

# **XXVII<sup>th</sup> Metz International Open**

*from 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of april 2009*

(Registration number : F.F.E. 14169)

## **REGULATIONS**

### ***Article 1 : Organization***

The Metz Alekhine club organizes its 27<sup>th</sup> international open between 11<sup>st</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of april 2009, at the St-Symphorien sport center in Metz.

Players eager to compete in this event shall have an "A" licence from the French chess federation, or have an equivalent licence in another country, which shall be a federation recognized by the FIDE. They shall produce such evidence by all means if they neither appear on the french list of players, nor on the FIDE list of players from April, 1st, 2009.

### ***Article 2 : Details linked to the game of chess***

The games will be taken into account for the french ELO rating system, as well as for the FIDE rating.

Norms of International Master and International Grandmaster (female or mixed) are possible. Players with the best performances may ask the arbiter after round eight which result is needed for them for norm purposes.

Pairings will be assisted by the software called Papi. Lists produced and displayed throughout the tournament will also be those from this software, or by personal software from the arbiter, for instance to avoid miscalculations in tiebreaks. The choice will be made in order to respect as much as possible the C04 regulation from FIDE and the french regulations in the matter of tiebreaks.

The players paired for round 1 will be those who have passed check-in and paid the entrance fees.

Forfeits are authorized as long as the organizer and the arbiter are warned at the end of the previous round (or before round one). If not, the player might not be paired anymore.

### ***Article 3 : Laws of chess***

The laws of chess used are those supplied by FIDE at the time of the tournament. Pairings are done using the Standard Swiss System, without any protection.

Additional rule to avoid fast draws will apply : a minimal length of two hours of play will be required for all games, before any draw by mutual agreement can be concluded.

### ***Article 4 : Rate of play***

The rate of play is : 1 hour and 40 minutes for the first forty moves (with an increment of 30 seconds for each move), followed by 20 minutes (with an increment of 30 seconds for each move till the end of the game).

**Article 5 : Game schedule**

Registration and check-in will take place on april, 11th, 2009 from 10am till 2:15pm

Round 1 : 11/04/2009 15h00  
Round 2 : 12/04/2009 09h00  
Round 3 : 12/04/2009 16h00  
Round 4 : 13/04/2009 14h00  
Round 5 : 14/04/2009 09h00  
Round 6 : 14/04/2009 16h00  
Round 7 : 15/04/2009 14h00  
Round 8 : 16/04/2009 14h00  
Round 9 : 17/04/2009 10h00

All games will start at the same time. Clocks will be activated by the arbiter or by the opponent if a player is missing. No complaint will be accepted concerning this topic.

**Article 6 : Fees to compete**

Players willing to participate will have to pay as follows :

- Adults : 55 €
- Young players : 25 €
- Int. grandmasters, masters and FIDE masters (female or mixed) : free if registered at least 2 days in advance

It is possible to buy the «A» licence from the FFE needed to compete, against 45€.

It is allowed to register until 2:15pm on the first day of the tournament (to participate in round 1), or during the tournament to play one or more of the remaining rounds.

**Article 7 : Prizes**

The prize-giving ceremony will take place in the playing venue, on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. The complete prize list will be displayed in the area of play after round 3.

The prizes for ranks 1-20 will be shared according to the HORT system. Other prizes will be given according to rank, using the tiebreaks.

Prizes with value less than 55€ (entrance fees) will not be awarded.

Any player entitled to a prize and not attending the ceremony will immediately lose his prize.

**Article 8 : List and tiebreaks**

Place list is built with game points in the first place. Three tiebreaks will then be used to rank uniquely all the players having the same amount of points. The tiebreaks are :

1. Truncated Buchholz
2. Buchholz
3. Performance

Points awarded for each game are those widely used :

- Win : 1 point
- Draw : ½ point
- Loss : 0 point

### ***Article 9 : Miscellaneous***

- Any forfeit occurring with no prior warning of the arbiters and no good reason will cause the end of the tournament for the player. Such behaviour will be sent to the French Federation, or to foreign federations if possible
- Any wrongdoing or lack of respect with the arbiters' decisions will be punished according to the laws of chess and the present regulations
- Decent clothing is expected from all players and members of the audience
- Game analysis and play are forbidden in the game area
- It is strictly forbidden for a player to enter the training room as long as his own game is not over
- Talks about on-going games are forbidden, so is the reading of any chess material
- Players can't leave the room of play<sup>(\*)</sup> without prior consent of the arbiter, as long as the game the player is involved in is not finished
- Two written warnings will cause the end of the tournament for any player

(\*) Room of play = Game area, Toilets, Bar and Smoking area

### ***Article 10 : Arbiters***

Main Arbiter : Mr Pierre Becker (AF2)  
Second Arbiter : Mr Salvatore Centonze (AF4)

They might be helped, if needed, by one or more people chosen by the main arbiter. They will not take decisions themselves.

### ***Article 11 : Appeal***

The appeal committee is composed of the five following members : Mr Centonze Salvatore, Mr Becker Pierre, Mr Holler Christophe, Mr François Luc, Mr Le Gall Marc. Subsequent appeals, if any, will have to be sent to the « Commission d'Appel Sportive de la Fédération française des échecs ».

### ***Article 12 : Liability***

All players agree to respect these tournament regulations.

**The Main Arbiter**  
Pierre Becker

**The Organizer of the event**  
Salvatore Centonze

**Prize list****General prizes :**

1 <sup>st</sup> Overall :	3.000,00 €
2 <sup>nd</sup> Overall :	1.500,00 €
3 <sup>rd</sup> Overall :	1.000,00 €
4 <sup>th</sup> Overall :	700,00 €
5 <sup>th</sup> Overall :	500,00 €
6 <sup>th</sup> Overall :	400,00 €
7 <sup>th</sup> Overall :	300,00 €
8 <sup>th</sup> Overall :	200,00 €
9 <sup>th</sup> Overall :	150,00 €
10 <sup>th</sup> Overall :	70,00 €
11 <sup>th</sup> Overall :	70,00 €
12 <sup>th</sup> Overall :	70,00 €
13 <sup>th</sup> Overall :	70,00 €
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16 <sup>th</sup> Overall :	70,00 €
17 <sup>th</sup> Overall :	70,00 €
18 <sup>th</sup> Overall :	70,00 €
19 <sup>th</sup> Overall :	70,00 €
20 <sup>th</sup> Overall :	70,00 €

**Special prizes :****By ELO category :**

from 2000 till 2200 elo :	230,00 €
from 1800 till 1999 elo :	150,00 €
from 1600 till 1799 elo :	80,00 €
less or equal to 1599 elo :	70,00 €

**Other prizes :**

1 <sup>st</sup> Woman :	200,00 €
1 <sup>st</sup> French <sup>(1)</sup> :	300,00 €
1 <sup>st</sup> Veteran <sup>(2)</sup> :	100,00 €
1 <sup>st</sup> Lorrain <sup>(3)</sup> :	150,00 €
1 <sup>st</sup> Mosellan <sup>(4)</sup> :	80,00 €
1 <sup>st</sup> Metz citizen <sup>(5)</sup> :	70,00 €
1 <sup>er</sup> from Metz Alekhine :	50,00 €
Fairplay :	1 bottle of wine

(1) french nationality is required

(2) needs to be 55 years of age on April 11th, 2009

(3) originates from Lorraine

(4) originates from Moselle

(5) Live in one town from the CA2M (near Metz)

**Art. 7 of tournament regulations (excerpts) :**

General prizes will be shared according to the HORT system.

Prizes with value less than 55€ (entrance fees) will not be awarded.

Special prizes will be given according to place list (using tiebreaks).

Any player not attending the Prize-giving ceremony will lose his prize definitively.