



10th Mediterranean Individual Championships 15th – 26th of October 2015 – Beirut – Lebanon

Under the patronage of FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov

To All FIDE Affiliated Chess Federations in Mediterranean Chess Association

The Lebanese Chess Federation, on behalf of the FIDE, invites your Federation to participate in the 10th Mediterranean Individual Men and Women's Chess Championships - Normal and Rapid chess, scheduled 15th (arrival) to 26th (departure) of October 2015 in Beirut, Lebanon.

RULES & REGULATIONS

The Championships will be played in accordance to the FIDE rules and regulations:

1. ELIGIBILITY & PARTICIPATION

Each Federation from FIDE, listed in the MCA statute, can enter one official player in the Men's Championship and one official player in the Women's Championship.

If a Federation wishes to have additional player(s) participating, besides those qualified through the normal way and by right, it should apply to the Organizing Committee. Additional players can participate in the competition only after getting official consent from the Organizing committee.

2. REGISTRATION

Entry shall be submitted by the MCA federations on the event website:

www.lebanesechessfederation.com

- Application form to be filled.
- A digital ID photo and passport scan to be uploaded.
- Letter of designation of the official player by his MCA federation to be uploaded.

The registration should be **before October 1st**, 2015. If the Federations submit the registration form of their player(s) after the deadline, they may have to pay for their accommodation.

3. Traveling Expenses and Airport Transfers

Traveling expenses shall be covered by the participating Federations.

Transportation from the Beirut International Airport to the hotel and back will be managed by organizers for free.

4. Accommodation

The invited participants, a man and a woman identified by each federation will be hosted by the organizers with free accommodation (full board) in double or triple rooms in the hotel organizing the tournament.

The **5 star hotel** of the tournament: RIVIERA HOTEL - Beirut

<http://www.rivierahotel.com.lb/>

Any additional participant or accompanying person will have to pay for all their expenses, (100\$) per person per day in a double room, or (\$120) per day for single occupancy, both options with full board. Hotel payments for the accompanying persons or extra players should be made in advance to the Organizing Committee or upon arrival in Beirut.

5. System and rate of play

Men and Women players will participate in one joint tournament, giving the women category more opportunity for title norms. The **Championships** shall be conducted as a **Swiss system**, with **9 rounds**. Time control is 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes until the end of the game, with 30 seconds additional time per move, starting from move 1, for each player for the whole game.

The Blitz Open competition will be organized as a Swiss System of 9 rounds (could be changed depending of the number of players). The time control will be 3 minutes per player with 2 seconds increment for each move starting from the first move.

All games will be played using digital clocks.

6. TIE BREAK

The Tie break system for the overall ranking will be calculated by the following order:

- Sum of Direct Encounters if tied players have all played each other.
- Median Buchholz
- Buchholz
- Sonneborn-Berger

7. Pairings

Pairings will be made using the software Swiss Manager. The pairings will be announced as soon as possible after the finish of each round.

8. CHIEF ARBITER AND DEPUTY ARBITERS

The Chief Arbiter is (IA) Charles Kayle.

His Deputy and Assistants will be appointed by the Lebanese Chess Federation in consultation with the MCA General Secretary.

9. APPEALS COMMITTEE

Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or any of his assistants must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the Appeals committee within one hour after completion of the playing session. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 100 USD, as a deposit from the signatory. If the protest is accepted and the decision changed, then the deposit will be returned back to the claimant.

Otherwise money will be transferred to the MCA Treasury or Organising Committee. The Appeals Committee will be selected prior to the first round during the Technical meeting and will be made up of three persons selected by the majority of the players.

10. SCHEDULE

October 15	Arrival (after 12 noon)	
	Players' Meeting	18:00
	Opening Ceremony	19:00
October 16	Rd. 1	18:00
October 17	Rd. 2	16:00
October 18	Touristic Day & Blitz competition	
October 19	Rd. 3	18:00
October 20	Rd. 4	18:00
October 21	Rd. 5	18:00
October 22	Rd. 6	18:00
October 23	Rd. 7	18:00
October 24	Rd. 8	16:00
October 25	Rd. 9	10:30
	Closing ceremony	20:00
October 26	Departure (before 12.00 noon)	

11. PRIZES

The Total prize fund is 7,500 US\$.
All cash prizes are noncumulative

MEN:

1 st :	1,250\$
2 nd :	750\$
3 rd :	500\$
4 th :	300\$
5 th :	200\$

WOMEN:

1 st :	800\$
2 nd :	600\$
3 rd :	400\$

Under 2200

1 st :	300\$
2 nd :	200\$
3 rd :	100\$

Under 2000

1 st :	300\$
2 nd :	200\$
3 rd :	100\$

Blitz:

1 st	500\$
2 nd	400\$
3 rd	300\$
4 th	200\$
5 th	100\$

12. VISAS

Where required, entry visa will be issued by the Lebanese consulates in the respective countries. Participants from countries which do not have Lebanese consulates may contact the Lebanese Chess Federation for assistance at least **15 days in advance**.

13. ON-LINE COVERAGE

The Organizing Committee will offer coverage for the event on the following websites:

www.lebanesechessfederation.com

www.chess-results.com

Facebook → lebanesechessfederation (official page)

14. CONTACT PERSONS

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