

**RULES OF THE 24th INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT "CIUTAT DE BARCELONA"****1. ORGANIZER:**

The Catalan Chess Federation, under the sponsorship of the Barcelona Council, the Sant Andreu District and Barcelona's Sports Institution.

2. PARTICIPANTS:

Open to all players with a valid FIDE license.

3. VENUE:

Espai Bota, Recinte Fabra i Coats, C/Sant Adrià, 20 (Barcelona).

Adapted for disabled persons according to the prevailing regulations of the Generalitat.
Air-conditioned playing hall.

4. PLAYING SYSTEM:

Two groups: A (open to all) and B (under-2000 FIDE rating). The **FIDE Swiss System** based on rating (Dutch system) will be used for pairings, assisted by a FIDE homologated computer program. The length of the tournament will be **9 rounds**.

Players will be assigned by default to their corresponding group using the September 1st FIDE rating. Under-2000 players who wish to participate in the "A" group must make the request in the registration form.

5. TIME CONTROL:

The time control will be **90 minutes for each player with a 30 second increment** starting on the first move.

6. CALENDAR:

The tournament will be held from September 27th to October 5th 2019, both included.

7. CIUTAT DE BARCELONA STARTING ROUND TIMES:

Round 1: September 27th at 17:00	Round 6: October 2nd at 17:00
Round 2: September 28th at 17:00	Round 7: October 3rd at 17:00
Round 3: September 29th at 17:00	Round 8: October 4th at 17:00
Round 4: September 30th at 17:00	Round 9: October 5th at 09:30
Round 5: October 1st at 17:00	

Blitz Tournament: (8 rounds) Sunday September 29th 09:30.



8. REGISTRATION FEES:

a. Open "CIUTAT DE BARCELONA":

GROUP A

- Adults: 70€ (50€ for registrations before August 25th)
- Under-16 and seniors +65: 60€ (40€ for registrations before August 25th)
- Disabled persons 33% or more: 50€ (35€ for registrations before August 25th)
- Free for players +2450 FIDE rated.

GROUP B

- Adults: 60€ (40€ for registrations before August 25th)
- Under-16 and seniors +65: 50€ (35€ for registrations before August 25th)
- Disabled persons 33% or more: 40€ (30€ for registrations before August 25th)

15 € discount for "Peón de Rey" chess magazine subscribers.

Payments must be made by bank transfer to the following Caixabank account:

- ES28 2100 0804 3002 0084 8216 indicating CBCN + full name.
- **SWIFT / BIC:** CAIXESBBXXX

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

The deadline for inscriptions is September 23rd at 13:00 hours.

b. BLITZ TOURNAMENT:

- Adults: 10 €
- Under-16 and seniors +65: 5 €
- Disabled persons 33% or more: 5€

Payments can be made at the playing venue or by bank transfer to the following Caixabank account:

- ES28 2100 0804 3002 0084 8216 indicating BLITZ + full name.
- **SWIFT / BIC:** CAIXESBBXXX

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The deadline for inscriptions is September 28th at 21:00 hours.

9. DELAYS:

Players arriving at the board more than 30 minutes later than the official starting time of the round will be forfeited, unless the arbiter decides differently.



10. BYES:

Players can request up to **two (2)**, zero-point byes. Requests must be made directly to the arbiter before the end of the previous round.

11. RATINGS:

The tournament will be **FIDE, FEDA and FCE** rated.

12. NON-APPEARANCE:

Players who non-appear for a round will be eliminated, unless the arbiter decides differently. Eliminated and forfeited players will lose all their rights.

13. PAIRINGS:

Published pairings will not be considered final until 30 minutes has elapsed. After 30 minutes, pairings will not be modified unless the arbiter decides differently.

14. TIE-BREAKS:

Application order of the following tie-breaks:

- 1.- Result between the two players.
- 2.- Buchholz -1, with virtual opponent FIDE adjustment
- 3.- Buchholz Total, with virtual opponent FIDE adjustment.
- 4.- Buchholz Median (1) with virtual opponent FIDE adjustment
- 5.- Recursive Performance
- 6.- Sonneborg-Berger, with virtual opponent FIDE adjustment
- 7.- Raffle

15. TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

Mr. Jordi Magem Badals

16. APPEALS COMMITTEE:

The Appeals Committee will be formed by the Tournament Director (or his delegate) as President, and two adult players, with two reserve players. The decisions of the main arbiter can be appealed to the Committee **in writing and before 30 minutes after the incident takes place**. Players can request a **COMPLAINT FORM**.

17. PRIZES

Cash prizes:

Cash prizes will not be accumulative (except with the blitz cash prizes) and will be distributed in the following order, subject to current tax laws. If a player wins two non-accumulative prizes, except those of the blitz tournament, he will be awarded with the highest monetary value prize. If the prizes are the same amount, the tournament director will decide.

Section rating prizes: FIDE rating will be used for the standings. If a player doesn't have a FIDE rating, Catalan players will be rated by their Catalan rating whilst players from other Spanish



regions will be rated by their FEDA rating. Non-FCE players without a FIDE or FEDA rating will not score for the rating prizes.

Participants who don't play the last round will lose all their rights.

OPEN

Prizes

GROUP "A"

1º	4.000,00 €	6º	800,00 €	11º	300,00 €
2º	2.500,00 €	7º	700,00 €	12º	200,00 €
3º	1.500,00 €	8º	600,00 €	13º	150,00 €
4º	1.000,00 €	9º	500,00 €	14º	125,00 €
5º	900,00 €	10º	400,00 €	15º	100,00 €

General

GROUP "B"

1º	350,00 €	6º	70,00 €
2º	200,00 €	7º	60,00 €
3º	125,00 €	8º	60,00 €
4º	100,00 €	9º	60,00 €
5º	80,00 €	10º	60,00 €

**Section Rating
Prizes GROUP
"A"**

	Rating -2300	Rating -2150
	Section A	Section B
1º	400,00 €	300,00 €
2º	300,00 €	250,00 €
3º	250,00 €	200,00 €

**Section Rating
Prizes GROUP
"B"**

	Rating -1850
	Section A
1º	125,00 €
2º	100,00 €
3º	80,00 €

BLITZ

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1º	200,00 €
2º	100,00 €
3º	50,00 €
4º	40,00 €
5º	30,00 €

TOTAL PRIZE FUND: 17.365 €



Cash prizes will be subject to the current legal Personal Income Tax withholdings and will be paid by bank transfer to the bank account of the prizes winner.

Winners must provide the following information to receive their cash prize:

- Scanned two-sided ID copy to the federacio@escacs.cat email account.
- Fill in and sign the federation form for the payment of the prize via bank transfer and send the original (not scanned) to the Federation.
- Indicate the number of the bank account where the prize money must be sent.

TROPHIES

- **Trophies** for the first 3 players of each group.
- **Trophy** for the winner of each rating section.

18. MOBILE PHONES:

Mobile phones and/or any other electronic data processing or means of communication are strictly forbidden within the tournament venue (playing area, corridors, toilets, analysis room, etc.), without the specific permission of the arbiter. Players will lose their game, if it is obvious that they have a device emitting a sound or in view of the arbiter in the game room.

If a player needs to make a phone call while he is playing, he will have to ask the arbiter for permission, otherwise he will lose the game. In any other circumstance, the arbiter will decide on the most appropriate course of action.

The arbiter may exceptionally request that a player allows his or her belongings to be inspected. If the players refuses to cooperate with these obligations, the arbiter may take measures based on Article 12.9 of the Laws of Chess. The player may be expelled from the tournament, with further communication of the facts to FIDE after a second infraction.

19. ANTI-CHEATING:

The use of notes, sources of information, advice, mobile phones, media and analysis by the players is strictly forbidden during the game round. Using another chess set is also forbidden. The organizer will communicate these facts to FIDE. Under request, a FIDE complaint form will be available for the players.

20. RANKING:

The tournament rankings will be published on the FCE website and in the playing hall. FIDE rating will be used.

21. ETHICS:

Players will act and behave correctly, both inside and outside the facility, without dishonouring the game of chess. Players are not allowed to leave the playing hall without the referee's permission.



22. PUBLICITY:

The Catalan Chess Federation (FCE) wants to advertise the event, both in the press and on social networks. Therefore, they will publish photos and video images, as well as the minimum data for classifications and pairings. By signing up to the event, players authorize the Federation to publish images of the tournament in which they may appear in for advertising purposes. Likewise, permission is given to other companies collaborating with the event to publish photographs, videos and the minimum data.

23. DISCIPLINE:

Players in the event accept and obey the Sports Discipline Jurisdiction and the internal rules and regulations of the Catalan Chess Federation.

24. NOTWITHSTANDING, these provisions will be regulated by the rules of the FCE and FIDE.

25. THE PARTICIPATION in the tournament implies the mandatory acceptance of these rules.