

International Tournament of Figueira da Foz - Sabir Ali - 2024

Tournament Rules

1. ROUNDS

1.1. The tournament will begin on November 10th and end on November 17th, 2024.

1.2. There will be one session per day, at 5:30 PM, except on November 12th, Tuesday, when two rounds will take place, round 3 and round 4, respectively at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM, and on the final round, round 9, on November 17th, Sunday, which will start at 10:00 AM.

2. LOCATION

2.1. All matches will be played in Figueira da Foz, at the Sweet Atlantic Hotel, or, in the event of any contingency, at a location to be indicated.

2.2. Clocks will be started at the specified time for each round, and a player who shows up to play one hour after the session has begun will be considered absent.

2.3 In the first round, only players who confirm their presence with the Chief Arbiter one hour before the session starts, at 4:30 PM on November 10th, will be paired. This confirmation must be made in person. This provision constitutes an exception to the previous rule, 2.2.

2.4. The Chief Arbiter may validate any entry by other means, excepting the previous rule, 2.3, if done in time, considering the reason for this confirmation not being made in person justifiable and deeming that the player can still arrive within one hour after the session starts. It will be at the discretion of the arbiter to accept this exception, and if not, the player will not be paired, applying rule 2.3.

2.5. A player who does not appear on time for the first session, without prior and duly communicated notice to the Chief Arbiter, directly or through the organization, or through its auxiliary referees, will be excluded from the tournament without being exempt from paying the full registration fee.

2.6. The Appeals Committee will have the responsibility and authority to consider the justification of players who have been absent from the first session due to reasons considered "force majeure" and to judge the applicability of the previous rule, 2.5. If the reason of "force majeure" is considered valid, the player may remain enrolled in the tournament, being assigned 0 points in the first session.

3. SPECIAL HYGIENE AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

3.1. All hygiene and safety regulations required by the Directorate-General of Health (DGS) for this event will be complied with.

4. RESTRICTIONS

4.1. Analyzing completed games, smoking, and eating in the playing hall will not be allowed.

4.2. Players may not wear shorts, flip-flops, tracksuits, or any other clothing considered inappropriate by the organization to play each round. The use of hats or caps during matches will also not be permitted.

4.3. Players may not adopt postures considered inappropriate by the arbitration, including taking off their shoes or playing with their feet up on the chair.

4.4. Players are required to comply with mandatory personal hygiene standards, and they may be prevented from continuing the game, being assigned a loss, if the arbitration considers that their personal hygiene condition is disruptive to the normal course of their game, disturbing their opponent or the players at adjacent boards.

5. SCHEDULE AND SYSTEM

5.1. Swiss System. 9 rounds.

5.2. Time control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves + 30 minutes, with increments of 30 seconds per move from move one.

6. OFFICIAL RECORDS

6.1. The Tournament will be rated for FIDE and FPX Rating, and will be valid for obtaining norms for GM and IM titles.

7. ABSENCES (FIDE Handbook, C.04.1).

7.1. Players who do not appear in the playing hall, with their presence verified by the arbitral team, up to one hour after the scheduled start time of the session, will be considered absent with the consequences provided in this regulation.

7.2. Players who are assigned an absence will be automatically excluded from the tournament without being exempt from paying the full registration fee.

7.3. The Appeals Committee will have the responsibility and authority to consider the justification of players who have been absent due to reasons considered "force majeure" and to judge the applicability of the previous rule, 7.2. If the reason of "force majeure" is considered valid, the player may remain enrolled in the tournament, being assigned 0 points in the session they missed.

8. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE TOURNAMENT

8.1. – Players who withdraw from the Tournament will not be paired.

8.2. – Invited players, exempt from the registration fee, or receiving support from the organization, including accommodation, transportation, and meals, who withdraw from the tournament or are excluded due to absence, will forfeit these benefits and will be required to pay the full registration fee, the hotel accommodation fee for each of those days, and the sponsored meals fee, €15 per meal.

8.3. The organization, represented by the Tournament Director and the Appeals Committee, will have the responsibility and authority to consider the justification of players who have withdrawn from the tournament or have been excluded due to absence, for reasons considered "force majeure," and to judge the applicability of the previous rule, 8.3. If the reason for "force majeure" is deemed valid, the player may be exempt from the payments outlined in the previous rule.

9. Bye

9.1. Requests for byes will be allowed up to a maximum of 3.

9.2. Players may request a bye until the pairing for the next round, which is done after the end of each round, except for the first round, whose bye request procedure is subject to the rules provided in 2.3, which requires communication to the Chief Arbiter by 4:30 PM on November 10th.

9.3. Players who requested a bye, up to and including the sixth round, will not be paired in that round and will score $\frac{1}{2}$ point provided they do not exceed the number of allowed byes (three).

9.4. Players who requested a bye from the sixth round onwards will not be paired in that round and will score 0 points provided they do not exceed the number of allowed byes (three).

10. PRIZES

The Tournament will feature €11,050 in cash prizes, which will be awarded along with the respective trophies and according to the following criteria:

a) Prizes for the twelve in the overall standings, respectively from 1st to 12th place: €2500, €1750, €1000, €750, €600, €500, €400, €350, €300, €250, €200, €150.
Extraordinary and cumulative prizes:

a) 1st female €600 + trophy; 2nd female €400; 3rd female €250; 4th female €150; 5th female €100

b) 1st veteran €400 + trophy; 2nd veteran €250; 3rd veteran €150; 4th veteran €100

All prizes will be awarded on the last day of the Tournament, at a time to be indicated after the last session, at the Closing Ceremony of the Festival, at the Sweet Atlantic Hotel.

11. FAIR PLAY REGULATION

The "FAIR PLAY" Panel (FPP) will be composed of four members chaired by Dr. Mário Mourato. Players must comply with the instructions given by the FPP, and failure to do so will result in the application of Article 12.9 of the international rules of Chess. The FPP will share responsibility with the arbitration for inspecting and controlling possible interactions between players and others. In general, the FPP will have the right to exercise whatever it deems necessary to ensure "Fair Play" during the tournament. The organization will provide security personnel to check personal belongings and ensure that no electronic devices enter the playing hall, neither by the players nor by any other persons who may enter the playing halls.

12. REGISTRATIONS

Registrations must be formalized up to 24 hours before the start of the tournament. The single registration fee is €50 and must be paid before the start of the 1st round. GM and IM players are exempt from paying the registration fee. There will be a registration fee with special accommodation conditions.

The tournament is open but will have a limited number of participants, so we only guarantee participation in the tournament to the first 70 registered players.

13. ORGANIZATION

The Organizing Committee will be composed of five people, namely: President of the Figueira Assembly and Tournament Director (António Mota Cardoso), Organization Representative (Miguel Babo), and International Arbiters (Carlos Dias and Francisco Carapinha).

The Competition Committee will consist of five people, namely: the Tournament Director, António Mota Cardoso, the Chief Arbiter, Carlos Dias, and the three players who receive

the most votes for this purpose from among the participants. Those who have received the next highest votes will be listed as alternates for cases that may affect the titular players.

Any incident will be resolved by the Chief Arbiter. The regulations in force from FIDE and FPX will apply. A copy of the Chess Laws in Portuguese and Spanish languages will be available to the players. In case of any doubt or discrepancy between the rules expressed in the three languages, the version of the rules in English will prevail.

ANNEX (TIEBREAK SYSTEMS, TO BE DRAWN AFTER THE 9TH ROUND)

Tournament Performance Rating

is calculated with the formula : Average rating of the opponents + rating difference from table 8.1a of FIDE Rating Regulations B.02. Unplayed games are not counted.

Buccholz Cut 2

is the Buccholz score reduced by the two lowest scores of the opponents

Buccholz

is the sum of the score of each opponent of a player

If any of the opponent players do not have a FIDE Elo, it is assumed as if they had 2000. Unplayed rounds (those in which the player is absent) will be assumed as 1800.

In case of any omission or discrepancy between the English version and the Portuguese version of the regulations, the Portuguese version will prevail.