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**INVITATION
X PANAMERICAN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP
FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
MEXICO 2022**

GENERAL

The event will take place from Sunday, October 23 to Saturday, October 29, 2022, at Utopía Meyehualco (Calle 71, Col. UH Santa Cruz Meyehualco, CP09290, Alcaldía Iztapalapa, Mexico City). The event will be played according to the FIDE and will be rated by FIDE. At the time of registration, the players, coaches, delegates and other participants accept these regulations.

TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

Eligibility

Blind or visually impaired players that belong to the Federations or Associations of the American continent that are IBCA members are eligible to register and participate; Organizations that are not affiliated with the IBCA may participate as guests, with the commitment that they become affiliated with the IBCA in the short term.

Players must provide the medical certificate that proves the degree of blindness or visual impairment. It is the responsibility of each federation or national association to ensure that every player has such certificate.

The national federations or associations that are IBCA members are responsible for registering their athletes, filling out the related forms at the end of this document and sending them to the email asocmexicanaajedrezadaptado1@gmail.com

SYSTEM AND FORMAT

The Tournament will be played in two (2) categories (totally blind and low vision) in the male and female sections in each category; the totally blind category will play blindfolded.

In the event that any male or female sections does not have a sufficient number of players to allow the tournament to be held separately, these categories will be merged into one, that is, totally blind with low vision, but the awards will be made separately.

- The tournament will be played under the current regulations by FIDE (International Chess Federation).
- It will be played in the 7-round Swiss system format.
- The Swiss -Manager program (official FIDE recommendation) will be used as a pairings tool.
- The tournament report will be submitted to FIDE to be rated with its internacional Elo rating .
- The initial ranking will be based on the international Elo rating. Non-rated players will be sorted alphabetically.
- The playing time per player will be 90 minutes per game plus 30 seconds increment per move starting with move 1. The default time will be fifteen (15) minutes. The organizer reserves the right to modify schedules in case of force majeure. Such modifications will be communicated to delegates, coaches and players in a timely manner.
- Games will generally be played on two chess boards, unless both players agree to use only one board.
- Each participant must have their own Braille board.
- The games will be played with conventional clocks provided by the federation. (If the player has a talking clock they can use it.)
- It is mandatory for each chess player to record his game. (The use of cell phones is not allowed)
- The organizer will appoint qualified arbiters certified by IBCA.

Principals

Tournament Director: Mr. Benito Enrique Hernández López.

The Chief Arbiter will be appointed by the Mexican Chess Federation.

Registration and Payments

- Registration must be confirmed by sending an email asocmexicanaajedrezadaptado1@gmail.com no later than September 15, 2022, at 11:59 pm, providing the complete information requested in the form.
- Registration is final after filling out the forms (1 Registration, 2 flight itineraries) for each player, together with the endorsement granted by IBCA.
- Deadline for submitting flight itineraries September 15, 11:59 pm.
- Participating countries must be up to date with their annual payments to IBCA, for which they will have the approval of the IBCA America Presidency.
- The event has a fee of two hundred American dollars \$200 per person to the account:

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For coaches, players and accompanying person this fee covers the tournament registration, local transportation (Airport to the event location), lodging, and meals. Everyone must complete the form and cancel their respective registration prior to the start of the tournament.

- The Technical Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 23, at 8:00 p.m. , with the participation of all the players. The decisions taken in the Technical Meeting will be binding even for those who are absent.

VENUE AND SCHEDULE

- The event will take place in Mexico City.
- The schedule of activities will be as follows:

Sunday October 23

6:00 p.m. _Arrival of delegations, registration and room assignment.

Please coordinate flight arrival, preferably after this time (12:00 or 16:00 hrs).

7:00 p.m. _ Dinner

8:00 p.m. _ Technical Meeting



Monday October 24

08:30 a.m. _ Breakfast.

10:00 a.m. _ Opening.

1:30 p.m. _ Lunch

3:00 p.m. _ Round #1

7:00 p.m. _ Dinner

Tuesday, October 25

08:30 a.m. _ Breakfast.

10:00 a.m. _ Round #2.

1:30 p.m. _ Lunch

3:00 p.m. _ Round #3.

7:00 p.m. _ Dinner

Wednesday, October 26

08:30 a.m. _ Breakfast.

10:00 a.m. _ Round #4.

1:30 p.m. _ Lunch.

3:00 p.m. _ Round #5.

7:00 p.m. _ Dinner

Thursday October 27:

8:30 a.m. _ Breakfast

Hours to be defined: Excursion

7:00 p.m. _ Dinner

Friday October 28:

08:30 a.m. _ Breakfast

10:00 a.m. _ Round #6.

1:30 p.m. _ Lunch

3:00 p.m. _ Round #7

7:00 p.m. _ Dinner



Saturday October 29**08:30 a.m.** _ Breakfast**10:00 a.m.** _ Closing and Award Ceremony**Time Control**

The playing time per player will be 90 minutes per game plus 30 seconds increment per move starting from move 1.

Prizes

The first three (3) places in each category (totally blind and low vision) in the male and female sections will be awarded prizes. A commemorative medal will be awarded to all participants.

Tiebreak criteria

- The prizes will not be divided among the participants tied in accumulated points (1 point for a win, 0.5 for a tie).
- In case of a tie the final rankings will be determined according to the following tiebreak criteria:

Swiss System:

1. Direct encounter.
2. Buchholz Cut 1.
3. Buchholz . _
4. Greater number of victories. Games won by default will be counted.
 - The calculation of the Buchholz systems will be done with the criterion of virtual opponent.

Protests and the Appeals Committee

- The Appeals Committee will be a committee elected at the Technical Meeting, with three (3) principals and two (2) alternates, chaired by the tournament director. The decision of this body on any protest is final.
- If a member of the Appeals Committee belongs to the same federation than a player making an appeal, such member shall not take part id considering that appeal.
- To file any appeal, an deposit of \$50 shall be paid at the moment of filing. This will be refunded if the appeal succeeds; otherwise it will not be returned and will be forfeited to the tournament organizers.
- There will be a period of 1 hour, from the end of the last game of the round in which the event that gave rise to it occurred, to present any appeal.

- The appeal shall be submitted in writing, attaching supporting evidence.
- It will have to be delivered to the tournament director, either personally or by email asocmexicanaajedrezadaptado1@gmail.com. In this case an immediate confirmation response will be required from the recipient of the email).
- The Appeals Committee will have a maximum period of up to three (3) hours, after receiving an appeal, to provide a decision in the case, after which it will inform the Chief Arbiter.

Equipment (boards, chess clocks)

Each player must have their Braille board and a recording device or some other means to record the moves. Otherwise, assistance will be provided. Cell phones will not be allowed.

Important Regulations

Some details related to the rules of the game that are essential to consider are the following:

- A default time is 15 minutes from the start of the round, which will begin once the clock is started.
- In case of losing by forfeit, a player will be withdrawn from the tournament unless he justifies his absence and confirms, before the next round is published, his intention to continue participating.
- A failure to appear for two rounds or a failure to appear produced after an exception, except for the one granted by the Chief Arbiter, shall result in disqualification from the tournament.
- The player who is expelled from the tournament, for sporting or disciplinary reasons, must leave the sports facilities, without reimbursement of the registration fee.
- The results of each round will be published immediately after their official registration by the arbiters. Any protests must be submitted immediately to the publication.
- With the exception of the recorder, the player who keeps any electronic analysis, information or communication device on during their game will automatically lose. Members of the public who disrespect this provision will be expelled from the playing area for the rest of the competition.
- During the game, participants may be forced to leave their mobile phone or any device or accessory inside a special sealed bag or outside the game room.
- The organizer is not obliged to provide storage for these devices or mobile phones.
- The tournament will be governed by the rules of FIDE and IBCA, with specific decisions taken at the Technical Meeting by the organizer and the Chief Arbiter.
- Before pressing the clock, the move must be announced. The player who presses the clock without having made his move will receive a warning from the arbiter. After three (3) warnings, he will lose the game.
- The moves shall be recorded by means of recorders or Braille strips, which will be previously approved by the tournament referee.
- The move is completed after announcing it and pressing the clock. A slip of the tongue can be corrected prior to pressing the clock. The arbiter can review one or

- both of the players' recordings as a way to verify the moves.
- The recording should not be continuous, but move by move in order to facilitate the referee's consultation.
 - If there is an inconsistency between the completed move and the announced move, in the event that both moves are legal, the announced move will prevail. If the announced move is illegal, it will be sanctioned as an illegal move and the regulations will apply in that case.
 - All players must keep a record of their game, if they do not do so, 10 minutes of their game time will be deducted.

General Concepts of Discipline

It is prohibited to smoke, consume legal and illegal drugs and/or carry firearms or bladed weapons within the playing arena.

- The facilities and rooms must be vacated in the same condition as they were delivered. Having to replace property damage in case of an incident.
- All participants of the event shall exhibit polite and courteous behaviour.

Final Aspects

The organizing committee is responsible for interpreting these competition rules, as well as resolving situations not specifically mentioned. The appropriate mechanisms will always be used to resolve, in the most logical and fair way, any conflict that occurred during the course of the event. The organizer's ruling will be final.

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