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REGULATIONS

of the ‘Belaya Ladya’ All-Russian Open School Team Chess Tournament

I. GENERAL

The ‘Belaya Ladya’ All-Russian Open School Team Chess Tournament (hereinafter the Tournament) is held for the purposes of:

- promoting a healthy lifestyle among the younger generation;
- fostering spiritual and patriotic education of young people;
- increasing the popularity of mass sports among children and teenagers;
- encouraging pedagogical work of school managers and teachers to improve extracurricular activities.

The main objectives of the Tournament are to:

- establish a unified system of chess competitions among school teams;
- identify the best schools in terms of extracurricular activities;
- identify gifted young chess players;
- revive traditions and strengthen friendly sporting and cultural ties among the CIS, East European and Asian nations.

The Tournament’s official website is <http://ruchess.ru/en/>.

II. LOCATION AND DATES

The finals will take place in Sochi (Krasnodar Territory) between 1 June (arrival date) and 9 June (departure date) 2017.

III. ORGANISERS

The Ministry of Sports of the Russian Federation (hereinafter the Ministry of Sports) and the All-Russia Public Organisation Russian Chess Federation (hereinafter the RCF) are in charge of organising the Tournament, with support from the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation (hereinafter the Ministry of Education and Science).

An organising committee and a panel of arbiters appointed by the RCF will operate the finals.

IV. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS AND TERMS OF ADMISSION

Teams consisting of pupils up to 14 years of age (year of birth 2003 or later) from one school can take part in all stages of the Tournament. The pupils must have been admitted to their schools no later than 1 September 2016.

Team composition: 5 people, including 4 players (at least 1 girl) and 1 coach–team representative. One of the players must be the captain.

The Tournament finals are open to one winning team of a national competition among children’s amateur teams in each foreign country.

The Tournament finals are closed to combined teams of two or more schools.

If the participation requirements or terms of admission are violated at any stage, the entire team is excluded from the Tournament and stripped of any position gained.

V. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

1 June	arrival of participants;
	11.00 – 20.00 admissions commission;
	20.00 opening ceremony;
	22.00 meeting of teams representatives;
	22.30 arbiters’ meeting;
	23.59 pairings.
2 June	15.00 – 19.00 1 round;
3 June	10.00 – 14.00 2 round;
4 June	10.00 – 14.00 3 round;
	16.00 – 20.00 4 round;
5 June	10.00 – 14.00 5 round;
6 June	10.00 – 14.00 6 round;
	16.00 – 20.00 7 round;
7 June	10.00 – 14.00 8 round;
8 June	10.00 – 14.00 9 round;
	19.00 – tournament closing, awards ceremony;
9 June	departure of participants.

VI. RULES

The Tournament is held according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

Swiss system in 9 rounds. Computer pairing program - Swiss Manager 12.0.

Teams will be assigned starting numbers based on players’ average Elo ratings. If a participant has no Elo rating:

- for Russian teams, a Russian rating will be conditionally used;
- for foreign teams, the Elo-1000 rating will be used as a starting rating.

If there is an odd number of teams, a team that is “free” in the next round will receive 50% of the maximum allowable points, while its players will receive 0 points.

Time control: 1 hour 30 minutes per game for each participant with 30 seconds added for each move beginning with the first move.

The default time for the round is 10 minutes.

Once a match is finished, team captains must sign match result record sheet. The team player who finishes his game last may sign the record sheet instead of the captain.

An Appeals Committee (hereinafter the AC), to be elected at the meeting of representatives and consisting of three permanent members and two alternates, will be available at the Tournament.

A player may appeal against any referee decision by the team's coach filing a written appeal to the AC no later than 30 minutes after the round ends, and pay a security of RUB 3,000 (three thousand roubles). The security is refundable if the appeal is satisfied; otherwise, the money will be transferred to the RCF to cover the Tournament arrangement expenses.

All decisions by the AC are final. No appeals against computer pairings will be accepted.

The conduct of the competition participants will be regulated with the Regulations on Sport Penalties in the Chess Sport.

Cheating control is conducted according to the FIDE-approved Anti-Cheating Guidelines at the standard protection level.

VII. TERMS FOR DETERMINING RESULTS

The Tournament will be held among individuals and teams.

Individual game winners will be determined on the basis of the points earned. If the number of points is equal, positions will be determined in descending order by:

- Buchholz,
- the number of wins;
- direct encounter;
- Buchholz cut (without one or two worst results).

The Tournament's winning team and other prize winners will be determined on the basis of the total points earned by all of the team's players in all games. If the number of points is equal, positions will be determined in the following order:

- according to the greater number of points earned by the team (match win = 2 points, match draw = 1 point);
- if the numbers of teams points are equal, according to a game between the two teams;
- according to the team Buchholz score.

If the above indicators are equal, a team whose player earns more points at the first board will receive preference. If the number of points is equal, the results at the second and then the third boards will be compared.

VIII. PARTICIPANTS' AWARDS

Teams placing 1 to 3 places will be awarded cups, diplomas and special RCF prizes. Team players will be awarded medals and diplomas of the Ministry of Sports.

The coach of the winning team will be awarded a diploma of the Ministry of Sports.

Individual board winners and other individual prize winners will be awarded medals and letters of commendation from the RCF.

All participants in the Tournament finals will receive RCF souvenirs.

IX. FINANCING TERMS

The Ministry of Sports will provide financial backing for the event in the manner of Financing from the Federal Budget and Expenditure Standards for Physical Culture and Sports Events Included in the Calendar Plan of Inter-Regional, All-Russia and International Physical Culture and Sports Events.

All teams participating in the Tournament will be provided with accommodation and meals strictly during the period of the Tournament (1–9 June).

Participation expenses (round trip, per-diem in transit, insurance) will be borne by the organisations sending the teams.

Insurance will be provided for Russian teams participants out of the budgets of constituent entities of the Russian Federation and extra-budgetary funds in accordance with the effective legislation of the Russian Federation.

IX. SAFETY OF PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS

The Tournament will be held at sports facilities included in the All-Russia Register of Sports Facilities under Federal Law of 4 December 2007 No. 329-FZ ‘On Physical Culture and Sports in the Russian Federation’ and meeting the requirements of applicable regulations in the Russian Federation concerning maintenance of public order and safety of participants and spectators, subject to availability of confirmation of a sports facility serviceability to host sports tournaments approved in the established manner.

Medical assistance will be provided according to Order of the Ministry of Health Care and Social Development of the Russian Federation No. 613n of 9 August 2010 ‘On Approval of the Procedure for Provision of Medical Assistance During Physical Culture and Sports Events’.

X. INSURANCE OF PARTICIPANTS

Participation in the Tournament is subject to an original life and health accident insurance policy to be submitted to the admissions commission for each participant.

XI. APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION

Representatives of national chess federations must send an application for participation executed in the established format and a team questionnaire (Appendices 1 and 2) to the RCF by email to: juniorchess@ruchess.ru by **1 May 2017**. No applications or questionnaires filed after that date will be considered.

The application must contain the full school name, address, phone, fax, email and the full name of its principal.

Team leaders should send information about the date and time of arrival/departure and means of transport to the RCF by email to: juniorchess@ruchess.ru by **15 May 2017**.

The following documents are to be submitted to the admissions commission on the day of arrival at the Tournament finals:

- invitation to the Tournament;
- application for participation and a questionnaire in two originals in the established format (Appendices 1 and 2);
- original birth certificate or passport for each participant;
- original insurance policy for each participant.

APPLICATION
for participation in the finals
of the 'Belaya Ladya' All-Russian Open School Team Chess Tournament

Country	
School name	
School address	
School phone number	
E-mail	
Full name of school principal	

o.	Full name	Birth date	Residence address	Doctor's approval
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

_____ players admitted

Doctor _____
Signature, stamp

_____ full name

Team coach _____
Signature

_____ full name

School principal:

_____ Signature, school stamp

_____ full name

Questionnaire
for participation in the finals of the 'Belaya Ladya' All-Russian Open School Team
Chess Tournament

Team _____
school name

Country _____

Board 1

Last name	
First name	
Date of birth	
Title/grade	

Board 2

Last name	
First name	
Date of birth	
Title/grade	

Board 3

Last name	
First name	
Date of birth	
Title/grade	

Board 4

Last name	
First name	
Date of birth	
Title/grade	

Coach

Last name	
First name	
Patronymic	
Title/grade	
Contact phone number	

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I hereby certify that the above statement is true.

Team coach _____
Signature

(_____)
full name