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REGULATIONS for the Mikhail Tal Memorial Chess Blitz Tournament

1. Tournament Goals and Purposes

- Promote and popularise chess in Russia
- Determine the winner of the blitz tournament

2. Tournament Management

The Russian Chess Federation is responsible for overall management of the event. The Organising Committee of the Tournament and the Chief Panel of Arbiters are in charge of the direct organisation of the event. International Arbiter Alexander Tkachev (Russia) is the Chief Arbiter and Mark Glukhovsky is the Tournament Director. The Organising Committee provides for security during the Tournament.

3. Dates and Venue

The event is to be held on 13-14 November 2014 in Sochi at the following address: floor 2, hall of the Sochi Main Media Centre, Olimpiysky Prospekt 1, Adler District.

4. Participants, Organisation Rules, Regulation

Twelve chess players personally invited by the RCF participate in the Tournament.

FIDE rules for double round robin blitz tournaments apply. The time control is 4 minutes for a game, plus a 2 second increment for each player for each move made, starting from the first.

The drawing of lots is fixed. The participants are assigned numbers according to their ELO blitz rating as of 1 November 2014.

Starting time:

- 1st round – on 13 November at 15.00 Moscow time
- 12th round – on 14 November at 11.30 Moscow time.

5. Determining the Winners

The places are assigned according to the number of points scored. There will be 1 point for a win, 0.5 points for a draw and 0 points for a loss. If several players have the same number of points, additional indicators are applied in the following order to determine the places:

- Direct encounter result
- The greatest number of wins
- Koya
- Sonneborn-Berger

6. Prize Fund and Prizes

The prize fund is 100 000 USD:

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| 1 st place | 20 000 USD | 7 th place | 6 500 USD |
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| 2 nd place | 15 000 USD | 8 th place | 6 000 USD |
| 3 rd place | 10 000 USD | 9 th place | 5 500 USD |
| 4 th place | 9 000 USD | 10 th place | 5 000 USD |
| 5 th place | 8 000 USD | 11 th place | 4 500 USD |
| 6 th place | 7 000 USD | 12 th place | 3 500 USD |

The prize amounts are indicated after all relevant taxes and duties have been withheld.

The prizes are granted according to the ranking, in consideration of all the additional indicators. If all the indicators are the same, the prize money is shared equally.

The prize money is paid within 30 (thirty) business days after conclusion of the Tournament via the banking details indicated by the Participant.

7. Financing Terms

The Russian Chess Federation bears all the expenses related to Tournament organisation and prize payment.

All Addenda to these Regulations are regulated by the Event Rules