

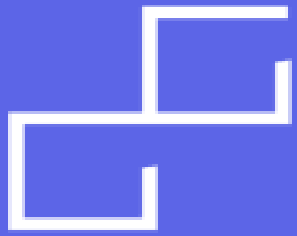


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TECHNICAL MEETING
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AGENDA

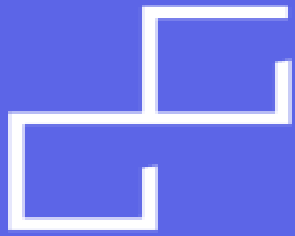


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GENERAL INFORMATION



BRIEF TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Date	Time	Event
October 1 st		Registration Deadline
October 5 th		Composition of groups
October 6 th	08:00 CEST 13:00 CEST 16:00 CEST	Main Technical Meeting
October 13 th	TBA	Opening Ceremony
October 13 th	06:00 CEST 11:00 CEST 16:00 CEST	Competition – Day 1
October 14 th	TBA	Competition – Championship Gr.
October 15 th	TBA	Competition - Final Match
October 15 th	TBA	Closing Ceremony

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ORGANIZERS AND PRINCIPALS

Name	Role
IO Mikhail KORENMAN	Tournament Organizer (Cook County Sheriff's Office)
IA Nebojsa BARALIC (SRB)	Chief Arbiter
IA Ana SREBRNIC (SLO)	Deputy Chief Arbiter
IA BANSOD SWAPNIL (IND)	Arbiter
IA Shaun PRESS (PNG)	Arbiter
IA Edgardo CAMPORA (URU)	Arbiter
IA	Arbiter
IA	Arbiter
FPO IA Andrew HOWIE (SCO)	Fair Play Officer
FPO Bojana BEJATOVIC (SRB)	Fair Play Officer
TBA	Appeal – Chair Person
Judit SZTARAY	Chess.com (IT Support)
	Operation Manager
	Zoom Platform Officer
Anna Volkova	PRESS Officer

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OPEN SECTION – Group 1 (Asia/Australia)

#	TEAM	Round	TIME SCHEDULE
1.	Philippines 3 - Victorias	R 1	06:00 CEST
2.	S Australia Yatala	R 2	
3.	India 3	R 3	
4.	Kazakhstan 1	R 4	
5.	Mongolia 1	R 5	
6.	Philippines 2 - Kapankalan	R 6	
7.	Australia 3 - Karnet	R 7	
8.	Kyrgyzstan 1		

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OPEN SECTION – Group 2 (Asia/Australia)

#	TEAM	Round	TIME SCHEDULE
1.	Australia 1 - Macquarie	R 1	06:00 CEST
2.	India 2	R 2	
3.	Philippines 1 - Mariveeles	R 3	
4.	Singapore 1	R 4	
5.	Mongolia 3	R 5	
6.	Kazakhstan 2	R 6	
7.	Kyrgyzstan 2	R 7	
8.	United Arab Emirates 2		

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OPEN SECTION – Group 3 (Asia/Australia)

#	TEAM	Round	TIME SCHEDULE
1.	Australia 2 – Mary Wade	R 1	06:00 CEST
2.	Philippines 4 – Bocaie Jail	R 2	
3.	Mongolia 2	R 3	
4.	India 1	R 4	
5.	United Arab Emirates 1	R 5	
6.	Singapore 2	R 6	
7.	Kyrgyzstan 1	R 7	
8.			

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OPEN SECTION – Group 4 (Europe/Africa)

#	TEAM
1.	Eswatini
2.	Jersey
3.	Czech Republic
4.	North Macedonia
5.	Ukraine
6.	Serbia 3
7.	Belgium 1
8.	Ghana

Round	TIME SCHEDULE
R 1	11:00 CEST
R 2	
R 3	
R 4	
R 5	
R 6	
R 7	

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OPEN SECTION – Group 5 (Europe/Africa)

#	TEAM	Round	TIME SCHEDULE
1.	Slovenia	R 1	11:00 CEST
2.	Poland	R 2	
3.	Malawi 1 - Lilongwe	R 3	
4.	Ireland	R 4	
5.	Italy 2	R 5	
6.	Serbia 4	R 6	
7.	Netherlands	R 7	
8.	Albania 1		

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OPEN SECTION – Group 6 (Europe/Africa)

#	TEAM	Round	TIME SCHEDULE
1.	Italy 1	R 1	11:00 CEST
2.	Zimbabwe	R 2	
3.	Germany	R 3	
4.	Serbia 1	R 4	
5.	Malawi 2 – Zomba	R 5	
6.	Croatia	R 6	
7.	Albania 2	R 7	
8.			

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OPEN SECTION – Group 7 (Europe/Africa)

#	TEAM	Round	TIME SCHEDULE
1.	Serbia 5	R 1	11:00 CEST
2.	Georgia	R 2	
3.	Spain 1 – Centro Madrid	R 3	
4.	Greece 1 - Trikala	R 4	
5.	Romania 2	R 5	
6.	Armenia	R 6	
7.	Norway 2 – Ullersmo	R 7	
8.			

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OPEN SECTION – Group 8 (Europe/Africa)

#	TEAM	Round	TIME SCHEDULE
1.	England	R 1	11:00 CEST
2.	Romania 1	R 2	
3.	Albania 3	R 3	
4.	Spain 4	R 4	
5.	Belgium 2	R 5	
6.	Nigeria	R 6	
7.	Latvia 1	R 7	
8.			

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OPEN SECTION – Group 9 (Europe/Africa)

#	TEAM	Round	TIME SCHEDULE
1.	Norway 1 – Froland	R 1	11:00 CEST
2.	Spain 1	R 2	
3.	Serbia 2	R 3	
4.	Lithuania	R 4	
5.	Malawi 3 – Mzimba	R 5	
6.	Latvia 2	R 6	
7.	Greece 2 – Domokos	R 7	
8.			

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OPEN SECTION – Group 10 (Americas)

#	TEAM
1.	Aruba 2
2.	USA - Chicago
3.	Santa Lucia
4.	Jamaica 1
5.	Mexico 3
6.	Uruguay
7.	Saint Kitts and Nevis 2
8.	

Round	TIME SCHEDULE
R 1	16:00 CEST
R 2	
R 3	
R 4	
R 5	
R 6	
R 7	

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OPEN SECTION – Group 11 (Americas)

#	TEAM	Round	TIME SCHEDULE
1.	El Salvador 1	R 1	16:00 CEST
2.	Colombia 1	R 2	
3.	Mexico 2	R 3	
4.	USA – KS - Norton	R 4	
5.	Canada	R 5	
6.	Aruba 1	R 6	
7.	Dominican Republic	R 7	
8.	Trinidad & Tobago 1		

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OPEN SECTION – Group 12 (Americas)

#	TEAM	Round	TIME SCHEDULE
1.	Grenada	R 1	16:00 CEST
2.	Saint Kitts and Nevis 1	R 2	
3.	Guyana	R 3	
4.	USA - KS - Elsworth	R 4	
5.	Mexico 1	R 5	
6.	Argentina	R 6	
7.	El Salvador 2	R 7	
8.	Trinidad & Tobago 2		

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FEMALE SECTION – Group 1 (Asia/Australia)

#	TEAM
1.	India 1
2.	India 2
3.	Mongolia
4.	Kazakhstan
5.	India 3
6.	Kyrgyzstan
7.	
8.	

Round	TIME SCHEDULE
R 1	06:00 CEST
R 2	
R 3	
R 4	
R 5	
R 6	
R 7	

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FEMALE SECTION – Group 2 (Europe/Africa)

#	TEAM	Round	TIME SCHEDULE
1.	Serbia	R 1	11:00 CEST
2.	England	R 2	
3.	Zimbabwe	R 3	
4.	Malawi - Kachere	R 4	
5.	Romania 1	R 5	
6.			

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FEMALE SECTION – Group 3 (Europe/Africa)

#	TEAM
1.	Ukraine
2.	Romania 2
3.	Georgia
4.	Latvia
5.	Ghana
6.	Kenya

Round	TIME SCHEDULE
R 1	11:00 CEST
R 2	
R 3	
R 4	
R 5	

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FEMALE SECTION – Group 4 (Americas)

#	TEAM	Round	TIME SCHEDULE
1.	Mexico	R 1	16:00 CEST
2.	USA-KS-Topeka	R 2	
3.	El Salvador	R 3	
4.	Guyana	R 4	
5.	Trinidad & Tobago	R 5	
6.	Equador WY		

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YOUTH SECTION – Group 1 (Asia/Australia)

#	TEAM
1.	Kazakhstan
2.	India 1
3.	India 2
4.	India 3
5.	Mongolia
6.	Kyrgyzstan

Round	TIME SCHEDULE
R 1	06:00 CEST
R 2	
R 3	
R 4	
R 5	

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YOUTH SECTION – Group 2 (Europe/Africa)

#	TEAM
1.	Ukraine
2.	Kenya
3.	Romania
4.	Malawi 2 – Bvumbwe
5.	Serbia
6.	

Round	TIME SCHEDULE
R 1	11:00 CEST
R 2	
R 3	
R 4	
R 5	

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YOUTH SECTION – Group 3 (Europe/Africa)

#	TEAM
1.	Ghana 1
2.	Malawi 1 - Lilongwe
3.	Georgia
4.	England
5.	
6.	

Round	TIME SCHEDULE
R 1	11:00 CEST
R 2	
R 3	
R 4	
R 5	

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YOUTH SECTION – Group 4 (Americas)

#	TEAM	Round	TIME SCHEDULE
1.	Equador 1	R 1	16:00 CEST
2.	Equador 2	R 2	
3.	Equador 3	R 3	
4.	Equador 4	R 4	
5.	Aruba	R 5	
6.			

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YOUTH SECTION – Group 5 (Americas)

#	TEAM	Round	TIME SCHEDULE
1.	Equador 5	R 1	16:00 CEST
2.	Equador 6	R 2	
3.	Equador 8	R 3	
4.	USA	R 4	
5.	Guyana	R 5	
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REGULATIONS & GUIDELINES

FIDE Online chess Regulations:

<https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/OnlineChessRegulations.pdf>

Tournament Regulations:

It will be sent via email.

Results:

<https://chess-results.com/>

Official web-site:

<https://chessforfreedom.fide.com/>

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TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

138 teams (**55** countries) are divided into:

- 12 male groups (**89** teams),
- 4 female groups (**22** teams),
- 5 youth groups (**27** teams).

The teams were divided into groups according to their time zones.

Time Control:

Game in 10 min + 5 sec per move starting from move 1

Team composition:

- The team consists of four (4) players with unlimited number of substitutes.

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FORMAT OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

1

ROUND-ROBIN STAGE

- Teams will be divided into groups, with up to 8 teams per group
- Each group will play a round-robin format over the course of seven rounds

2

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

- The top two teams from each group will qualify for the Championship Round
- The Championship Round will also be a round-robin team tournament
or
Swiss tournament (7 rounds)

3

FINALS

- The two top teams from the Championship Round will compete for the title match, while the next two teams will play for third place.

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TIE BREAK CRITERIA

The score from all players shall be counted for team standings.
 In each tournament, matches are scored by match points. **A win scores 2 points. A draw scores 1 point. A loss scores 0 points.**

If the **two or more teams score the same number of match points**, the tie shall be broken as follows:

#1

ROUND ROBIN SYSTEM

- Total number of game points (GP)
- Extended Direct encounter for Teams (EDE)
- Extended Sonneborn Berger (ESB) for Teams, variant EGMSB Cut-1 (EGMSB/C1)
- Drawing of lots

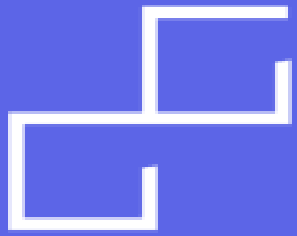
#2

SWISS SYSTEM

- Total number of game points (GP)
- Extended Direct encounter for Teams (EDE)
- Extended Sonneborn Berger (ESB) for Teams, variant EGMSB Cut-1 (EGMSB/C1)
- Buchholz Cut-1 (BH:MP/C1)
- Drawing of lots

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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AND COMMUNICATION



TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Access to the Internet: can be wired or Wi-Fi

Number of computers:

- 4 computers for prisoners to use for matches.
- 1 computer for staff communication.

Number of cameras:

- It is every teams' responsibility to have **at least one web camera** covering the playing zone **or arbiter should be present** in the playing room.
- Description how the video of the playing zone will be organized in compliance with their security measures.
- For 2nd and 3rd competition day **camera is required!**
- the cameras should not cover the faces of the players.

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PLAYING HALL



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REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COMPUTER SOFTWARE

- A computer that runs a Windows operating system is recommended.
- There will be NO software that will be required to install.
- **www.chess.com** will be a platform for the event.
- Each team will receive 4 accounts. All of them shall be used by players.
- ALL accounts will have security check and ALL communications besides playing the games will be turned off.

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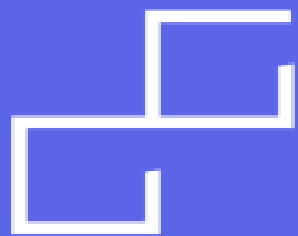
COMMUNICATION

Communication with the teams:

- All communication with the teams shall be done through one designated person located at the local correctional facility.
- No direct communication with players.

Internet disconnection:

- During a game, if player disconnects from the playing zone, the game clock shall continue running.
- If the player can reconnect to the game before remaining time elapsed, the game can be continued.
- If the player cannot reconnect to the game before the time is elapsed, then the player shall lose the game. *(However, the game is drawn if the position is such that the opponent can not checkmate the player's King by any possible legal moves.)*



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FAIR PLAY MEASURES



FAIR PLAY

5.1. It is every team's responsibility to have at least one web camera covering the playing zone A.

5.2. There shall be no web cameras facing any of the team players from the front unless the prison officials allow such representation of the players

5.3. All teams shall only use the accounts provided from the tournament organizers with the support from chess.com. It is strongly recommended that all log ins to the chess.com accounts be done by the correctional institutions staff and not by the participants. All accounts will be checked on security purpose and have no ways of any social interactions among the players.



FAIR PLAY - SUMMARY

Fair play decisions will be taken by the FIDE Fair Play Panel. They will consider the following inputs:

- Chess.com Fair Play data
- FIDE Screening Tool data provided by Prof. Regan
- Visual evidence from the arbiters on the Zoom call

Options available to the FPP include:

- Overturning results
- Disqualifying a team from the tournament

Captain or Local Supervisor:

Captains and Supervisors should take responsibility for ensuring that their players play their games without external assistance



APPEALS PROCEDURE

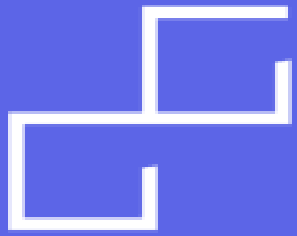
In case of appeal:

- All appeals and protests shall be submitted by the team representatives in writing to the Appeal Committee **no later than 15 minutes** after the completion of the relevant game or after the alleged infringement occurred.
- The Appeals Committee shall endeavor to make a decision as quickly as possible.

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www.chess.com will be a platform for the event.

Each team will receive 5 accounts. For example:

- male: **India_A**, or B, C, D
- female: **India_WA**, or B, C, D
- youth: **India_YA**, or B, C, D

Four (4) of them shall be used by players (A,B,C,D).

The second team will receive the following accounts:
India_AA, or BB, CC, DD

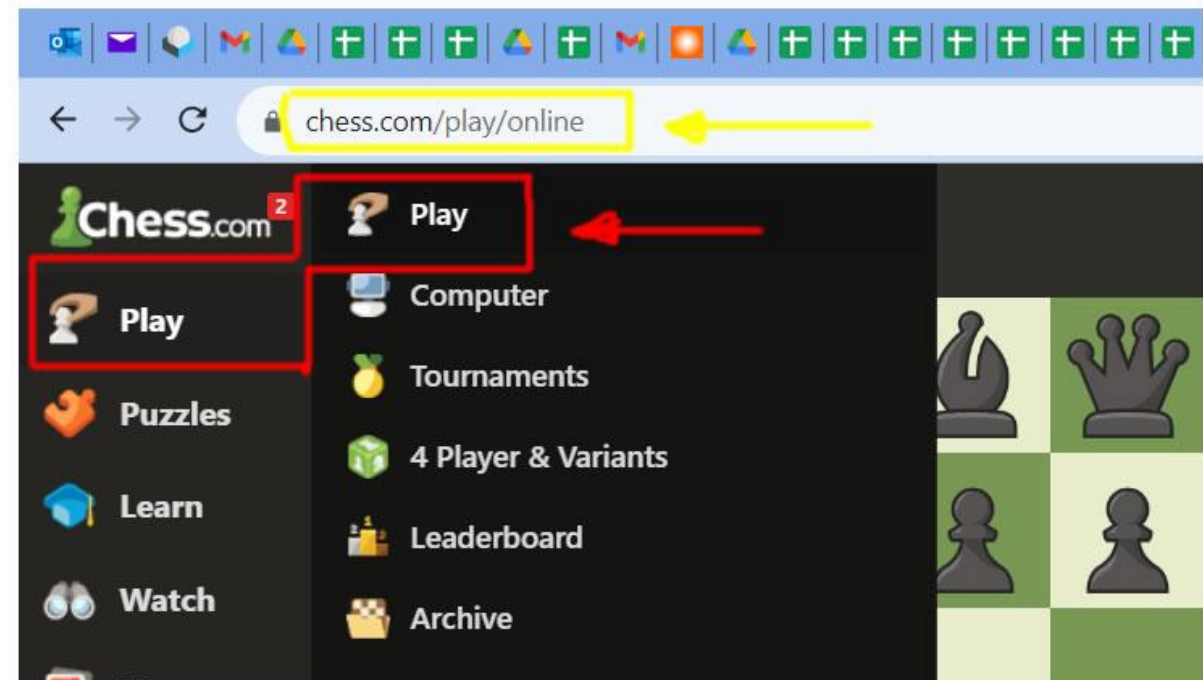
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BEFORE THE START OF THE GAMES

Initial procedure for Players:

- 1) Log in at chess.com
- 2) Wait at **chess.com/play/online**

Be sure that you did not disconnect from it – this can happen if you've been connected for a long time and done nothing.



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BEFORE THE START OF THE GAMES

Initial procedure for **Captains/Observers**:

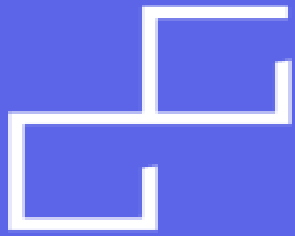
- 1) Join the Zoom call
- 2) Change the Display Name on the Zoom

Put in your Federation at the start
(E.g. **SRB1 Nebojsa Baralic** or **SERBIA 1**)

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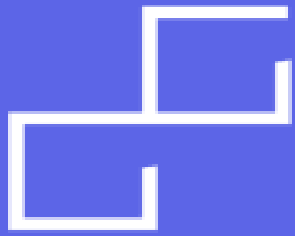
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

- Do not play free games in the break between two rounds.
- Close down all programs running on players' computers, with the exception of chess.com
- Check results on the **chess-results.com**

Federation selection

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BAR	BDI	BEL	BEN	BHU	BIH	BLR	BOL
BUR	CAM	CAN	CAT	CAY	CCA	CHI	CHN
CRO	CUB	CYP	CZE	DEN	DJI	DOM	ECU
EST	ETH	FAI	FID	FJ	FIN	FRA	GAM
GUA	GUM	HAI	HKG	HON	HUN	IMN	INA
ISR	ISV	ITA	IVB	JAM	JCI	JOR	JPN
KSA	KUW	LAO	LAT	LBA	LBN	LBR	LCA

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