



SUNWAY SITGES

INTERNATIONAL ONLINE CHESS OPEN

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Organization

The tournament is organized by the Sunway Sitges Chess Club and Chess.com.

Participants

All players with a valid FIDE license and a valid FIDE id number can take part in the tournament.

System of play

Swiss System, 9 rounds. The pairings will be made by the “Swiss Manager” software, being the referee team responsible for those pairings.

Dates and schedule

The tournament will take place from April 17th till April 26th, 2020 (playoffs will take place on April 26th). Each round will start at 5:30 p.m. CEST (i.e. Sitges time, which is the same time as in Barcelona, Paris, Berlin or Rome) or 11:30 a.m. ET (i.e. NYC time) or 8:30 a.m. PT (i.e. LA time) or 9:00 p.m. IT (i.e. Delhi time).

Time control

90 minutes for each player, with increment of 30 seconds from the first move.

Groups of play:

Two competition groups will be established:

- Open section (group A): open to all players with a FIDE valid license and over 0 ELO rating points.

- Group B: open to players with a FIDE rating below 2000 points and who have not surpassed 2100 FIDE rating points in the last 3 years. Playing in this group is optional: all players can enroll in Group A if they wish.

The organization reserves the right to forbid the participation of players in group B based on other criteria, such as abrupt drops in the rating lists prior to the tournament dispute, odd rating downloads in certain tournaments, etc.

The tournament will not be valid for ELO FIDE.

Prizes:

The total prize fund is of 6.000 € (4.550 € for group A and 1.450 € for group B) plus some Chess.com premium accounts with a total value of 495 €.

Additionally, a free 10-night stay for up to 4 people during the VII Sunway Sitges 2020 International Chess Festival - which will take place in December this year - at Sunway Amapola Apartments in Sitges will be raffled among all the participants (regardless of the playing group in which they are registered). The occupants of that apartment will have free registration in the Open tournament of the festival (900 € value).

Finally, all participants of the Sunway Sitges International Online Chess Open will have free registration in one of the 2 blitz tournaments that will be played during the dispute of the aforementioned Festival (registration valued of 20 €), if they decide to play in Sitges in December.

The distribution of prizes is as follows:

- Open tournament (group A):

General ranking:

Rank	Prize
1 st	1.500 € + trophy
2 nd	750 €
3 rd	500 €
4 th	300 €
5 th	200 €
6 th	150 €
7 th	125 €
8 th	100 €
9 th	75 €
10 th	50 €
11 th - 16 th	Chess.com membership

Rating sections:

2400-2500	
1 st	100 €
2 nd	75 €
3 rd	Chess.com membership
2300-2399	
1 st	100 €
2 nd	75 €
3 rd	Chess.com membership
2150-2299	
1 st	75 €
2 nd	50 €
3 rd	Chess.com membership
2000-2149	
1 st	75 €
2 nd	50 €
3 rd	Chess.com membership

Special prizes:

U-16	
1 st	Trophy
U-12	
1 st	Trophy
U-10	
1 st	Trophy
Women	
1 st	150 €
Veteran (>65)	
1 st	50 €

- Group B:

General ranking:

Rank	Prize
1 st	300 € + trophy
2 nd	200 €
3 rd	100 €
4 th	75 €
5 th	70 €
6 th	65 €
7 th	60 €
8 th	50 €
9 th	40 €
10 th	30 €
11 th - 16 th	Chess.com membership

Rating sections:

1800-1900	
1 st	100 €
2 nd	50 €
3 rd	Chess.com membership
1700-1799	
1 st	50 €
2 nd	30 €
3 rd	Chess.com membership
1500-1699	
1 st	50 €
2 nd	30 €
3 rd	Chess.com membership
<1500	
1 st	Chess.com membership
2 nd	Chess.com membership
3 rd	Chess.com membership

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Cash prizes are personal and non-transferable and will be subject to the withholding tax established by the tax authorities in accordance with Spain's current legislation. Prizes of the general ranking and of rating sections will not be cumulative: those players who are eligible for two prizes will receive the prize of the highest economic value. However, prizes for the best woman and the best veteran of each group can be accumulated with other prizes. Cash prizes will be transferred once the tournament is over.

Trophies (not cash prizes) will be given during the awards' ceremony of the 7th Sunway Sitges International Chess Festival 2020, to be held in Sitges (Barcelona, Spain) next December. Chess.com premium memberships are 3-month "Diamond" memberships.

The raffle prizes and other eventual gifts are also personal and non-transferable.

Registration and registration fee:

Only players with a valid FIDE license will be able to participate in the tournament. Players have to register for the tournaments by filling in the form available at Chess.com. If they face some difficulties or have some doubts, they can send an e-mail to the Organization's address at info@sunwaychessfestival.com.

Registration for the tournament shall be valid once the registration form has been filled in and payment by a valid credit/debit card has been confirmed. Registration fee is of 15 € / 16,50 \$, and all benefits will go to a local Sitges' area hospital fighting Covid-19 (Hospital Residència Sant Camil) after paying tournament costs. Registration is free for Grandmasters and Women Grandmasters, as well as for players with a FIDE rating over 2400, and it will therefore be optional for them to contribute to the charitable objective of the tournament.

Registration for the tournament will close at 12:00 a.m. CEST on April 17th.

Byes:

Number of byes a player can request is unlimited. For each bye or rest requested, zero points will be assigned. Byes should be requested by sending an e-mail to referees before the end of the round before the one they are requesting the by for, and will be considered just if the answer to that request is positive. Prior to the start of the tournament byes can be requested at info@sunwaychessfestival.com.

Waiting time

30 minutes.

Results and pairings:

Pairings for the first round will be published at Chess.com, the tournament's website and on Chess-Results.com soon after registration for the tournament has closed. For subsequent rounds, at the end of each round, and once validated by the referees, partial results and pairings will also be available on those sites.

Tie-breaks:

After the 9th round, a provisional classification for both group A and group B of the tournament will be obtained by applying the following tie-break system, and in the following order:

- 1) Buchholz FIDE least the worse result.
- 2) Total Buchholz FIDE.
- 3) Sonnenborg-berger.
- 4) Particular games' results among players still tied, should they have played against each other.
- 5) Raffle in the virtual presence of the Competition Committee.

For the purposes of calculating the Buchholz systems, the "virtual opponent" method will apply for games not played.

According to that provisional classification, tie-break games will be organized for April 26th in order to decide the final classification, as well as for obtaining trophies and/or cash prizes. No trophies and cash prizes will be divided among the players who have tied points.

First 16 classified players in that provisional classification of each group will have to play match-play tie-break games that will decide the final general classification.

This match-play tie-break will consist of an eliminatory system (round of 16, quarter-finals, semifinal and final) among the top-16 players of each section of the tournament, in the following way:

- 2 blitz games with a rhythm of 5 minutes + 3 seconds per play (5 '+ 3 "), alternating colors.

- In case of a tie, a blitz game "Armageddon", with 6 minutes for the player with white and 5 minutes for the player with black. The color of each player will be raffled and, in case of draw, the player who has played with black will win.

Fair play regulations and measures:

All players must have a webcam and the possibility of audio activation in their playing devices. Moreover, players have to have an active Skype account in order to communicate with referees or to be contacted by them.

It is not allowed the presence of more than one player in a room or in a playing area, and no more persons can be in that room or playing area while the game is being played. It is also strictly forbidden to have in the playing room or playing area any other electrical device than the one being used to play.

All games will be surveilled by Chess.com's fair play algorithm. They will also be surveilled by arbiters. Furthermore, arbiters will be entitled to use video surveillance of players. Games under video surveillance can be decided both prior to the start of each round, randomly during each round or even by request of a player (arbiters reserve the right to decide in each case). In order to allow video surveillance, players will have to enter a link provided by the organization prior to the start of the round, or when they are asked to (Zoom software will be used for video surveillance).

A player who fails to let arbiters use that video surveillance (using the player's webcam), even of the room or playing area he or she is playing at (in order to check if there are other people in the room or area, an electronic device, etc.), may be removed from the tournament immediately.

Games will be reviewed using Chess.com's fair play review process that may – after arbiters' additional review – lead to removing a player from the tournament between or in the middle of rounds. If a player is removed from the tournament mid-round, they will lose the game and, thus, his or her opponent will get a full point. The player who is removed from the tournament will lose all his or her points, although no previous games' results will be altered.

If a player is removed from the tournament, he or she will lose the right to obtain cash prizes or trophies, and will not be entitled to get a refund of registration fees.

If arbiters need to contact a player during the round they may use Skype to do so. If a player does not allow such communication, he or she may also be withdrawn from the tournament, losing all his or her rights. The Tournament Organization may request identification proof from all participants.

Players authorize referees to take control of their playing device in order to check if they are running other inadequate software in case they have doubts on this point.

The Organization reserves the right to make some specific modifications in the tournaments' fair play control measures, in order to improve their effectiveness. Players will be notified if this occurs.

Claims:

Any claim of an arbiters' decision will have to be addressed by e-mail to the Organizer, who will forward it to the Competition Committee. It must be done no more than 30 minutes after the end of the game in which the decision in dispute took place. In this case, the player must state to the corresponding referee of the tournament his intention to appeal so that it is taken into account and, if necessary, can be considered to delay the publication of pairings. Once this time limit has passed, the claim will no longer be admitted. The Competition Committee's decisions will be final and unappealable.

This Competition Committee shall consist of the Director of the tournament and 5 players (3 holders and 2 alternates, the latter for those conflicts that involve any of the holders, or if they could not be located). During the first round of the tournament, the Organization will choose that Committee.

In blitz games (final match-play tie-breaks), the decisions of the tournament's main referee will be final and not subject to appeal.

Other participation rules:

The breach of any of the general rules listed below may result in the loss of a game or even in the dismissal from the tournament, as well as in the loss of any right to cash prizes or trophies, or the refund of any amount that the player could have paid (i.e. registration fee).

- Chess games that take place during the Sunway Sitges International Online Chess Open shall be governed by the tournament's regulations, by the Laws of Chess and by current FIDE regulations, interpretations and supplements.
- Participation in the tournament implies the knowledge and tacit acceptance of its rules of play.
- It will be the responsibility of each player to be assigned to the correct group of play in the tournament. Also, the player must ensure that his or her details that appear in the various registration lists and rankings are correct, and should inform the Organizers in the event of a mistake. If a player is found out not to be assigned to the correct group or to have provided some incorrect information deliberately, he or she will immediately be expelled from the tournament.
- The winners of games (or both players in the event of a draw) will be responsible for communicating the results of their games to the referees. If the outcome of a game has not been notified to the referee team, both players will be considered to have lost that game.
- The Organizers reserve the right to make some small specific modification in tournaments' schedules, in order to improve their development. Also, under referees' advice, the Organization may increase or decrease the number of rounds of the tournament. Although expected to be an improbable circumstance, if any changes occur, players will be notified well in advance.
- Participation in the tournament implies acceptance by the player that his or her personal details and games' information may be published in different media that the

Organization considers desirable for better publicity of the event. These means include, for example, registration lists, games' results, tournament rankings, retransmissions, etc.

- Players are not allowed to talk to anyone during the dispute of their game.

Final dispositions:

A minimum of 100 players have to register in each of the sections of the tournament so that it can take place. If this should not be the case, the Organization may consider to cancel the tournament and reserves the right to do that.

All participants accept the tournament's regulations.

The use of physical chess boards to support games is permitted.

Staff:

Tournament Director: Francesc González Alonso

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