



Regulations for the FIDE Online Steinitz Memorial May 15th – 17th 2020

1. Scope

- 1. 1.** Governing Body of the FIDE Online Steinitz Memorial 2020 (hereinafter referred to as Steinitz Memorial) is the International Chess Federation (FIDE).
- 1. 2.** FIDE Global Strategy Commission (hereinafter referred to as GSC) is in charge for preparing regulations, communicating with the hosting Internet platform – Chess24.com and the participants.
- 1. 3.** The body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations is the FIDE Council, upon recommendation by GSC.
- 1. 4.** At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the FIDE President for final decision.

2. Format

- 2. 1.** Steinitz Memorial is the invitational event played in two sections: open and women. Both sessions are ten players double round-robin tournaments played on Chess24.com. All the participants are nominated by the FIDE president.
- 2. 2.** Time control: 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.
- 2. 3.** The player with the most points (1 point for each win, half a point for each draw, 0 for each loss) is the winner of Steinitz Memorial. A tie is broken according to Article 2. 4. below.
- 2. 4.** If two or more players score the same number of points, the tie is decided by the following criteria, in order of priority:
 - a) The results of the games between the players involved in the tie.
 - b) Each tied player's total number of wins in the tournament.
 - c) Sonneborn-Berger System.
 - d) Draw of lots.
- 2. 5.** In case of a tie for the first place, the two players with the best tie-breaks according to the criteria described in Article 2.4. play an Armageddon game. The draw for colours is done automatically. The player with the white pieces has 5 minutes; the player with the black pieces has 4 minutes. In case of a draw the player with the black pieces is declared winner of the tournament.
- 2. 6.** The players cannot draw a game by agreement before black's 30th move.
- 2. 7.** Each player signs the player's contract. By signing his/her contract each player accepts the Chess24 technical requirements associated with fair-play measures (Chapter 5) and his/her media duties (brief games analysis, short interviews) and undertakes to comply with the dress code requirements.
- 2. 8.** GSC nominates the Chief Arbiter and three members of the Appeal Committee in consultation with Chess24.com.

3. Prizes

- 3. 1.** The total prize fund of Steinitz Memorial amounts to thirty thousand (30,000) euros. The amount is net and cleared of any local taxes.
- 3. 2.** The prize fund in the open session amounts to eighteen thousand (18,000) euros.

Prize money distribution:

1st place – 4,500 euros

2nd place – 3,000 euros

3rd place – 1,500 euros

All prize money is divided equally among the players with the same score.

The only exception is a tie for the first place. In this case, the first and the second prizes go to the winner and the runner-up (Article 2.5), all other prize money is divided equally among the players with the same score.

In addition to the prize money above, each player gets 100 euros for every point scored after 18 rounds.

3. 3. The prize fund in the women session amounts to twelve thousand (12,000) euros.

Prize money distribution:

1st place – 3,000 euros

2nd place – 1,800 euros

3rd place – 900 euros

All prize money is divided equally among the players with the same score.

The only exception is a tie for the first place. In this case, the first and the second prizes go to the winner and the runner-up (Article 2.5), all other prize money is divided equally among the players with the same score.

In addition to the prize money above, each player gets 70 euros for every point scored after 18 rounds.

3. 4. The prize money is paid by direct banker's order drawn in euros. Within fourteen (14) working days after completion of the event and reception of player's bank details, FIDE transfers players' prize money to his/her bank account.

4. Schedule

| DATE | EVENT | | TIME, GMT | |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | | | Women | Open |
| MAY 15 th | Round 1 | Session 1 | 1 PM | 4:30 PM |
| | | Session 2 | 1:15 PM | 4:45 PM |
| | Round 2 | Session 1 | 1:30 PM | 5 PM |
| | | Session 2 | 1:45 PM | 5:15 PM |
| | Round 3 | Session 1 | 2 PM | 5:30 PM |
| | | Session 2 | 2:15 PM | 5:45 PM |
| | Round 4 | Session 1 | 2:30 PM | 6 PM |
| | | Session 2 | 2:45 PM | 6:15 PM |
| | Round 5 | Session 1 | 3 PM | 6:30 PM |
| | | Session 2 | 3:15 PM | 6:45 PM |
| | Round 6 | Session 1 | 3:30 PM | 6 PM |
| | | Session 2 | 3:45 PM | 7:15 PM |
| MAY 16 th | Round 7 | Session 1 | 1 PM | 4:30 PM |
| | | Session 2 | 1:15 PM | 4:45 PM |
| | Round 8 | Session 1 | 1:30 PM | 5 PM |
| | | Session 2 | 1:45 PM | 5:15 PM |
| | Round 9 | Session 1 | 2 PM | 5:30 PM |
| | | Session 2 | 2:15 PM | 5:45 PM |
| | Round 10 | Session 1 | 2:30 PM | 6 PM |
| | | Session 2 | 2:45 PM | 6:15 PM |
| | Round 11 | Session 1 | 3 PM | 6:30 PM |
| | | Session 2 | 3:15 PM | 6:45 PM |

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| | Round 12 | Session 1 | 3:30 PM | 6 PM | |
| | | Session 2 | 3:45 PM | 7:15 PM | |
| MAY 17 th | Round 13 | Session 1 | 1 PM | 4:30 PM | |
| | | Session 2 | 1:15 PM | 4:45 PM | |
| | Round 14 | Session 1 | 1:30 PM | 5 PM | |
| | | Session 2 | 1:45 PM | 5:15 PM | |
| | Round 15 | Session 1 | 2 PM | 5:30 PM | |
| | | Session 2 | 2:15 PM | 5:45 PM | |
| | Round 16 | Session 1 | 2:30 PM | 6 PM | |
| | | Session 2 | 2:45 PM | 6:15 PM | |
| | Round 17 | Session 1 | 3 PM | 6:30 PM | |
| | | Session 2 | 3:15 PM | 6:45 PM | |
| | Round 18 | Session 1 | 3:30 PM | 6 PM | |
| | | Session 2 | 3:45 PM | 7:15 PM | |
| | Armageddon (if needed) | | | 4:10 PM | 7:40 PM |

5. Fair-Play Measures

5. 1. The fair-play measures are based on resources of Chess24.com and follow FIDE's fair-play guidelines. The anti-cheating algorithm used is to be approved by GSC.

5. 2. GSC in consultation with Chess24.com establish a fair-play panel (hereinafter referred to as FPP). The FPP consists of the Chief Arbiter and the following fair-play experts: FIDE Fair-Play Commission members, the fair-play experts of Chess24.com, computer scientists and statisticians, chess grandmasters.

5. 3. FPP works to ensure fair results for each game. FPP may apply any measures that it considers necessary and sufficient in order to ensure fair-play conditions during the tournament.

5. 4. All the players required to be observed via a video conference call by FIDE-affiliated international arbiters for the duration of the tournament. Observation shall include: webcam, screen share, desk scan, and other requirements per Chess24.com standards. The full and detailed list of necessary technical requirements is to be communicated to all the players by May 10th.

5. 5. Based upon the results of the anti-cheating algorithm and/or other evidence deemed sufficient by FPP to establish a cheating incident, FPP has the right to disqualify any player for a suspected fair-play violation during the course of the tournament. The disqualified player may be declared lost in all the games he played. The decision of FPP to disqualify a player for a suspected fair-play violation is final and not subject to any appeal, review or other challenge.

5. 6. Neither FIDE, nor Chess24.com claims that the determination of a suspected fair-play violation is proof of actual cheating or an admission of guilt of by the disqualified or the banned player. Such a determination shall not affect the ordinary status of the player for over-the-board competitions within the jurisdiction of FIDE or its members, unless FPP decides in the case of a clear or gross violation, or repeated violations, to refer the matter to the FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Commission which may exclude the player from all official chess participation for a period up to 15 years.

5. 7. By entering into the tournament each player accepts the above-mentioned Fair-Play measures as a condition of entry in a voluntary sports event and agrees that his or her participation takes place subject to these Fair-Play measures.

6. Technical Issues

Rules that apply in the case of technical problems:

If the disconnect is determined by Chess24.com to be caused by factors under the player's control and the disconnect occurs mid-game, the player's clock continues to run as normal until time has expired. Chess24.com should be in touch with the players via digital communication methods and attempt to guide them through reconnection. In the event the player is not able to reconnect during the game in which he/she have disconnected, Chess24.com will

continue its efforts until the next round has begun. Chess24.com may, in their sole determination, decide to postpone the round until a later time.

If the fault is a server error or other error not in the player's control (natural disaster, widespread power outage, etc.), Chess24.com will recreate the current position and will reset clocks to the proper time from before the outage or error took place. Upon doing so, the game should continue as normal. In the event the error is not resolved within 1 hour, Chess24.com may, at their sole determination, decide to postpone the round until a later time.

The Chief Arbiter may decide otherwise in exceptional circumstances.

If any extraordinary cases should arise, the Chief Arbiter should make an appropriate ruling, always in accordance with the letter and spirit of the FIDE Laws of Chess.

Players may appeal against a decision by the Chief Arbiter within twenty minutes after the end of the relative game.

The appeal shall be reviewed by the Appeals Committee as soon as possible and its decision is final.

The Appeals Committee is announced in due time and before the start of the event.