

Tournament regulations Chess Festival Groningen 2019

1. Competition rules

The tournament is played according to the FIDE *LAWS of CHESS*, edition January 2018.

A copy is available at the playing venue.

The default time as mentioned in Article 6.7.1 will be 30 minutes.

2. Tournament Schedule

The tournament consists of :

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| Open Group A (>2000) | 21–30 Dec. |
| Open Group B (1600 – 2100) | 21–30 Dec. |
| Open Group C (<1700) | 21–30 Dec. |
| Three-round event | 22–24 Dec. |
| Compact groups | 26–30 Dec. |

The organization can decide to give some players a ‘Wild Card’, or to put group B and C together.

In the Open Groups A, B and C will be played nine (9) rounds, in the Compact Groups five (5) rounds.

The pairing in the Open and Compact Groups is according to ‘Swiss on rating’.

FIDE rating is leading, in case it is missing a national or an estimated (reasonable) rating.

In the Open groups a player may ask for a higher group if a national rating is suitable for it, not for a lower group.

In the compact groups and three-round-event can be made other decisions.

3. Bye

It is not possible to take a bye in the Open A Tournament.

Players in the Open B/ C can take a bye in one of the first five rounds.

Players in the Compact groups can take a bye on December 26 (1st round).

All byes (with round number) must be reported preferably on the entry form, or during registration, or by separate e-mail or by telephone, but anyhow before the end of the registration.

A bye will be rewarded with the score of a draw, an extra absence or absence in other rounds as mentioned is not rewarded.

4. Rate of play

The rate of play in all groups is:

90 minutes for the first 40 moves; followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game; with an increment of 30 seconds per move from the start.

5. Pairings

a) After a round has ended, the new pairings will be published as soon as possible.

b) Once the pairings have been published, they cannot be changed anymore, except in unforeseen extraordinary circumstances.

- c) There cannot be made fixed pairings only to make title norms possible.
- d) When a player checks out from a round because of special circumstances, he must inform the organization before 19:00 hours at the evening before the round. (3rd round at last Sunday 15:00 hrs.)
- e) When a player checks out before a round later than mentioned above - for instance because of illness – the organization may consult a physician.

6. The recording of the moves

Each player is required to record his own moves and those of his opponent, move after move on the score sheet prescribed for the competition.

At the conclusion of the game both players shall sign both score sheets or the result form, indicating the result of the game.

The (originals of the) score sheet or the result form must be handed over to the arbiters simultaneously.

7. Wrong result

In case of a wrong game result, the pairing for the next round will not be changed if it has been published already. Yet the wrong result will be corrected.

8. Protests ; Commission of Appeal

An appeal against a decision of an arbiter should be submitted to the tournament direction, in writing within an hour after the conclusion of the round. The direction convenes the commission of appeal, which consists of three representatives of the players and two substitutes. The decision of this commission is binding and will be published before the start of the next round.

9. Final ranking & tie-break systems

In case of joint finishing the final ranking will be agreed upon as follows:

- a. *(only to determine the tournament winner:)*
the results between the players involved in the tie;
- b. Buchholz (sum of opponents' scores);
- c. Sonneborn-Berger score;
- d. progressive score;
- e. number of won games;
- f. drawing of lots;

10. Prizes in case of joint finishing

In case of an equal number of points prize money will be shared.

In case of a shared prize the amount of money will never be less than one third (1/3) of the smallest prize in the group.

If a final individual prize is less than one third of the lowest prize in the group, one or more players will lose their prize money according to the rules mentioned in article 9, until the minimum prize has been reached.

11. Rating processing

All results will be processed for Dutch national rating; the results in the Open groups, Compact ABC and probably D, as well as the three-round-event if at least three in a group of four players are FIDE rated, will be processed for FIDE rating.

12. Sanction

When a participant leaves the tournament early or doesn't appear for one or more rounds of play without informing the tournament organization on beforehand, the organization committee can double the entry fee for this participant for the next tournament. This extra paid fee will be refunded if the participant has finished this next tournament completely.

13. Final provisions

It is not allowed to drink alcoholic beverages in the playing hall, neither to use electronic devices.

Players are not allowed to use, nor to carry with them in the playing venue, electronic devices - switched on - such as mobile phones, tablets, laptops or any other equipment which makes it possible to communicate (or to analyse chess games).

Equipment – switched off - may only be stored in a bag or a coat/jacket at one spot during the game. If it becomes clear that the equipment is switched on, the player's game is considered to be lost.

There is no risk if it is stored at the arbiters' table.

In cases not foreseen in these regulations the tournament committee decides, after consulting the arbiters.