

WORLD BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

Moscow, Russia, 19 – 22 November

REGULATIONS

1. Format

The Championship will be held in two phases:

a) Qualification tournament (Swiss system, 9 double rounds) will take place 19 – 20 November. Entitled to participate are players with a rating of 2625 and higher. There will also be about 10 wild cards.

Venue: Gogolevsky bld., 14, Central House of Chessplayer, named after Mikhail M. Botvinnik;

b) The final tournament is round-robin with 18 participants playing each other with white and black pieces (a double round-robin tournament).

Composition:

- 10 participants of the Tal Memorial Tournament 2007;
- 2 wild cards: V. Anand and A. Karpov;
- 6 players who qualified from the first-phase event.

Venue: GUM, Red Square, 2.

2. Substitutes – to be determined by the Organizers.

3. Accommodation

Non-Moscow residents will, as far as possible, be accommodated at a hotel near the centre of Moscow. The participants of the Final Tournament will be accommodated with full board at an hotel (of at least 4 star category) in the centre of Moscow.

4. Priorities for qualifying

4.1. Qualification tournament will be played according to the Swiss system in 11 double rounds (altogether – 22 games). The final standing order of players is determined by the number of points scored. Should two or more players tie for a qualifying place, the tie is resolved by

- Median Buchholz score (i.e. Buchholz score without the best and the worst results);
- Buchholz score;
- Number of wins;
- Results between the players involved;
- “Sudden death” game 5’ – 4’ (if more that two players – a tournament).

4.2. Final Tournament to be held 21 – 22 November. A double round-robin event (34 games to play in two days). The final standing of players is determined by the number of points scored. If there is a tie, it is broken by

- Sonneborne – Berger score;
- Number of wins;
- Results between the players involved;
- “Sudden death” game 5’ – 4’.

If several players tie for the first place, then the above priorities will be used to determine the first and the second players and the title will be decided in a sudden death game between them.

Lots will be drawn before the game, the winner choosing the color of his pieces in this last game. If the game is drawn, the player who has the Black pieces is declared the World Blitz Champion.

5. Rate of play (4 minutes per game to each player plus 2 seconds per move starting from move one).

6. Prizes

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| 1st place: US \$ 25.000; | 6th place: US \$ 5.500; | 11th-14th places: US \$ 2.500 each |
| 2nd place: US \$ 15.000; | 7th place: US \$ 4.500; | 15th-18th places: US \$ 1.500 each |
| 3rd place: US \$ 10.000; | 8th place: US \$ 4.000; | |
| 4th place: US \$ 7.500; | 9th place: US \$ 3.500; | |
| 5th place: US \$ 6.250; | 10v place: US \$ 3.000; | |

If there are ties in the final standing order, then all respective prizes, excepting the first one, are equally shared between the players who tied.

The players who are the first, second and third in the final standing order will be awarded, respectively, with gold, silver and bronze medals.

Chief Arbiter

Director of the Championship

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