

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BLITZ 2014

Rules & Regulations

1. The organization of the World Championship Blitz 2014 has been allotted by FMJD to the Royal Dutch Draughts Federation (KNDB) and will take place on December 20th 2014 in Hilversum, The Netherlands.

2. Participants:

Participation to the tournament is open for any player who accepts these rules & regulations up until a maximum of 60 players. Enrolments are accepted in order of their reception. If the maximum number of participants is reached, a reserve list will be created.

3. Venue:

Gooiland Theater

The Netherlands, 1211NG Hilversum, Emmastraat 2

4. Rate of play – 5'+3" Fischer

5. Competition system:

(a) Swiss system with 9 rounds

(b) After 9 rounds top 16 players play play-offs.

Each round of the play-offs, except of course for the last round, players (in order of places in the Swiss ranking) can choose his/her opponent from the players qualified for the play-offs. All other players continue playing the Swiss tournament. Only in the play-offs, following a draw, a G-L tiebreak will be played with rate 3'+2" Fischer. Losers of the play offs re-enter the next round of the Swiss tournament with the score obtained in the regular play-off game (if 0 in regular game: then with 0 back into Swiss, if 1 in regular game and 0 in tiebreak, with 1 back into Swiss).

(c) Round 10.

16 players play in play-off, others play round 10 of Swiss

(d) Round 11.

8 players play in play-off, others (including 8 losers in play-offs from round 10) play round 11 in Swiss

(e) Round 12

4 players play in play-off (semi-finals), others (including 4 play-off losers from round 11) play round 12 in Swiss

(f) Round 13 (last)

Winners from semi-finals play the final match. Losers from semi-finals and all others play last round of Swiss tournament for the places 3 – till last.

6. All FMJD rules (especially Annex VI) are valid.

7. The competition fee is € 100,-. The fee must be paid by bank transfer to FMJD (details see: <http://fmjd.org/fmjd.html>) or in cash before the closing of registration. Lunch (sandwiches, fruit, milk or orange juice) and 3 drinks (coffee, tea, or soda) are complimentary for each participant.

8. Any protest to the Jury d'Appel should be made in written form in English to the main referee no later than 10 minutes after the game that the protest is referring to. Each protest is valid only after paying a deposit of € 100,-. The deposit will be returned only if the protest is upheld.

9. Application (notification) by national federations to td@fmjd.org with cc to office@fmjd.org with a deadline of December 15th (federations can confirm all applications from their country in advance with just one e-mail to td@fmjd.org and cc to office@fmjd.org).

10. For visa invitation requests, please contact marcelkosters@gmail.com. For accommodation options, please visit event website <http://wcblitz2014.fmjd.org>.

11. In case of something not being clear in the FMJD regulations or in this regulation, the the main referee in consultation with the organization and the FMJD Tournament Director will decide.

12.Schedule:

Saturday December 20th → 09:45 Closing participants list
→ 10:30 Round 1
→ 17:30 Closing ceremony

13.Distribution of € 5,200 prize fund:

- 1st place 1,000 €
- 2nd place 750 €
- 3rd place 500 €
- 4th place 300 €
- 5th place 240 €
- 6th place 230 €
- 7th place 220 €
- 8th place 210 €
- 9th place 200 €
- 10th place 190 €
- 11th place 180 €
- 12th place 170 €
- 13th place 160 €
- 14th place 150 €
- 15th place 140 €
- 16th place 130 €
- 17th place 120 €
- 18th place 110 €
- 19th place 100 €
- 20th place 100 €