

# REGULATIONS

## Women's World Rapid and Blitz Championship 2012

**Dates: 30 May – 06 June 2012**

**Place: Batumi (Sheraton Hotel), Georgia**

The event is organized and conducted by the ACP and the Georgian Chess Federation and approved by FIDE.

The winners of the Championships will be declared Women's World Rapid Champion-2012 and Women's World Blitz Champion-2012 respectively.

### **Format**

Rapid Swiss, 11 rounds

Blitz Swiss, 15 rounds

### **Time control**

Rapid: 25 min + 10 seconds

Blitz: 4 min + 2 seconds

FIDE Rules for Rapid Chess and FIDE Rules for Blitz are applied.

Zero tolerance rules will not be applied.

The game is lost by the player who arrives at the chessboard after her flag has fallen.

### **Right of participation**

Every female player with the Elo of 2500+ in one of the official FIDE rating lists as well as all former World Champions and Olympic Champions have the personal right to participate in the Championship.

Besides, every national federation can nominate one player for participation in the Championship. In addition, up to five more players can be nominated from the same federation, provided they have Elo of 2300+ in one of the official FIDE rating lists in 2012.

Georgian Chess Federation will get three additional wild cards as a host of the event.

## **Schedule**

30 May – Arrival, Opening Ceremony (20:00) – Sheraton Hotel,

Technical meeting (21:00) – Sheraton Hotel.

31 May – Rapid (rounds 1-3) 15:00, 17:00, 19:00

1 June – Rapid (rounds 4-6) 15:00, 17:00, 19:00

2 June – Rapid (rounds 7-9) 15:00, 17:00, 19:00

3 June – Rapid (rounds 10-11) 15:00, 17:00

4 June – Blitz (rounds 1-8) 15:00, 15:30, 16:00, 16:30, 17:00, 17:30, 18:00, 18:30

5 June – Blitz (rounds 9-15), 15:00, 15:30, 16:00, 16:30, 17:00, 17:30, 18:00

Closing Ceremony - 21:00.

6 June – Departure

## **Prizes**

The total prize fund of the two events of **100.000 (one hundred thousand) USD** is distributed as follows:

### **Rapid (59000 USD):**

1st place 12000 USD

2nd place 9000 USD

3rd place 7000 USD

4th place 6000 USD

5th place 5000 USD

6th place 4000 USD

7th – 8th place 3000 USD each

9th – 10th place 2000 USD each

11th – 12th place 1500 USD each

13th – 15th place 1000 USD each

### **Blitz (41000 USD):**

1st place 10000 USD

2nd place 7000 USD

3rd place 5000 USD

4th place 4000 USD

5th place 3000 USD

6th place 2000 USD

7th – 10th place 1500 USD each

11th – 13th place 1000 USD each

14th – 15th place 500 USD each

## **Tiebreak System**

In case of a tie all prizes will be split equally, except for the first prize.

In case of a tie for the first place, the tiebreak will be played among the two players with:

a) the highest Median Buchholz 1

(the Buchholz reduced by the highest and the lowest score of the opponents);

b) the highest Buchholz

(the Buchholz System is the sum of the score of a player's each opponent);

c) the highest Performance rating.

A blitz match of 2 games will be played to determine the winner. The time control will be 4 minutes each at the start of the game with an increment of 2 seconds per move from move 1.

If the match ends in a draw an Armageddon game will be played (one game sudden death). This final tiebreak will consist of a single blitz game. The player who wins the drawing of lots may choose the color. White starts with 5 minutes and needs to win the game in order to win the match. Black, on her part, only needs a draw to win the match, but has 4 minutes at the start of the game. In this final tiebreak game the increment (2 seconds per move) will be added starting from move 61.

In case of a tie for the second and third places, the medals will be awarded based on:

a) the Median Buchholz 1;

b) the Buchholz;

c) Performance rating.

The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by application of the above-mentioned tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c).

In case of unplayed games for the calculation of (a), (b) and (c) the current FIDE Tournament Rules shall be applied.

## **Appeals' Committee**

The Appeals' Committee consists of three members:

*Chairman* – Gennady Nesis (Russia);

*members* – Emil Sutovsky (Israel), George Giorgadze (Georgia);

*reserve members* – Pia Cramling (Sweden), Irina Krush (USA).

A protest against the decision of the arbiters must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within 15 minutes of the original decision. The protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of 100 USD, which is returnable if the appeal is successful.

Appeals' Committee will take a decision before start of the next game.

## **Accommodation**

All players who have a personal right of participation will be provided with full board accommodation in the Sheraton Hotel, Batumi. Besides, organizer can provide with free full board any participant.

All other participants are free to choose from the variety of the hotels in Batumi.

The organizers will offer a special price for the official hotel(s).

The information will be published on the official website [www.e2e4.ge](http://www.e2e4.ge)

## **Confirmation of participation**

All participants should confirm their participation not later than May 1st, 2012.

Late registration might be approved only by the special decision of the organizing committee.

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