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Russian Chess Federation


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**The REGULATIONS
Of the XII open international chess festival
«AEROFLOT OPEN – 2013»**

1. Aims and objectives of the tournament

- Branding of JSC “Aeroflot – Russian airlines” as socially responsible company;
- promoting and popularizing rapid chess and blitz tournaments in Russia;
- determining the winners of the tournaments, included in the chess festival “AEROFLOT OPEN-2013” programme

2. Organizers of the tournament

Organizer of the tournament is the Russian Chess Federation (RCF). The key sponsor of the tournament is JSC “Aeroflot – Russian airlines”.

Direct holding of the tournament is assigned to the panel of arbiters. The Chief Arbiter is IA Raetsky A.V. (Voronezh). The Chief Secretary is IA Makhnev V.N. (Kimry). The Tournament Director is Zakharova A.V. It is the Organizing committee that is assigned to ensure security during the Tournament

3. Dates and venue of the tournament

The tournament is to be held from 11th February (arrival) to 18th February (departure) in Moscow, at the address: 4, 1st Zachatyevsky lane,

PROGRAMME OF THE FESTIVAL EVENTS

N	Event	Dates and time	Venue
1	Arrival of the participants, accommodation	11th February	Hotel “Tourist”, 17, Selskokhozyaystvennaya str., Moscow. Other hotels – at the choice of the participants.
2	The Opening ceremony	11th February , 8 pm Moscow time.	4, 1 st Zachatyevsky lane.
3	Rapid chess. Stage 1 – open tournament	12th February – rounds I-IV I round – 2 pm II round – 3.15 pm III round – 4.30 pm IV round – 5.45 pm	4, 1 st Zachatyevsky lane.
		13th February – rounds V-IX V round – 2 pm VI round – 3.15 pm VII round – 4.30 pm VIII round – 6 pm IX round – 7.15 pm	4, 1 st Zachatyevsky lane.

4	Blitz. Open tournament	14th February. I round – 2 pm II round – 2.30 pm III round – 3 pm IV round – 3.30 pm V round – 4 pm VI round – 5 pm VII round – 5.30 pm VIII round – 6 pm IX round – 6.30 pm	4, 1 st Zachatyevsky lane.
5	Rapid chess. Stage 2 – qualification of 8 finalists	15th February 1 round – 2 pm 2 round – 7 pm	4, 1 st Zachatyevsky lane.
6	Rapid chess. Stage 3 - final. 8 qualification finalists meet 8 invited chess players	16th February. 1/8 final – 2 pm ¼ final – 7 pm	4, 1 st Zachatyevsky lane.
		17th February. 1/2 final – 2 pm Final match – 7 pm	4, 1 st Zachatyevsky lane.
7	The Closing ceremony	17th February , 8.30 pm, after the end of the final match	4, 1 st Zachatyevsky lane.
8	Departure of the participants	18th February	

4. Financial conditions

All expenses of organizing and holding the tournaments carried out as part of the chess festival «AEROFLOT OPEN-2013», including provision of the prize fund, are covered by the Russian Chess Federation. Overall prize fund of the rapid chess tournaments of the festival amounts to 100 000 USD. Prize fund of the blitz tournament amounts to 50 000 USD.

Payment for work, board, accommodation and travel costs of the arbiters – at the expense of RCF.

Board, accommodation, travel costs and insurance of the participants and accompanying persons – at the expense of the sending organizations and/or participants.

5. Brief overview on the tournaments

- 12-13 February – open rapid chess tournament, Swiss system, 9 rounds. Players who won places 1-32, take part in the qualification tournament to the final of the «AEROFLOT OPEN-2013».
- 14 February – open blitz tournament. Swiss system, 9 double rounds.
- 15 February – knock-out rapid chess tournament. Players who took places 1-8, qualify for the final of «AEROFLOT OPEN-2013».
- 16-17 February – final of the rapid chess tournament «AEROFLOT OPEN-2013». Knock-out system with 16 participants. 8 chess players invited by RCF and chess players who took places 1-8 in the qualification tournament take part.

6. General requirements for the participants

The participants of the tournaments are obliged to:

- Give short interviews to the MEDIA after the games;
- Be present at the press-conference (obligatory for the participants invited to take part in the press-conference).

Behaviour of the participants during the tournament is regulated by FIDE rules and requirements, and also Rules&Regulations of the sports sanctions in the sport “Chess”.

Recording of the moves in the games of the blitz and rapid chess tournaments included in the «AEROFLOT OPEN-2013» programme, is not obligatory for the participants.

7. Registration and contact information

Only the chess players who have provisionally submitted the registration form and got the registration confirmation from the organizers are allowed to take part in the rapid open tournament and blitz open tournament. The form can be filled in on-line (http://russiachess.org/championship/detail/2012/aeroflot_open_2013/) no later than 21.00 Moscow time, 15 January. After that time, the access to the registration form will be closed.

(Access to the registration form can be closed earlier if the number of the requests submitted exceeds the maximum allowed number.)

Maximum number of the participants in each open tournament – 300 people.

Registered chess players are to pay the tournament fees.

Rapid tournament fee is 1000 RUR, blitz tournament fee – 500 RUR. Fees are paid in cash RUR only. Chess players with the title of GM or WGM do not pay the fees.

Fees can be paid in advance – on business days from 1 to 11 February at RCF Account department, from 10.00 to 18.00, at the address: Moscow, Gogolevsky boulevard, 14, bld. 1.

Tournament fees can also be paid at the open tournaments registration – 12 and 14 February – from 10.30 to 13.00 at the tournament venue.

For additional information on all the events of the «AEROFLOT OPEN-2013» festival please refer to Alyona Vikhornova (RCF, Moscow), tel.: +7(495)690-27-51 or e-mail: alena.vikhornova@russiachess.org.

8. Accommodation

For the participants of the 12-th international open chess festival «AEROFLOT OPEN-2013» from February, 11th-14th, there is a **special offer on accommodation costs at the “Tourist” hotel**: 1400 rub per night in the Standard double room (if the accommodation is single), and 1500 rub per night in the Comfort double room (if the accommodation is single). The above mentioned offer does not include breakfast. Breakfast cost – 300 rub.

More info on the hotel at the website www.hotelturist.com

Accommodation conditions for the participants of the rapid chess tournament who have got the right to continue fighting for the participation in the final, will be negotiated separately.

Hotel “Tourist” contacts:

Address: 129226, Selskohozyaistvennaya str., 17, Moscow, Russia

Tel : +7 (495) 980-7391, +7 (499) 187-7045

E-mail: hotel@hotelturist.com

9. Conditions for holding the tournaments included in «AEROFLOT OPEN-2013»

RAPID CHESS

Stage 1. Open tournament, is held from the 12th to 13th of February according to the FIDE Laws of rapid chess as a Swiss system event in 9 rounds.

Computer drawing of lots will be carried out using the Swiss Manager programme. Drawing of lots for the 1st round on the 12-th of February at 1,30 pm (participants registration and fees payment – February 12 till 1p.m).

No more than 300 first registered players take part in the tournament.

Rate of play:

15 minutes for the game with 10 seconds increment per move, starting from the first move, to each participant.

Default time – 0 minutes.

The standing is determined according to the number of points scored by the participants (a won game is 1 point, a lost game is 0 point, a drawn game is 0,5 point), and in case of a tie the following auxiliary scorings are used (in significance descending order):

- Buchholz coefficient;
- Sonneborn-Berger coefficient;
- Direct encounter;
- Highest number of wins.

Awarding and winners' rights: participants who took places 1-32, qualify for the qualification tournament to the «AEROFLOT OPEN-2013» rapid final.

Stage 2. Qualification to the rapid final of «AEROFLOT OPEN-2013» is held on February, 15, according the FIDE Laws of rapid chess, with adequate games supervision, as a knock-out system event, with 32 participants, who have qualified from the open rapid tournament included in the «AEROFLOT OPEN-2013» festival.

Drawing of lots: A participant who took ^{the} 1-st place in the open tournament meets the participant who took the 32nd place in the open tournament, 2nd place – 31st place, etc. (see tournament draw – Annex No. 1.)

Rate of play: 15 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 10 seconds per every move, starting from the 1st, to each participant. In each round there are 2 games played. In case of a tie one decisive game is played, with the rate of play 5 minutes (the white pieces) and 4 minutes (the black pieces) for the rest of the game with 3 seconds increment to each player per move, starting from the 61st move. In case of a draw in the decisive game a player with the black pieces is declared the winner. Colour of the pieces in the decisive game is chosen by the participant who has drawn the lot.

In the match games, a draw request using the moves fixation in the online transmission of the game is allowed, if a position arises no less than 3 times and if the rule of 50 moves is used (subject to there were no break-downs in transmission).

A draw is fixed in the following way: in case after the bidder's move a 3-times repeating of a position arises or a 50 moves rule takes place, the bidder **MAKES A MOVE ON THE BOARD** (not recording it), stops the watches, refers to the arbiter with a request to fix the draw.

After the end of each game the participants are obliged to sign the protocol.

Awarding and the winners' rights:

Participants who took places 1-8, qualify for the final rapid chess tournament «AEROFLOT OPEN-2013».

Each participant who took place 9-16, receives money prize in the amount of 1 500 USD.

Each participant who took place 17-32, receives money prize in the amount of 1000 USD.

Stage 3. Final rapid chess tournament as part of «AEROFLOT OPEN-2013» chess festival is held on 16-17 February according to the FIDE Laws of rapid chess, with adequate games supervision, as a knock-out system event, with 16 participants: 8 chess players invited by RCF, and 8 chess players, who took 1-8 places in the qualification knock-out tournament.

Rate of play: 15 minutes for the game with 10 seconds increment per move, starting from the first move, to each participant. In each round there are two games played. If the score is level one decisive game is played, the time control – 5 minutes (for the Whites) and 4 minutes

(for the Blacks) for the rest of the game with 3 seconds increment per move, starting from the 61st move, to each participant.

In case of a draw in the decisive game a player with the black pieces is declared the winner. Colour of the pieces in the decisive game is chosen by the participant who has drawn the lot.

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After the end of each game the participants are obliged to sign the protocol.

In the tournament draw participants are positioned according to the rapid chess rating as of 1st February 2013. Drawing of lots system: in 1/8 the participant No.1 meets the participant No.16, No.2 – No.15, etc. (see tournament draw – Annex No. 2.)

Awarding and the winners' rights: participants of the final tournament receive money prizes.

1 place – 16 000 USD
2 place – 10 000 USD
3-4 – 6 000 USD to each prizetaker
5-8 – 3 500 USD to each prizetaker
9-16 – 2 500 USD to each prizetaker

BLITZ

Open blitz tournament included in «AEROFLOT OPEN-2013» is held on February, 14th, according to the FIDE Laws of blitz as a Swiss system event in 9 double rounds.

Computer drawing of lots will be carried out using the Swiss Manager programme. Drawing of lots for the 1st round on 14 February at 13.30 (participants registration and fees payment – till 13.00).

No more than 300 first registered players take part in the tournament.

Rate of play: 3 minutes for the game with 2 seconds increment per move, starting from the first move, to each player.

Default time – 0 minutes.

The standing is determined according to the number of points scored by the participants (a won game is 1 point, a lost game is 0 point, a drawn game is 0,5 point), and in case of a tie, the following auxiliary scorings are used (in significance descending order):

- Buchholz coefficient;
- Sonneborn-Berger coefficient;
- Direct encounter;
- Highest number of wins;

Awarding and winners' rights: participants who took places 1-30, receive money prizes.

Blitz tournament prize fund - **50 000 USD**

1 place – 10 000 USD

2 place – 7 000 USD

3 place – 5 500 USD	8 place – 2 000 USD
4 place – 4 000 USD	9 place – 1 500 USD
5 place – 3 500 USD	10 place – 1 000 USD
6 place – 3 000 USD	11-20 places – 600 USD to each prizetaker
7 place – 2 500 USD	21-30 places – 400 USD to each prizetaker

Prizes are not split.

10. Prize money payment

NB! *All prize money in these Regulations is stated before individual income tax to be paid according to the current legislation of Russian Federation. The amount of withholding for RF citizens is 13%, and for the foreign citizens (non-residents) – 30%.*

The prizes are paid via bank transfer by RCF. To receive the prizes the participants of the tournament are to submit their full bank details to RCF Account department (in the form of a bank certificate) and a copy of the passport (for RF citizens – the 1st page and the page with the note of registration; for foreign citizens – a copy of the page with the photo and general personal data).

These documents can be handed over to the RCF representative at the tournament or sent to the RCF Account department by e-mail: Deviatova@russiachess.org or by fax +7 (495) 691 97 55 no later than February, 23, 2013.

11. Appeal committee

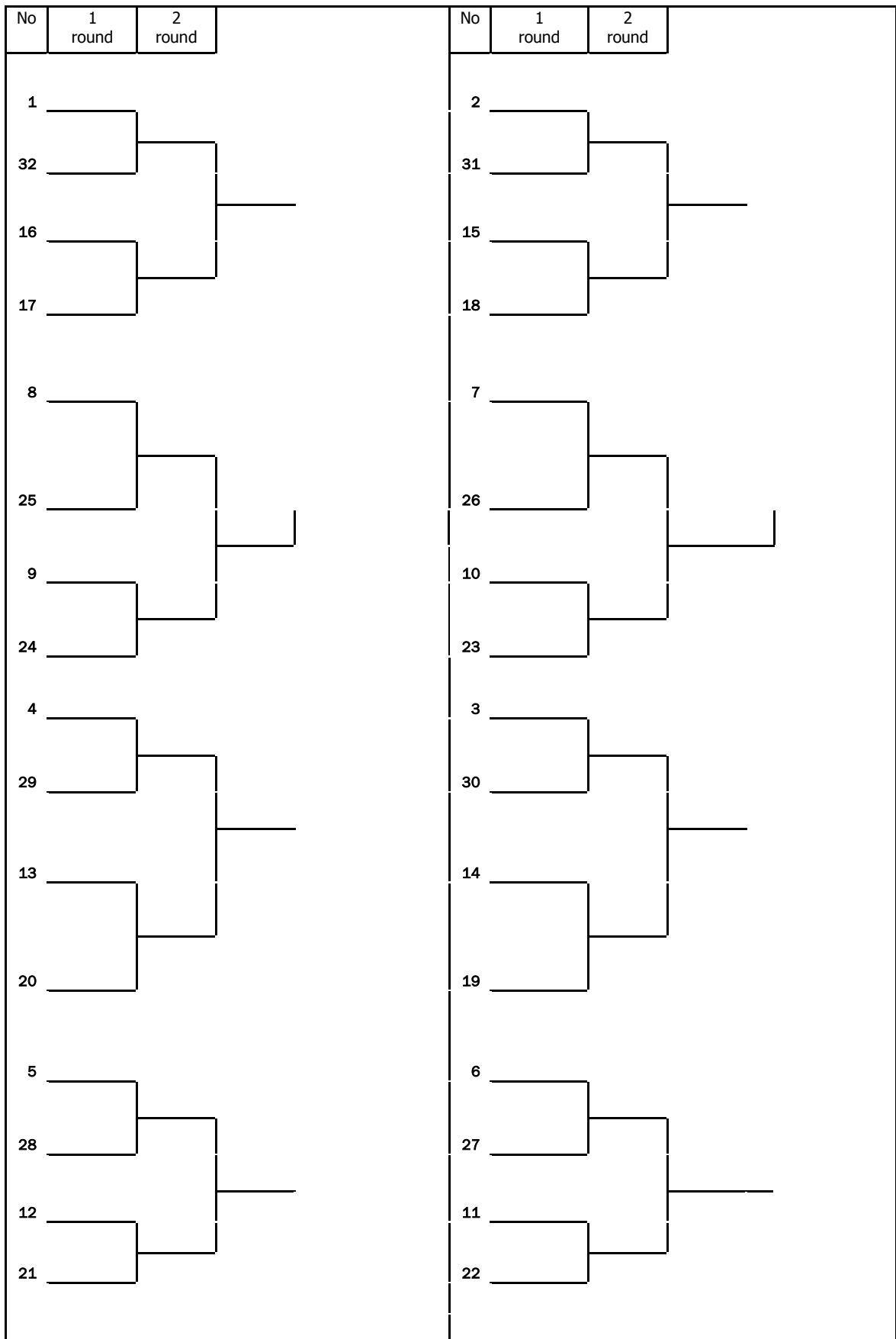
Appeal committee (AC) is appointed by RCF, and consists of 3 main and 2 reserve members. Chairman of the Appeal Committee is I.V.Levitov.

If there is a disagreement with the Chief Arbiter's decision, a request to the Appeals Committee is submitted by the participant in writing no later than 10 minutes after the end of the game. When submitting a protest (appeal), a bidder should pay a deposit of 3000 (Three thousand) RUR. In case a protest (appeal) is satisfied, the deposit is returned to the bidder. If a protest (appeal) is not satisfied, the deposit is transferred to the Russian Chess Federation account. A decision of the Appeals Committee is final.

All possible addenda to the present Regulations, if any, will be made available at a later time in the Additional Regulations.

Annex No. 1

Tournament draw of the qualification stage to the rapid "Aeroflot OPEN-2013" final



Annex No. 2

Tournament draw of the rapid «AEROFLOT OPEN-2013» final

