

SOME POINTS ABOUT THE 17th TIPC 2018

- If the texts or even the nuances in the languages of the regulations differ, the rules in French apply.
- The tournament will take place from Saturday 28/07/2018 to Saturday 04/08/2018 in the Complexe Sportif, Rue des Couturelles 2 in Roux.
- This edition of the TIPC also counts as the Belgian Championship. So there will be an expert group with 10 participants based on the Tournament Rules of the Belgian Chess Federation (BCF). In addition, there will also be 3 groups in the open where the Tournament Rules of the BCF form the basis, but where these regulations of the TIPC change some points.
- **Chief arbiter experts and Open A:** Sylvin DE VET (BEL) (IA);
chief arbiter Open B and Open C: Renaud BARREAU (BEL) (A);
deputy chief arbiter: Philippe SAUVE (FRA) (IA)
deputy arbiters: Laetitia HEUVELMANS (BEL) (B), Luc Cornet (BEL) (IA)
- **registration - announcement of presence on the first day:** each pre-registered player who has also paid, must announce his presence at the arbiter table in the playing area before 14h30. The pre-registered players who have not yet paid, must be at the arbiter table in the playing area before 14h. The registrations on the spot by non-registered players are also only possible until 14h.
- **entitlement to play:** according to art. 3.i of the Tournament Rules of the BCF, each player must be affiliated with a Belgian or foreign club. From August 2013, FIDE requires that every foreign player must have a FIDE ID. If a player is not in order, the FIDE will not process the results of the tournament for FIDE-ELO. In order to fulfill this obligation, the organization will refuse any registration of a foreign player if there is no FIDE ID. However, the player himself can turn to his own federation to obtain a FIDE ID there. As soon as the organization has received his FIDE ID, his registration will be accepted.
- **start of the rounds:**
all rounds except on Monday (30/07) and on Saturday (04/08): 15h;
Monday (30/07) there are two rounds: 10h and 16h;
Saturday (04/08): 10h
- **3 groups in the open:**
 - group A for the players with an elo of 1900 or more
 - group B for the players with an elo between 1500 and 1999
 - group C for the players with an elo of 1599 or lower
- **in which group can a player play?** it is the FIDE elo which is decisive in which group a player plays (if the player does not have a FIDE elo, it will be his national elo). If with this elo a player has the choice to play in two groups, he is automatically placed in the highest group. A player can request an exception to play in another group if he makes this request in writing to the organization at least three days before the start of the tournament (i.e. 25/07/2018). This application will only be accepted in case the national elo of the player would allow him to play in the other group.
Given the fact that this edition also counts as Belgian Championship and that the titles of Belgian Champion Open and Belgian Champion Ladies can only be achieved by the participants from the A-group, there is a possibility of exception for the ladies who play in the B-group to still to play in the A group. This request for exemption must be made in writing to the organization no later than three days before the start of the tournament (i.e. 25/07/2018).
- **system of ranking at the start of the tournament:** the pairings of the 3 groups of the open as well as the division into the elo categories are

made on the basis of ELO with the FIDE-ELO taking priority over the national ELO (Swiss on Rating)

- **sending the results:** the results of all groups are forwarded for both FIDE and Belgian elo treatment.
- **regulation:** the tournament will be played according to the FIDE Laws of Chess approved at the 88th FIDE Congress in Goynuk (Turkey) and which are in effect from January 1, 2018.
- **rate of play:** the Fischer rate of 40 moves in 1h30, followed by 30 minutes for the remainder of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.
It is played with electronic clocks where the move counter is not switched on, which means that the base time of the second period (ie the 30 minutes) will only be added as soon as a flag has fallen. In other words, a flag fall between the first and second period has no effect if 40 moves have been made.
- **tie break system in case of equality of points:**
Experts: Mutual result - Number of wins - SonneBorn-Berger - Koya - Number of times played with black
Open: Progressif - Average Rating Opponents Cut - SonneBorn-Berger
- **announced absence:** (only for the open groups) one can be absent for one or more rounds: you will not be paired, but you will not get a point either; the absence must be reported to the chief arbiter and signed on the absence list that is on the arbiter table.
- **pairings:** the pairings of the next round are made about 30 minutes after the last game and these will be hung in the playing hall and then published on the internet (<http://www.tipc.be>). The program used for making the pairings will be the latest version of Swar (currently 3.90 of 07/07/2018). There are no accelerated pairings.
- **BYE:** if a player is bye, he should not be present that round. He gets a point for this. BUT, every player has to make sure that he is bye or not. Because we do not have your contact details, we probably can not inform you either.
- **forfeit:** players who forfeit a round without notifying one of the contact persons, will not be paired again for the next rounds. The irresponsible forfeits will be passed on to the BCF, which may take sanctions if necessary.
Pairings published on the website can still be changed in the case of a forfeit (even with the bye player) on condition that the chief arbiter and both players agree and this makes little or no difference for titles or prizes.
- **contact persons:** if you would have problems playing a round that has already been paired, then you should inform one of the following persons as soon as possible:
Luc CORNET ++32/474/99.52.74 of
Renaud BARREAU ++32/476/41.34.60 of
Robert ROMANELLI ++32/471/21.17.40
- **absence of players:** a forfeit of a player will be pronounced according to articles 2.g of the Tournament Rules of the BCF and 6.7.1 of FIDE Rules of Chess only if he has not shown one hour after the planned start of the session, unless the arbiter decides otherwise (article 6.7.2).
In case of an unannounced forfeit, a player may only go home as soon as an arbiter allows him to do so.
- **mobile phones:** according to the rules of FIDE it is forbidden to bring a mobile phone or any other electronic means of communication into the playing area (i.e. everything in the building: the gaming room, the toilets, the bar, the analysis room, the smoking room). But the Tournament Rules of the BCF are more flexible. During his match a player may not carry a mobile phone (or any other electronic means of communication) on

his body. If it is found that he still carries such a device, he loses the game and his opponent wins (if mat potential). As a result, the players are asked, AT THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITY, to leave their mobile phone at home or at their guest house or in their car, or to hand them SWITCHED OFF to a non-player. If all this is not possible, then it is allowed to place a mobile phone SWITCHED OFF AT YOUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY along your board, or in your jacket hanging on the chair (which is not taken to smoke), or in a (hand)bag (which is not taken to the toilets). It is also permissible for a player who enters the game room when the round is already started, to comply with this rule regarding his mobile phone before making his first move.

On the other hand, if it is discovered that a mobile phone is located in a allowed place, but it is not switched off, the owner, if he is still playing, will receive a penalty of 10 minutes that is deducted from his reflection time. (If with this penalty his flag would have fallen and he had not fulfilled the conditions within this period of time, he loses the game.) This player may then switch off his mobile phone in the presence of the arbiter. If later in the same game it is rediscovered that his mobile phone is not switched off, he loses the game.

- anti-cheating measure: the organization is equipped with a detector of electronic devices. Any proven abuse or fraud will be subject to prosecution and information to rightholders.
By playing in this tournament, each player has been notified of this anti-cheating measure and agrees, in accordance with Article 11.3.3 of the FIDE rules of chess, to cooperate fully in case of control.
- **Sofia-rules about draws:** without the permission of the arbiter, a player may not propose a draw to his opponent without having played at least 20 moves and at least one hour in total has been played. And in the case where the player would forget this rule and still suggest a draw, his opponent can't accept this unauthorized draw offer either. Claiming a draw on the basis of the cases provided for in the FIDE rules of Chess is of course possible, but in those cases the claim must already have been addressed to the arbiter.
- **conduct:**
 - It is forbidden to disturb the opponent in any way.
 - It is forbidden to smoke in the player area. It is allowed to smoke outside. This means: at the bottom of the stairs at the parking (side of the electric gate) or on the terrace of the cafeteria (one can't smoke on the platform of the stairs at the arbiters, not even when it rains).
 - Analyzing and playing blitz in the playing hall after the end of a game is not allowed.
 - The players are asked to put the pieces in the starting position after their game and to switch off the electronic clocks.
 - Each player must sign both notation forms after the end of the game. The winner (or in case of a draw the white player) brings the original of the notation forms to the arbiter table.
 - When leaving the table after the game the players are also asked to take all waste and deposit in the bins as well as to bring the empties to the provided places at the back of the playing hall.
- **appeal committee:** an appeals committee is set up before the start of the second round. The composition will be displayed in the playing hall. If a player does not agree with the decision of an arbiter which is also ratified by the chief arbiter, he can lodge an appeal in writing and must deliver this to the chief arbiter within half an hour after the end of his game. In addition to this appeal, a guarantee of 100 EUR must also be issued. If the Appeals Committee judges that the appeal is fully or partially founded, the guarantee will be fully reimbursed. In the other case, the organization will transfer the guarantee to CREC's account.

- **prizes:** the prizes of the expert group and the 3 groups of the open will be communicated at the latest on Tuesday evening. In the expert group, the tournament prizes are shared on points. In case of equality on points in the other groups, the tournament prizes are divided according to the tie break points (prizes are not shared). The awarding of category prizes in all groups also takes place on the basis of the tie break points (i.e. no sharing of prizes). Here is a repeat of the announced categories:
 - first prize in the expert group: 1.500 EUR
 - 20 EUR per point in the expert group
 - total prize money in the open of 7.500 EUR guaranteed if 250 participants in total for the 3 groups of the open
 - first prize A-group: 1.000 EUR
 - first prize B-group: 500 EUR
 - first prize C-group: 300 EUR
 - prizes per elocategory
 - junior prizes (<20 on 01/01/2018) (birth year 1998 or higher)
 - veteran prizes (> 59 on 31/12/2018) (birth year 1958 or lower)
 - ladies prizes
 - prizes for the two best represented clubs (with a minimum of 10 players)
 - prize Ville de Charleroi for the best performance: per round over all groups the player with the best performance that has defeated his opponent will be rewarded. The best performance is calculated by the difference between the 2 elo's used. In the case of an unclassified player, his elo will be determined as 1150.

To have a prize in a category, there must be at least 5 participants.

- **prizes are not cumulative:** a player who qualifies for multiple prizes will receive the best prize. If he can win the same amount in several categories, the order in which the prizes are divided is as follows:
 - general ranking
 - ladies
 - rating category
 - age category
- **cup:** a player will receive the cup(s) to which he/she is entitled. The categories where there will be cups, will be announced at the time the prizes are communicated.
- **prize-giving ceremony:** on Saturday 04/08/2018 the prize-giving ceremony is scheduled for 17h30.
- **to be entitled to the prizes a mandatory presence is required.** unless in case of force majeure left to the discretion of the organizing committee, an absent player is not allowed to be represented and thus waives his prize.
- **final reception:** after the award ceremony, a glass of friendship will be handed out by the organization of the TIPC. You are warmly invited for this.

In case of a problem, whatever, do not hesitate to make this known to the organization (possibly via the arbiters). We will provide the desired result to the extent possible.

Every suggestion is always welcome because it allows the organization to improve ...

The entire organization team wishes you an excellent 2018 edition of the International Tournament of "Pays de Charleroi".