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RULES OF THE ARONA INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL 2024.

Below are the rules of the second edition of the "**ARONA INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL 2024**" Open Tournament, valid for the FIDE Elo and FEDA Elo, as well as for the GM, IM, WGM and WIM standards. Participation in the **ARONA INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL** implies knowledge and full acceptance of the following rules.

PLACE

The tournament will take place in the air-conditioned meeting room of the prestigious **Arona Gran Hotel & SPA**

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38660 Arona,
Santa Cruz of Tenerife
Spain.

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Smoking or eating will not be allowed in the entire playing area.

Players may not leave the game room without justification and permission from a referee while their games are in progress.

A large analysis room will be available next to the gaming room.

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS

The tournament capacity is initially limited to 160 people. The organization could modify the maximum number of registered players if it considers it appropriate.

SYSTEM, ROUNDS AND TIME CONTROL

Swiss system, 10 rounds, 90 minutes for the entire game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from the first move.

DATES, TIMES AND ACTIVITIES

We have maintained the same period as in the first edition, that is, the last week of June. The games begin on June 22 at 5:00 p.m. We have included a day off and double shifts (June 23 and 24) and a **BLITZ tournament (June 29)**.

Saturday, June 22, ACCREDITATION, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday June 22, WELCOME, at 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 22, ROUND 1 at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 23, ROUND 2 at 10:00
Sunday, June 23, ROUND 3 at 5:00 p.m.
Monday, June 24, ROUND 4 at 10:00
Monday, June 24, ROUND 5 at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 25, ROUND 6 at 5:00 p.m.

Free day: Wednesday, June 26

Thursday, June 27, ROUND 7 at 5:00 p.m.
Friday, June 28, ROUND 8 at 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 29, **BLITZ 3'+2"** at 10:00
Saturday, June 29, ROUND 9 at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 30, ROUND 10 at 10:00

Assistance accreditation and closing Ceremony.

All players must prove their attendance between **3:30 and 4:30 p.m.** on Saturday, June 22, by collecting the badge with their specific name. The badge will allow access to the game room.

No player will be paired who has not been accredited, whether or not they have paid registration, unless expressly indicated by the Tournament Director.

The closing ceremony and awards ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 30, starting **at approximately 15:30 p.m.**

TIEBREAK SYSTEM

The **provisional** classification will be carried out with the following systems:

- 1— Fewest draws before move 25 (by at least one player)
- 2— Recursive performance
- 3— Buchholz system (without the worst result)
- 4— Sonneborn-Berger (no adjustments)

The tiebreak of the lowest number of draws before move 25 will be applied regardless of the reason for the draw agreement, and affecting both players of the game that ended in a draw:

- mutual agreement,
- triple repetition,
- claim,
- choke,
- etc. .

If the provisional first classified group finishes:

- **Two players, a blitz chess match will be held**, as indicated at the end of this section, to determine the champion and second place in the classification. In this case, the provisional classification from the third place will be final.
- **Three players, there will be a play-off of blitz chess games** between the players involved, in which case the provisional classification from the fourth place will be final.
- **Four players, there will be a play-off of blitz chess games** between the players involved, in which case the provisional classification from the fifth place will be final.

- **More than four players, a play-off of blitz chess games will be held** between the first four classified players, in said scoring group, the provisional classification from the fifth classified will be final.

If there is only one player in the scoring group of the provisional first classified, said position will be final. In such case, the play-off protocol described in the previous paragraph will be applied for the scoring group of the provisional second qualifier (or third scoring group if there also happens to be only one player in said scoring group).

The play-off system will be carried out as follows:

- **Two blitz games: 5 minutes + 2 seconds per move**, alternating colors. In case of a tie:
 - **Armageddon: a blitz game with 3 minutes for the white player and 4 minutes for the black player**, with an increment of 1 second per move for both players. In case of a tie, the player with the black pieces wins. The color of each player will be drawn.

In the case of a scoring group with three players involved in the play-off, they will be arranged in order of provisional classification to establish the following matchups:

- Player 1 goes directly to the final
- Second and third place will come from the semi-final between: 2 vs 3
- To establish 1st and 2nd place: player 1 vs semi-final winner

In the case of a scoring group with four players involved in the play-off, they will be arranged in order of provisional classification to establish the matchups:

- Semifinal "a": 1 vs 4
- Semifinal "b": 2 vs 3
- Final to establish 1st and 2nd: winner "a" vs winner "b"
- Match to establish 3rd and 4th: loser "a" vs loser "b"

Tiebreak games will not be evaluated for any type of ELO

The play-off tiebreaker games will be played on Sunday, June 30, immediately after the end of the games that may be involved in the last round, approximately starting at 2:00 p.m.

TECHNICAL REGULATION

- Participation is open to players registered in their own Federation with the FIDE code. Spanish players and those who need to request a FIDE code must be federated in Spain.
- If a player does not show up within 30 minutes after the start of the game, he will lose the game.
- The player will be excluded from the tournament if he does not appear at the beginning of the first round **without prior notice communicated to the Tournament Director**, prior to or during the attendance accreditation period. The eliminated / withdrawn athlete loses all rights to him, including the registration fee.
- If a player does not show up in two rounds, justified or not, he may be excluded from the tournament. The eliminated/retired athlete loses all his rights.
- **The breaks (bye), of 1/2 point**, that an athlete can request will be a maximum of three (3). Those interested must inform the referee preferably before finishing the previous round, and in any case, before pairing the next round. Breaks may be requested until the seventh round (including this one).
- Any claim related to an arbitration decision must be addressed in writing to the Competition Committee. It must be made no later than one hour after the end of the game in which the disputed decision took place. Any claim must be accompanied by a deposit of 50 Euros as a deposit: This deposit will be returned if the claim is accepted in whole or in part, otherwise the deposit remains for the organization.

- All **electronic devices** (mobile phones, tablets, smart watches, etc.) must be turned off and handed over at the entrance to the device custody service. As a precaution, said regulations will also apply to any type of watch, even if it has an analog appearance. They will be returned at the end of the game and will only be activated again after leaving the play area. Any exception will be managed by the designated international referee. FIDE anti-cheating regulations will be applied in the tournament and, therefore, controls may be carried out at any time during the tournament. Any player who is detected with an electronic device or analog-looking watch during the development of their games, even when completely turned off, will automatically lose their game in play.
- **Players will not be able to attend the analysis room while their games are in play**, and this behavior may be penalized with the loss of the game in play.
- Players are prohibited from any means of communication, including conversation with other players. Failure to comply with this rule entails penalties that can range from a mere warning to the loss of the game, depending on the severity observed by the referee team, members of the organization or Tournament Management.
- Inappropriate behavior with the tournament's facilities and technical equipment carries penalties from loss of the game to expulsion from the tournament.
- Any offensive attitude in word or deed from a player to any tournament participant (public, other player, referee team, tournament organization and management staff) or related personnel of the facilities where the competition takes place, carries penalties from the loss from the game to expulsion from the tournament.
- When preparing the initial ranking, the FIDE ELO will be taken into account first, failing which the FEDA ELO will be used and finally, the players who do not have it will be ordered alphabetically.
- By participating in the tournament, as in all ARONA CHESS CLUB activities, participants, through registration, **accept the publication of their image and the use of their personal data** (name, title, date of birth and sports data). and its games, which may be used in various ways by the ARONA CHESS CLUB for the necessary dissemination and promotion of the event and all programming.
- Participation in the competition implies acceptance of all the rules indicated in these rules.

AWARDS

Cash prizes: total of €17,000.00 + €5,500.00 compared to 2023!

9 Trophies and 19 Medals

26 t-shirts with an exclusive design by a Canarian artist

10 free tickets to Siam Park, the world's No. 1 water park

...and many other prizes and surprises for all players!

General

1st Classified: € 4,300.00 + Trophy + exclusive tournament t-shirt

2nd Classified: € 3,300.00 + Trophy + exclusive tournament t-shirt

3rd Classified: € 2,300.00 + Trophy + exclusive tournament t-shirt

4th Classified: € 1,300.00 + Medal + exclusive tournament t-shirt

5th Classified: € 1,000.00 + Medal + exclusive tournament t-shirt

6th Classified: € 800.00 + Medal + exclusive tournament t-shirt

7th Classified: € 600.00 + Medal + exclusive tournament t-shirt

8th Classified: € 400.00 + Medal + exclusive tournament t-shirt

9th Classified: € 200.00 + Medal + exclusive tournament t-shirt

10th Classified: € 100.00 + Medal + exclusive tournament t-shirt

Best veteran (+65 years)

1st Classified: € 200.00 + Trophy + exclusive tournament t-shirt

Best Female

1st Classified: €1,100.00 + Trophy + exclusive tournament t-shirt

2nd Classified: € 450.00 + Medal + exclusive tournament t-shirt

3rd Classified: € 350.00 + Medal + exclusive tournament t-shirt

Best of Arona Chess Club

1st Classified: € 100.00 + Trophy + exclusive tournament t-shirt

Best resident in the Canary Islands

1st Classified: € 100.00 + Trophy + exclusive tournament t-shirt

ELO Block Awards

SECTION: 1801 – 2000

1st Classified: €100.00 + Medal + exclusive tournament t-shirt

SECTION: 1601 – 1800

1st Classified: €100.00 + Medal + exclusive tournament t-shirt

SECTION: 1400 – 1600

1st Classified: €100.00 + Medal + exclusive tournament t-shirt

SECTION: without Elo

1st Classified: €100.00 + Medal + exclusive tournament t-shirt

Children's Awards

Age range between 13 and 16 years

1st Classified: Trophy + 3 tickets (one child and 2 adults) to SIAM PARK + tournament t-shirt

2nd Classified: Medal + 1 ticket to SIAM PARK + exclusive tournament t-shirt

3rd Classified: Medal + 1 ticket to SIAM PARK + exclusive tournament t-shirt

Interval of 12 years or less

1st Classified: Trophy + 3 tickets (one child and 2 adults) to SIAM PARK + tournament t-shirt

2nd Classified: Medal + 1 ticket to SIAM PARK + exclusive tournament t-shirt

3rd Classified: Medal + 1 ticket to SIAM PARK + exclusive tournament t-shirt

AWARD REGULATIONS

A player can receive only one prize. If you opt for more than a certain type or classification of prizes, you will receive the largest prize or trophy.

Prizes will be awarded in order of classification, without any type of distribution among players with the same score.

If one of the winners is absent during the closing ceremony, or without a representative previously authorized by the organization, he or she will lose the prize, to the benefit of the organization.

Legal withholdings and established taxes will be applied to tournament cash prizes.

Prize money will be paid to the organizer only by bank transfer and only after sending a copy of the passport. Bank details and passport must be sent by email to the organization before the last game turn. They must indicate: name and surname of the beneficiary - name of the bank and address - IBAN - SWIFT/BIC.

INSCRIPTION

Registration for the tournament is done exclusively through the ARONA CHESS CLUB website. Registrations will not be effective until the bank deposit is made.

The general registration fee for the tournament is:

70 euros	if you pay before than 31 january 2024
80 euros	if you pay before than 31 march 2024
90 euros	if you pay before than 31 may 2024
100 euros	if you pay after than 31 may 2024

BONUS INSCRIPTIONS

The registration fee in the players tournament:

- That they **stay in one of the 3 official hotels** of the Spring chain tournament
- **residents in the Canary Islands**, is from:

50 euros	if you pay before than 31 january 2024
60 euros	if you pay before than 31 march 2024
70 euros	if you pay before than 31 may 2024
80 euros	if you pay after than 31 may 2024

The registration fee in the players tournament:

- **under 12 years** (born in 2012 or posterior);
- **over 65 years** (born in 1959 or previous);
- **disabled** (with a disability greater than 33%), is:

40 euros	if you pay before than 31 january 2024
50 euros	if you pay before than 31 march 2024
60 euros	if you pay before than 31 may 2024
70 euros	if you pay after than 31 may 2024

Group registrations: 4 registrations at the price of the 3 most expensive (corresponding to those 4 registrations)

FREE PARTICIPATION

Guest players and those players with ELO FIDE equal to or greater than 2450, do not have to pay registration, although registration in the channel indicated for it. For organizational reasons, it is mandatory to register before May 15, 2024.

Players can find information on the page <https://aronacessclub.com/gms-section/>

RULES FOR GUEST PLAYERS

Guest players must send the plane ticket (and not the flight reservation) before **April 30, 2024**. After this deadline, they cannot be admitted to the tournament and the conditions offered will automatically expire.

Guest players are not allowed to request bye. Guest players undertake to play all games, except in cases of justified impediments (for example, with medical certificate, denounce the authorities, etc.). Otherwise, the conditions offered will no longer be recognized and will be canceled immediately.

The aid to the players will only be given at the beginning of the last round after observing an exemplary behavior

PAYMENT OF THE REGISTRATION FEE

The payment of the registration fee must be made by bank transfer to the following bank account: Es47 3076 0230 2427 8778 8120, Swift/BCOEESSMMM076 Code, Bank Cajasieta, Av. Santa Cruz, 136, 38611 San Isidro, Santa Cruz de Tenerife. The payment must be in the name of Arona Chess Club with the reference "**ARONA INT'L CHESS FESTIVAL**", plus the player's name and surname.

Payment includes the free TOURNAMENT CARD allocation, which can be used to obtain discounts on restaurants and establishments affiliated with Arona Chess Club. The card will be personal and will be sent to the registered player to the email address provided at the time of the registration.

The payment of the registration fee will only be reimbursed if the competition is not held.

PLAYERS AND RESULTS

The list of registered players will be available on the Internet in "Chess Results" before June 20, 2024. The results and the following matches will be published, also in "Chess Results", as soon as each round ends.

The published matches will be provisional until the beginning of the round, being able to detect corrections.

If the technical conditions allow it, the first 10 boards will be broadcast online with a delay to decide for the organization.

INTERNATIONAL REFEREES TEAM

José Antonio Blázquez Múrez (22232648)
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TOURNAMENT ORGANIZATION

Arona Chess Club - CDA Grammar

DIRECTOR OF THE TOURNAMENT

Sergio Alessandro

LANGUAGES

The direction of the tournament and the referee team speak the following languages:

Spanish

English

Italian