III INTERNATIONAL CHESS OPEN AMPOSTA MEMORIAL "JOSÉ BALAGUÉ" COMPETITION RULES

0.- Organization: the III International Chess Open Amposta Memorial "Jose Balagué" is organized by Club d'Escacs Amposta, founded in 1948.

For this third edition, the competition will be part of the 'XIII Circuit Internacional Català d'Opens d'Estiu d'Escacs', sponsored by the Government of Catalonia and organized by the Catalan Chess Federation.

1.- Venue: AUDITORI D'AMPOSTA, located at the end of the street Juan Sebastian Arbó in Amposta, opposite to the Exhibition Hall and Xiribecs Park. The competition venue, including all the facilities, have appropriate accessibility for people with lack of mobility. The Analysis room is located outside of the Competition room, at the building hall. All the facilities have air conditioned.

2.- Dates & Schedule: From August 1st to August 7th, with daily afternoon game starting at 16:30 pm, except on Tuesday August 2nd and Thursday August 4th, in which there will also be a round in the morning starting at 10:00am. On Sunday August 7th, there will be a single game that will begin at 9:00am.

1st round	Monday	01/08/2016	16:30pm
2nd round	Tuesday	02/08/2016	10:00am
3rd round	Tuesday	02/08/2016	16:30h
4th round	Wednesday	03/08/2016	16:30h
5th round	Thursday	04/08/2016	10:00h
6th round	Thursday	04/08/2016	16:30h
7th round	Friday	05/08/2016	16:30h
8th round	Saturday	06/08/2016	16:30h
9th round	Sunday	07/08/2016	9:00h

3.- Competition System: Swiss System at 9 rounds.

Pairings will be made with the computer program "Swiss Manager" and claims will not be accepted except for the case of human error in the use of the program. Players who, after pairings have being done, and without any justification, do not attend one (1) round, will be eliminated and withdrawn from the tournament and they won't be entitled to reimbursement of the tournament registration fee.

Players who do not show up within 60 minutes of the start of a game, will lose that game automatically.

Players are entitled to a maximum of three (3) byes optionally, i.e. each player is allowed to rest a maximum of 3 rounds in case he/she wishes. One bye in one round means a score of 0 points in that round. Byes are not allowed in any of the last two rounds (8th or 9th rounds). Players will have to request the bye to the referee before the completion of the previous round to the one in which the bye has to apply, and the request needs to be written down in the form that the arbiter has to this scope. A bye for the first round has to be requested in written to the organization at the time of registration via e-mail at club.escacs.amposta@gmail.com

4.- Time Controls: 90 minutes plus an increment of 30 seconds per each move.

5.- ELO: Valid for ELO FIDE, FEDA and FCE.

6.- Registration fees: All registrations must be paid before July 30th 2016 via a bank transfer to the account ES47 0081 0132 1600 0624 7731 ("Banco Sabadell" bank) or ES28 2100 0140 9502 0052 9516 ("La Caixa" bank), indicating first name and family name, as a necessary prerequisite for to participate in the competition. In order to avoid no-shows, it won't be allowed to any player to play the fist round without having paid the registration fee beforehand. Registration fees payments must be done before the first day of the competition at 15:30, time at which the registration period ends.

General 30.00€	**Veteran 25.00€**
Local Club Members 25.00€	**Under-16 20.00€**

Registration limited to a maximum of 120 players.

The organization reserves the right of admission of any player.

7.- Registration and information: Until July 30th 2016 at 15:30 pm via web form at www.internacional.escacsamposta.cat , or else:

> Telephone: 620.15.21.50 - Ferran Torta Navarro, Tournament Director
> e-mail: club.escacs.amposta@gmail.com

Registration and participation in the tournament implies the acceptance of the rules .

8.- Prizes: In the event of players that are tied in points in the final results, the prizes won't be distributed equally among them, but following the tiebreaker rules defined in section number 10 of this Competition Rules document.

For the delivery of the prizes, it is required that the awarded players are present during the closing ceremony. Otherwise, they won't entitle anymore to those prizes and claims will not be accepted.

Cash prizes are not cumulative.

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1rd place	600 euros and trophy
2nd place	450 euros and trophy
3rd place	300 euros and trophy
4th place	175 euros
5th place	125 euros
6th place	110 euros
7th place	100 euros
8th place	90 euros
1st ranked over-55	50 euros and trophy
1st ranked local player	50 euros and trophy
1st ranked from Maestrat region	Trophy
1st ranked from North Tarragona region	Trophy
1st ranked from Terres de l'Ebre region	Trophy
1st ranked female	Trophy
1rs, 2nd and 3rd ranked Under-16	Trophy
1rs, 2nd and 3rd ranked Under-14	Trophy
1rs, 2nd and 3rd ranked Under-12	Trophy
1rs, 2nd and 3rd ranked Under-10	Trophy

All prizes will have the tax retention that will apply to each case.

9.- Closing ceremony and awards: At 14:00 on August 7th 2016 (or at the end of the last round).

10.- Tie-Breaking systems: The tie-breaking systems will be as follows:

At the end of the last round, a draw will be made to determine the first and second tie-breakers between:

- Average Buchholz with FIDE virtual player adjustments
- Total Buchholz with FIDE virtual player adjustments

If equality persists, the tie-breakers would be, in this order, as follows:

3rd. Result of the game between the tied players

4th. Recursive performance

5th. Draw (ultimately)

(FIDE virtual player adjustments will be applied too in the case of non-played games)

11.- Tournament Director and Arbiters:

Tournament Director: Ferran Torta Navarro

Arbiter: Manolo Navarro Pérez (International Arbiter)

Assistant Arbiter: Ruben Morales Medel