



"APPROVED BY"

President of the Russian chess Federation

*A.V. Filatov* A.V. Filatov

*August* August 2016

## REGULATIONS

### Of the 10<sup>th</sup> Tal Memorial international chess tournament 2016

#### 1. TOURNAMENT GOALS

The event is carried out in order to:

- honor the memory of the great Russian chess player, the 8th World Champion Michael Tal;
- develop and promote chess in Russia;
- determine the winner.

#### 2. TIME, VENUE AND EVENT SCHEDULE

10<sup>th</sup> Tal Memorial international chess tournament will be held from September, 25 of 2016 (arrival date and opening ceremony) to October, 7 of 2016 (departure date) in Moscow.

##### Tournament program

N	Event	Date and time	Venue
1	Participants' arrival and hotel accommodation	September, 24-25	Accommodation in a 5* hotel Sheraton Palace Hotel, Moscow, 1 <sup>st</sup> Tverskaya Yamskaya Street, 19
2	The opening ceremony with blitz tournament to determine the pairing for the main event	September, 25 at 6 P.M.	the Museum of Russian impressionism, Moscow, Leningradsky Prospekt, 15, bld 11
	Rounds I-II	September, 26, 27. Games start at 3 P.M.	the Museum of Russian impressionism, Moscow, Leningradsky Prospekt, 15, bld 11

	Day off	September, 28	
	Rounds III-VI	September 29, 30, October, 1, 2. Games start at 3 P.M.	the Museum of Russian impressionism, Moscow, Leningradsky Prospekt, 15, bld 11
	Day off	October, 3	
	Round VII and VIII	October, 4, 5. Games start at 3 P.M.	the Museum of Russian impressionism, Moscow, Leningradsky Prospekt, 15, bld 11
	Round IX	October, 6. Games start at 1 P.M.	the Museum of Russian impressionism, Moscow, Leningradsky Prospekt, 15, bld 11
	Tournament closing ceremony	October, 6. 8 P.M.	The Venue is under consideration
	Participants' departure	October, 7	

### 3. TOURNAMENT ORGANIZERS

Overall direction of the tournament is performed by All-Russian Public Organization "Russian Chess Federation". The tournament is directly managed by the organizing committee (the Orgcommittee) and panel of arbiters. The chief arbiter is IA Anatoly Bykhovsky (Russia). The tournament director is IO Mark Glukhovsky. The organizing committee takes responsibility for the safety requirements during the tournament.

### 4. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

The tournament is carried out according to FIDE rules and regulations with 10 participants playing 9 rounds (Round-robin system). The time control is 1 hour 40 minutes for 40 moves + 50 minutes for next 20 moves + 15 minutes till the end of the game with an increment of 30 seconds for each move starting from move 1.

The pairing for the tournament will be determined by the blitz during the Opening ceremony.

Anticheating control is conducted in compliance with the Anticheating rules approved by FIDE, with an increased level of protection.

#### 4.1. Rules of the blitz tournament pairing

The competition is held according to FIDE rules for blitz (Article B. 3) in Round-robin system. The time control is 3 minutes to the end of the game with an increment of 2 seconds for every move starting from move 1.

The participants will be arranged according to the ELO rating (std) dated 01.09.2016.

The beginning of the first round is at 19.00 (Moscow time).

Places are allocated in accordance with the number of points. 1 point is scored for a win, 0.5 points – for a draw and 0 points – for a loss. In case of a tie, the following tie-break criteria are used for players' places identification in descending order of importance:

- Direct encounter;
- Sonneborn-Berger system;
- Koya system.

## **5. TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS**

The following 10 players will take part in the tournament:

1. Vladimir Kramnik (Russia, 2808)
2. Levon Aronian (Armenia, 2795)
3. Viswanathan Anand (India, 2776)
4. Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan, 2761)
5. Anish Giri (Holland, 2755)
6. Li Chao (China, 2746)
7. Peter Svidler (Russia, 2745)
8. Boris Gelfand (Israel, 2743)
9. Ian Nepomniachtchi (Russia, 2740)
10. Evgeny Tomashevsky (Russia, 2731).

Each participant is allowed to arrive with an accompanying person. The Orgcommitte will cover the tickets, transfers between the airport, hotel and the Venue and the cost of hotel accommodation for the Participant and Participant's accompanying person in the period from September, 24 to October, 7 of 2016.

## **6. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS**

- ☒ The Participants are required to follow the tournament schedule strictly. In case a player is 1 hour (or more) late for the game, he is forfeited.
- ☒ No draw offers should be made before Black's 40<sup>th</sup> move.
- ☒ Participants are required to comment their games in the press center after each round unless they have lost.

☒ It is forbidden for the participants to have their mobile devices working in the playing zone. All electronic devices should be handled to the chief arbiter during the game.

## 7. WINNERS SELECTION

The player with the majority of points (1 point is scored for a win, 0.5 points – for a draw and 0 points – for a loss) will be the winner of the tournament. A tie shall be broken by the following tie-break criteria used for players' places identification (in descending order of importance), with the exception of sharing the 1<sup>st</sup> place:

- Direct encounter;
- Sonneborn-Berger system;
- number of games played with the black pieces (unplayed games count as "played" with the white pieces);
- Koya system.

If two players share the 1<sup>st</sup> place, the additional match consisting of two blitz games will be played with the time control of 3 minutes to the end of the game with an increment of 2 seconds for every move starting from move 1.

In case of a tie, the additional deciding game will be played. The player who wins the drawing of lots may choose the color. White shall receive 5 minutes on the clock and Black shall receive 4 minutes whereupon, after the 60th move, both players shall receive an increment of 3 seconds starting from move 61. In case of a draw the player with the black pieces is declared the winner.

If three players or more share the 1<sup>st</sup> place, an additional tournament in blitz will be held with time control of 3 minutes to the end of the game with an increment of 2 seconds for every move starting from move 1 to determine the winner or 2 best participants, who then play the additional deciding game.

Additional competition starts not earlier than 30 minutes after the end of the games of all the participants involved in a tie.

## 8. PRIZE FUND

The tournament prize fund is equal to 200 000 USD

Place	Place Prize (USD)	Place	Place Prize (USD)
1	45.000	6	15.000
2	35.000	7	13.000
3	25.000	8	12.000
4	18.000	9	11.000
5	16.000	10	10.000

The prize amounts are net and cleared of any local taxes.

The prizes will be distributed according to the final standings after the application of above-mentioned tie-break criteria. In case those criteria coincide, the prize sum will be split equally.

The prize sum is transferred by the Russian Chess Federation to the bank account indicated by the Participant not later than 30 (thirty) workdays after the end of the Tournament.

#### **9. FINANCING TERMS**

All the expenses related to the tournament organization and running are covered by the All-Russian Public Organization "Russian chess Federation".

#### **10. CONTACT INFORMATION**

Additional information which is related to the tournament is available in Russian chess Federation. Please contact Yana Sidorchuk by e-mail: [sidorchuk@ruchess.ru](mailto:sidorchuk@ruchess.ru). All additional rules are subject to competition regulations