



# Online International Chess Tournament "WR Chess Juniors"

## 1. Goals and Tasks

- Popularization of chess among children and youth.
- Development of the intellectual human capital of the younger generation
- Increasing the level of sportsmanship
- Strengthening of international spot cooperation

## 2. Organizer

The event is organized by the WR Chess company in frame of WR Chess Masters event.

## 3. Eligibility to play

Each national chess federation can register one player in open section and one player in the girl's section. These players must be under 14 years old (Born on 2009 or after that).

## 4. Format

### **Qualification stage**

The qualification stage of the tournament will be in Swiss System format in 11 rounds, and played in 2 different sections:

- Qualifier A
- Qualifier B

Players will be divided based on their time zone to these sections.

### **Final stage**

From each qualifier section top 10 open and top 10 girls will be invited to the final stage which will be played in Swiss format in 7 rounds. Final stage will be as below:

- Open Final
- Girls Final

In case a player declines their right to play the finals for any reason, the organizer may replace them by the next player in the standing. Where a girl qualifies for the Open Final, she may choose to play in which final.

## 5. **Time Control**

The time control for the qualification stages will be 5 minutes + 3 second increment starting from the first move. While time control for the Final stages will be 10 minutes + 5 seconds increment starting for the first move.

## 6. **Platform**

- The tournaments will be played on: [www.lichess.org](http://www.lichess.org)
- Once players registered, they will receive instructions on how to create accounts on [www.lichess.org](http://www.lichess.org) and how to join the event.
- Players should make themselves aware of the Lichess.org rules for maximum time for the first move, disconnects and reconnects, losing on time, drawing and insufficient material; as well as other internet chess concepts like pre-moving and automatic promotion.

## 7. **Schedule**

Day	Date	Time	Program
Tuesday	27 December	11:00 UTC	Rounds 1-11 (Qualifier A*)
		18:00 UTC	Rounds 1-11 (Qualifier B*)
Thursday	29 December	11:00 UTC	Final stage (Open)
		18:00 UTC	Final stage (Girls)

\* Each player can play in one qualifier tournament. Organizers divide players based on their time zones to the relevant qualifier section, and inform players via email. In the qualifier stage, all rounds will be played 2 minutes after the end of the previous round.

## 8. **Tie-Breaks**

Tie breaks for all online stages will be based on Lichess Sonneborn-Berger score.

## 9. **Fair-play rules**

- Lichess.org anti-cheating checks will be in operation.
- Other people or electronic devices (except for the player's computer or laptop) are not allowed in the playing area. Playing from a mobile device or tablet is permitted (at the qualification stage). At the final stage, the game is only possible using a computer or laptop.
- For the final stage, players must download and install ZOOM. The application can be downloaded at the link: <https://zoom.us/download>
- Players are required to turn on their webcams and activate the Share My Screen feature in ZOOM during each round of final stage.

- If the player does not enter the ZOOM chat at the beginning of the round, or turns off the webcam, or stops showing his screen, this can lead to a loss.
- Tournament participants are prohibited from broadcasting from any platform, including Twitch, YouTube and other international platforms.
- It is every player's individual responsibility to have a working Internet connection for the duration of the tournament. If a player is disconnected from the server, the player may reconnect and continue the game while he still has time on the clock.
- Lichess.org policy regarding disconnections, game interruptions and anti-cheating must be followed.
- The announcement of the final results of the tournaments will be after an anti- cheat check using the Lichess.org algorithm and Professor Ken Regan's Fair play check the next day after the completion of all stages of the tournament.

## **10. Registration fee and registration**

There is no registration fee in the tournament. The organizers cover six nights for the finalists (1 child and 1 accompanying) in 1 standard double room in Dusseldorf Hyatt Hotels. Full board will be provided. Players and accompanying persons are responsible for their travel expenses.

Players must send the completed online registration form:  
<https://forms.gle/RqQPyE8kBGgcUfnD8> until 15<sup>th</sup> December.

## **11. Prizes**

- All tournament participants will receive electronic Certificate of Participation
- Top five players of each online final stage will be invited to the over the board Grand Final in Dusseldorf, Germany from 21st to 25th of February 2023
- Top five players of each online final will be invited to a minicamp in Dusseldorf, Germany with the legendary Grandmaster Boris Gelfand and Elizabeth Paehtz.
- Organizers will cover six nights for the top five players of each online final stage (and 1 accompanying of each finalist) in 1 standard double room in Dusseldorf Hyatt Hotels. Full board will be provided.

## **12. Contacts**

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