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REGULATIONS

ROMANIA GRAND PRIX 2023

1. Organisation

1.1. ROMANIA GRAND PRIX is a circuit of 5 open tournaments (two classical chess and three rapid chess tournaments) organized in 2023 in Romania.

1.2 ROMANIA GRAND PRIX Circuit will be held with the financial support of the Romanian Chess Federation and its partners, the Superbet Foundation and One United Properties.

1.3. The circuit will end with the ROMANIA GRAND PRIX Final (rapid chess tournament) in which the 12 best-ranked players in the circuit according to the accumulated points (see art. 3.1), but a maximum of 3 players who are not on Romania's Elo list, will participate. If among the first 12 ranked players there are more than 3 players who are not on Romania's elo list, the number of players will be supplemented with the corresponding number of best ranked Romanian players (on Romania's elo list).

1.4 Four more players will be added to the 12 players qualified based on the general ranking in the final according to art. 4.1 of this regulation

1.4. The national authority over the management, organization, development and approval of the competition belongs to the ROMANIAN CHESS FEDERATION.

1.5. THE ROMANIAN CHESS FEDERATION is the legal entity authorized and responsible for issuing regulations, procedures, training terms and directives for all technical aspects related to this circuit.

1.7 THE ROMANIAN CHESS FEDERATION will appoint a technical director of the circuit, who will supervise the conduct of the tournaments in accordance with these regulations. After the end of each stage of the Grand Prix, the Technical Director will draw up a report and take care to centralize the feedback from the participants.

1.8 The minimum prize fund for each of the 5 stages is 30,000 euros

2. Participants

2.1 Any player, regardless of his rating, has the right to participate in the ROMANIA GRAND PRIX as long as he has a valid FIDE ID on the date of registration.

2.2 Enrollment of players in competitions may be done until a deadline communicated in the regulations of each tournament. The required data will have to be sufficient to avoid any

confusion, namely: full name and surname, date of birth, FIDE ID. Sports clubs, coaches or players themselves are responsible for registering in competitions, as well as for booking and ensuring the financial conditions of participation.

2.3 If, for well-reasoned reasons, an athlete who was entered in the competition cannot reach the first round, he will have to announce this fact in order not to be included in the draw. In this case he will be able to benefit from a ½ point bye. Optionally, the organizers of the tournaments in the ROMANIA GRAND PRIX circuit can grant two byes of ½ point in the first 5 rounds of the tournament they organize.

2.4 During the competition, if a player withdraws permanently or only for a certain round, he must notify the referees so that he is not included in the draw. The non-appearance of an athlete at the game, except for the existence of a well-argued motivation, leads to his elimination from the competition and his exclusion from ROMANIA GRAND PRIX circuit. In any case, except for the situation provided by paragraph 2.3, not playing a game will automatically result in receiving 0 points.

2.5 Each stage of the Romania Grand Prix circuit will have a dress code mentioned

3. Obtaining GRAND PRIX points

3.1. The players will be scored according to the grid below for the place obtained in the general ranking of each tournament within the circuit. These points will be accumulated with the score obtained by the player in the tournament (for classical chess tournaments, the number of points in the tournament x 2) .

Place	GP points – classical chess	GP points – rapid chess
1	50	25
2	40	20
3	32	16
4	26	13
5	22	11
6	20	10
7	18	9
8	16	8
9	14	7
10	12	6
11	10	5
12	8	4
13	6	3
14	4	2
15	2	1

3.2 The cumulative score of a participant is calculated by adding up his best 4 results obtained in the tournaments in the ROMANIA GRAND PRIX circuit.

4. Qualification in the ROMANIA GRAND PRIX Final

4.1. The first 12 players from the ROMANIA GRAND PRIX circuit, based on the accumulated points from the circuit according to art. 4.1 and 4.2, qualify for the FINAL GRAND PRIX ROMANIA. To these are added the player with the highest score, the junior and respectively the junior with the highest score. The Romanian Chess Federation will grant 1 more wildcard to complete the number of players in the final (16).

4.2 In case of equal points, for the qualification in the finals a) the total number of GP points from all the circuit tournaments will be taken into account b) the total number of GP points from the classical chess tournaments c) the total number of victories from the Grand Prix Circuit d) younger age

4.3. In the event that one or more places become available due to the non-participation of one of the players with the right to play in the final, they will be replaced by the following players from the ranking of the GRAND PRIX ROMANIA circuit, in the order of the final points accumulated in the circuit (the best 4 results).

5. ROMANIA GRAND PRIX Final

5.1 ROMANIA GRAND PRIX final will be held under the direct organization of the Romanian Chess Federation

5.2 ROMANIA Grand Prix Final will be held with 16 qualified players following the criteria shown in art. 4. The players will be divided into 4 groups of 4 players each, where they will play a tournament system, each against each other. The top two finishers in each group will qualify for the quarter-final stage, which will be of KO type without the elimination of players (after the quarter-finals, the winners of the quarters will play for places 1-4, and the losers of the quarters will play for places 5- 8, the same principle applying until the last phase when matches will be played for places 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8)

5.3 In each phase of the KO final, the opponents will play 2 rapid chess games, one with white, the other with black. In each phase the player with the higher rapid chess Elo will have black in the first game. The winner of the match qualifies for the next phase, the loser will continue the competition in the lower group to determine the place in the ranking. For example, the winners of the quarter-finals will play in the next stage for places 1-4, and the losers will play in the next stage in the group for places 5-8

5.4. If the two-game match ends in a tie, a blitz tie-breaker game ("Armageddon") will be played in which white will have 5 minutes and black 4 minutes (with an additional time of 2 seconds/move starting with move 61) in case of a draw, the player who had the black pieces will qualify for the higher ranking group. The colors of this blitz tiebreaker will be determined by lot

5.5 The configuration of the first 12 players in the groups will be made considering the final ranking of the Romania Grand Prix circuit. The 4 (additional) players qualified according to article 5.1 will be ordered according to rapid-chess rating.
The composition of the groups is done as follows:

- group A: players ranked 1, 8, 9, 16;
- group B: players ranked 2, 7, 10, 15;
- group C: players ranked 3, 6, 11, 14;
- group D: players ranked 4,5,12,13.

5.6 The top two players in each group qualify for the KO phase where they will play in the quarter-finals (QF) as follows: QF1: 1st place in group A with 2nd place in group B; QF2: 1st place in group B with 2nd place in group A; QF3: 1st place in group C with 2nd place in group D; QF4: 1st place in group D with 2nd place in group C.

5.7 The winner of QF1 will play QF4 and the winner of QF2 will play QF3 in the semi-finals. Likewise, the losers will play matches for the 5th-8th place

5.8. The final ranking of the ROMANIA GRAND PRIX final will be established according to the results of the last phase (4th), which will include the matches for places 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8.

5.9. Participants in the ROMANIA GRAND PRIX final who withdraw from the competition, as well as those who will not participate in the awards ceremony, will not receive the prize for their position in the final ranking.

6. Financial regulations and prize fund

6.1. Full details for competitions within the ROMANIA GRAND PRIX circuit will contain the financial conditions for participation and will be made available to all sports structures in the country. The participation expenses (transportation, accommodation, meals, participation fee, organization fee) of the participants and accompanying persons (coaches, club officials, parents) will be borne by the sports clubs to which they are registered or by the respective persons, except players invited by the organizers.

6.2. The accommodation and meal expenses of the players participating in the ROMANIA GRAND PRIX final will be borne by the organizers.

7. Access to the playing hall, pictures

7.1 Flash photography and filming will only be allowed during the first 10 minutes of the round and only in classical chess. After this limit, with the referee's permission, cameras without flash may be used as long as they are silent.

7.2 The persons authorized to photograph and film in the playing hall will be designated by the organizer.

8. Homologation of the results

8.1. On the day following the end of the competition, the chief arbiter will forward to FRȘah the arbiter report and the competition files, accompanied by the final rankings.

8.2 After receiving the above documents, the Technical Director of the circuit will validate the results of each stage and will take the necessary steps so that the points accumulated in the

Grand Prix circuit will be displayed on the website of the Romanian Chess Federation within a maximum of 3 days from receiving the report provided for in art. 8.1.

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