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Russian Chess Federation

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**Regulations**  
**The International Rapid and Blitz Chess Tournament**  
**Mikhail Tal Memorial**

**1. Objectives.**

The competitions are held with the purpose of developing and promoting chess in the Russian Federation.

The objective of the competitions is to determine the winners.

**2. Organizers and hosting organizations.**

The general management of organizing and holding the competitions is carried out by the All-Russian Public Organization "Russian Chess Federation" (hereinafter referred to as the RCF). The direct holding of the competitions is entrusted to the Board of Arbiters.

The Chief Arbiter is International Arbiter Anatoly Bykhovsky (Russia).

The Competitions Director is International Organizer Mark Glukhovsky (Russia).

**3. Security of Participants.**

During the competitions, security is ensured in accordance with the requirements of the Regulation of the Ministry of Sport of Russia on International Chess Competitions for 2018.

The responsibility for security lies with the Competitions' Organizing Committee.

**4. Participants of the competitions.**

1. Nakamura Hikaru (USA, 2823/ 2853\*)
2. Anand Viswanathan (India, 2805/ 2801)
3. Nepomniachtchi Ian (Russia, 2803/ 2768)
4. Kramnik Vladimir (Russia, 2795/2784)
5. Grischuk Alexander (Russia, 2792/ 2846)
6. Svidler Peter (Russia, 2770 / 2793)
7. Mamedyarov Shakhriyar (Azerbaijan, 2755/ 2714)
8. Karjakin Sergey (Russia, 2724/ 2868)
9. Gelfand Boris (Israel, 2644/ 2745)
10. Dubov Daniil (Russia, 2617/ 2767)

\* - ELO rating RAPID/BLITZ dated 01.02.2018

The tournament participants shall meet the following requirements:

- Strictly follow the tournament schedule
- Attend press conferences and give short interviews to the media after the games

## 5. Dates and venue.

The competitions are held from 1 March (arrival date) till 6 March (departure date) 2018 in Moscow/

### Competitions program:

- 1 March

Arrival and accommodation of the participants

- 2–4 March

### Rapid chess

Museum of Russian Impressionism (Leningradsky Prospekt 15, *stroyeniye* (building) 11; Belorusskaya Metro station).

2 March (rounds 1–3)

3 March (rounds 4–6)

4 March (rounds 7–

9)

Round 1 – 15.00

Round 4 – 15.00

Round 7 – 15.00

Round 2 – 16.30

Round 5 – 16.30

Round 8 – 16.30

Round 3 – 18.00

Round 6 – 18.00

Round 9 – 18.00

- 5 March

### Blitz.

Central Chess Club (bld. 14/1, Gogolevsky blvd)

Start of round 1 – 14.00

- 6 March

Departure of participants of the competitions.

## 6. Rules of holding the competitions and determining the results.

The Competitions are held in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess. The mandatory cheating control is carried out in compliance with the FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines, with increased protection.

### Rapid chess

A single round-robin tournament with 9 rounds. Article A.3 applies.

Time control: game in 25 minutes, with a 10-second increment after each move starting from move 1.

The places are awarded in accordance with the number of points gained. 1 point is awarded for a win, 0.5 points for a draw, and 0 points for a loss. If the number of points is equal, the places are awarded according to tie-breakers (in the order of decreasing importance), with the exception of a tie for the first place:

- Direct encounter;
- The Sonneborn – Berger score;
- The Koya system.

If 2 participants tie for first place, they play in an additional competition with the following rules: two blitz games with 5 minutes for the game, with a 3-second increment after each move starting from move 1, for each participant.

If the score is tied (1–1), a decisive game (Armageddon) is played with 5 minutes for White and 4 minutes for Black, with a 3-second increment after each move, starting from move 61, for each participant. The colour of the pieces is chosen by the participant who drew the lot. In the event of a draw, the participant who played with Black is considered to be the winner.

If 3 or more participants tie for the first place, they play an additional blitz competition with the time control of 5 minutes for the game, with a 3-second increment after each move starting from move 1, for each participant, in order to determine the winner or the best two participants, who then play a decisive game (Armageddon) with the time control of 5 minutes for White and 4 minutes for Black, with a 3-second increment after each move, starting from move 61, for each participant. The colour of the pieces is chosen by the participant who drew the lot. In the event of a draw, the participant who played with Black is considered to be the winner.

The additional competition starts at least 15 minutes after the games of all the contenders are finished.

#### Blitz.

A single round-robin system of 13 rounds. Article B.4 applies.

Time control: 5 minutes for the game, with a 3-second increment after each move starting from move 1, for each participant.

The places are awarded in accordance with the number of points gained. 1 point is awarded for a win, 0.5 points for a draw, and 0 points for a loss. If the number of points is equal, the places are awarded according to tie-breakers (in the order of decreasing importance), with the exception of a tie for the first place:

- Direct encounter
- The Sonneborn – Berger score
- The Koya system

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### **7. Distribution of the prize fund**

The guaranteed total prize fund of the competition is 150,000 USD.

Rapid chess – 120,000 USD.

Distribution of the prized fund in accordance with the places taken\*\*:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	25,000 USD	6 <sup>th</sup> place	9,000 USD
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	20,000 USD	7 <sup>th</sup> place	8,000 USD
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	15,000 USD	8 <sup>th</sup> place	7,000 USD
4 <sup>th</sup> place	13,000 USD	9 <sup>th</sup> place	6,000 USD
5 <sup>th</sup> place	12,000 USD	10 <sup>th</sup> place	5,000 USD

**The prizes are NOT shared.**

Blitz – 30,000 USD.

Distribution of the prize fund in accordance with the places taken\*\*:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	10,000 USD
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	8,000 USD
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	6,000 USD
4 <sup>th</sup> place	4,000 USD
5 <sup>th</sup> place	2,000 USD

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\*\* These prize amounts are indicated after the deduction of the relevant taxes and duties.

The RCF pays the prize money to the participants via a bank transfer to the current accounts indicated to the RCF during 2 months after the day of determining the results of the competition. The bank details for the prize transfer (in the form of a bank statement) are submitted to the RCF's Accounting Department by email: [deviatova@ruchess.ru](mailto:deviatova@ruchess.ru)

### **8. Financing terms.**

The competition expenses, including the guaranteed total prize fund – 150,000 USD, the travel fees, meals and accommodation of the participants, are paid by the Organizing Committee.

### **9. Appeals Committee.**

The Appeals Committee is elected and consists of 3 main and 2 reserve members. Appeals against the arbiter's decisions can only be submitted in written form and within five minutes after the end of the round, with a security deposit of 500 USD. If the appeal is dismissed, the money goes to the RCF to cover the competition expenses.

The decision of the Appeals Committee is the final one.

### **10. Contact details.**

For more information about the competition, please contact Ekaterina Vasilchenko at the RCF by email: [ks@ruchess.ru](mailto:ks@ruchess.ru)

Official website of the competition: [www.ruchess.ru](http://www.ruchess.ru)