

Regulation - CHESS

ARTICLE 1

The chess tournament shall be played on a team basis.

ARTICLE 2

Each team consists of two players.

ARTICLE 3

Before the start of the competition, each participating country must inform the Tournament Director of the ranking of its players (No. 1 and No. 2).

This order may not be changed during the tournament.

Each participating country is assigned a letter based on the results of the previous year's tournament.

For pairing purposes, the teams are assigned the following numbers:

- Team A: Hungary – 1 and 10
 - Team B: France – 2 and 9
 - Team C: Luxembourg – 3 and 8
 - Team D: Austria – 4 and 7
 - Team E: Germany – 5 and 6
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ARTICLE 4

Starting from the 1995 tournament, games are played with a time control of **25 minutes per player per game** (Rapid Chess).

Match Format:

- The two players of each nation play eight rounds against all eight players of the other nations.
- The player listed first in the pairing plays with the white pieces.

Scoring:

- Win: 1 point

- Loss: 0 points
- Draw: ½ point for each player

The total number of points obtained by the two players of a nation determines the final ranking.

Tie-break rules (between two nations):

If two nations are tied (e.g. Germany A and Luxembourg D with 13 points each), the following criteria apply:

1. Result of match A1 vs D1 → winner ranked higher
 - If drawn → proceed to point 2
2. Result of match A2 vs D2 → winner ranked higher
 - If drawn → proceed to point 3
3. Results of matches A1 vs D2 and D1 vs A2
 - Team with more wins is ranked higher
 - If tied (1–1) → proceed to point 4
4. **Sonneborn-Berger System:**
 - Each player receives:
 - full points of opponents they defeated
 - half points of opponents they drew with
 - The sum gives the SB score

For ranking:

- First compare SB score of A1 vs D1
 - If equal, compare SB score of A2 vs D2
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ARTICLE 5

The FIDE rules for Rapid Chess shall apply.

Digital chess clocks must be used throughout the tournament.

Based on the numbering assigned in Article 3, the pairings are as follows:

R1: 10–6 7–5 8–4 9–3 1–2

R2: 2-10 3-1 4-9 5-8 6-7

R3: 10-7 8-6 9-5 1-4 2-3

R4: 3-10 4-2 5-1 6-9 7-8

R5: 10-8 9-7 1-6 2-5 3-4

R6: 4-10 5-3 6-2 7-1 8-9

R7: 10-9 1-8 2-7 3-6 4-5

R8: 5-10 6-4 7-3 8-2 9-1