

CAPPELLE LA GRANDE INTERNATIONAL OPEN 2014

TOURNAMENT RULES

Article I: Organization - Entries

The tournament is organized by “ L’Echiquier Cappellois ” chess club and takes place at the Palais des Arts in Cappelle-la-Grande.

The President of the Organizing Committee is Mr Michel GOUVART.

The tournament is registered with the French Chess Federation (FFE) and FIDE.

The following are definitely entered and will be included in the first round draw:

- players who enter in advance by post if their entry and entry fee reaches the organizers by Monday 23 February 2014,
- invited and titled players if they present themselves to the organizers by 12:00 at the latest on Saturday 1st March 2014 and fill in their entry form,
- other foreign players who enter in advance by e-mail who have paid their entry fee to the organizers by 12:00 on Saturday 1st March 2014.

Foreign players must have a FIDE ID.

By entering the tournament, players accept all the tournament rules.

Article II: Tournament timetable - special rules

The tournament will be held over 9 rounds as follows:

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| - Round 1: Saturday 01/03 at 16:00 | - Round 2: Sunday 02/03 at 14:00 |
| - Round 3: Monday 03/03 at 09:00 | - Round 4: Monday 03/03 at 16:00 |
| - Round 5: Tuesday 04/03 at 14:00 | - Round 6: Wednesday 05/03 at 14:00 |
| - Round 7: Thursday 06/03 at 14:00 | - Round 8: Friday 07/03 at 14:00 |
| - Round 9: Saturday 08/03 at 10:00 | - Prize-giving: Saturday 08/03 at 18:00 |

The rate of play is:

- 90 minutes plus 30 seconds per move for the first 40 moves and then
- 30 minutes plus 30 seconds per move to the end of the game.

The FIDE Laws of Chess (1st July 2009) will apply.

Players must not agree a draw in under 20 moves without the consent of the arbiter.

Players arriving 30 minutes or more after the start of a round shall lose, unless the arbiter decides otherwise. Notation is required throughout the game.

Article III: Fees

Adult: 50 euros

Youth under 20 (2014/01/01): 25 euros

Over 60 (2014/01/01): 25 euros

GM, IM, WGM, WIM: free

It is essential to pre-register through the tournament internet website.

Article IV: Pairings

The pairings will be made according to the accelerated Swiss system using the D.A.S. Method for the 7 first rounds. Before the first round pairings the arbiter will decide the rating limits of the 3 groups, depending on the entries. To achieve the pairings of round 4, games from round 3 may be adjourned. Unrated players receive an estimated rating which can be adjusted after round 7.

The arbiter will be assisted by P.A.P.I. pairings program.

Article V: Classification - Prizes

The classification is made according to the total numbers of point scored.

Ties are resolved first by the truncated buchholz (sum of adjusted scores of opponents minus two lower), by rating performance and then by buchholz.

If there is a tie the first 20 prizes in the general classification are shared according to the Hort system. Other prizes are not shared.

A player cannot win more than one prize. The definitive list of prizes will be displayed from round 7 at the latest. The organizer's decision on the award of prizes is final.

Prizes will only be awarded to players who attend the closing ceremony.

Article VI: Arbiters

The chief arbiter of the tournament is Mr Stéphane ESCAFRE, international arbiter (FRA).

He will be assisted by : Mr. Michel BARBAUT, Mr. Francis BUGNY, Mr. Fabrice CASIER, Mr. Carlos DIAS (POR) Mr. Alexandre FERYN, Mrs Anémone KULCZAK, Mr Miguel RAMOS VIZUETE (ESP) Mr Richard VAN MAELE, Mr Marc VANDERVORST, and Mrs Friederike WOHLERS-ARMAS.

Article VII: Players' behaviour

The analysis room is next to the restaurant. No analysis or conversations between players are allowed in the playing hall.

Two written warnings will lead to the immediate expulsion of a player from the tournament.

If a player has to default for unforeseeable reasons of absolute necessity he should explain the situation no less than 4 hours after the start of the round (03 28 24 39 15) to avoid being expelled from the tournament.

Any unethical action will be noted in the official report of the tournament and may lead to the request for a penalty to be imposed by the disciplinary committee of the French Chess Federation.

Article VIII: Disputes

If a player disagrees with an arbiter's decision he can give notice of appeal before resuming the game, which he must finish. After the game he must make a written statement of claim which will be attached to the official report of the tournament.

The Appeal Jury will be composed of three players plus three reserves, who will be appointed during the first round. The Jury's decision will be final.

The organizer
Michel GOUVART

The chief arbiter
Stéphane ESCAFRE