizing Committee **before July 14, 2010** and apply on time to Russian Authorities. The Organizing Committee will provide invitations for visas

only after receiving scan copy of passport with questionnaire. The Organizing Committee has no responsibility on late or not complete applications.

14.2.

Information required for visa invitation

Full name as in passport	date of birth	gender	citizenship	passport number	expiry date	city of visa application	Contact: Tel.,fax, E-mail
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15. Contact the Organizing Committee

15.1.

Official site: womenworldblitz.fide.com

15.2.

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15.3.

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