

Regulations for the FIDE Endorsed Tournament
Lindores Abbey Blitz in Honour of the 85th Anniversary of Mikhail Tal's Birth



1. Scope

1. 1. FIDE endorsed tournament Lindores Abbey Blitz in Honour of the 85th Anniversary of Mikhail Tal's Birth (hereinafter – “Blitz tournament”) shall be organised on 8th November, 2021.

1. 2. Blitz tournament shall be organised by the unity “RTU Sports” (hereinafter – “the Organiser”) with support of Latvian Chess Federation and FIDE.

1. 3. The Organiser is in charge for preparing Regulations, communicating with the participants, sponsors, Latvian Chess Federation and FIDE. Any changes to these Regulations have to be coordinated with FIDE Global Strategy Commission (GSC).

1. 4. At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the Organiser for final decision.

2. Participation

2. 1. The following players are eligible to participate:

- Participants of the FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss;
- Additional wildcards invited by the Organiser in consultations with GSC.

The total number of players would not exceed 164.

3. Regulations

3. 1. Format

3. 1. 1. The tournament will be FIDE-rated, and is played according to the rules of “inadequate supervision” (FIDE Handbook, E.01 Appendices, B.2 and A.4).

3. 1. 2. The tournament will be a Swiss tournament with nine (9) rounds. Each round shall consist of two games played against the same opponent, one game with each colour.

3. 1. 3. Players will be seeded for the purpose of pairing based on their FIDE Blitz rating. In the absence of such a rating, the player's FIDE Standard rating will be used.

3. 2. Schedule

Date	Event	Rounds	Time
8 November	Registration Deadline		10:30
8 November	Opening Ceremony		10:45
8 November	Tournament	1	11:00 & 11:20
8 November	Tournament	2	11:50 & 12:10
8 November	Tournament	3	12:40 & 13:00
8 November	Tournament	4	13:30 & 13:50
8 November	Lunch Break		14:00 – 15:00
8 November	Tournament	5	15:00 & 15:20
8 November	Tournament	6	15:50 & 16:10
8 November	Tournament	7	16:40 & 17:00
8 November	Tournament	8	17:30 & 17:50
8 November	Tournament	9	18:20 & 18:40
8 November	Closing Ceremony		19:15

3. 3. Drawing of Lots

3. 3. 1. The number 1 seed (see Article 3. 1. 3.) will be assigned the opposite colour to the colour that the number 1 seed was allotted in the FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss 2021.

3. 4. Time Control

3. 4. 1. The time control will be 3 minutes plus 2 seconds per move, from move 1.

3. 4. 2. There is no default time; that is, a player who arrives late for their game will be permitted to play as long as the time on their clock has not expired.

3. 5. Tie-Breaks

3. 5. 1. If the two (2) or more players score the same points, the tie is decided by the following criteria, in order of priority:

- a) Buchholz;
- b) Most games won;
- c) Direct encounter between the players in tie.

3. 6. Prizes

3. 6. 1. The following prizes will be awarded:

Place	Prize (USD)
1 st	10,000
2 nd	8,000
3 rd	6,000
4 th	5,000
5 th	4,000
6 th	3,000
7 th – 10 th	2,000 each
11 th – 16 th	1,000 each
Total	50,000

3. 6. 2. The following prizes will be eligible to female players only:

Place	Prize (USD)
1 st	3,000
2 nd	2,500
3 rd	2,000
4 th	1,500
5 th	1,000
Total	10,000

3. 6. 3. In the event of a tie, the prizes will be awarded based on the rankings after the application of the tie-breaks.

3. 6. 4. Female players who qualify for a prize in both Article 3.6.1 and Article 3.6.2 will only win the prize worth the higher amount of money. The prize not awarded to that player will be available to the next player in the ranking list who is eligible to receive it.

3. 6. 5. The prize money is paid by direct banker's order drawn in USD. 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. In case if the transfer fails because of wrong bank details, the amount of fifty (50) USD will be deducted from the second transfer in order to cover additional bank charges.

3. 6. 6. If a player withdraws after the start of the tournament, the Organiser in cooperation with FIDE Council decides upon paying out his/her prize money depending on particular circumstances.

3. 7. Playing Conditions

3. 7. 1. The fair-play measures are applied according to the FIDE anti-cheating regulations for the top official events.

3. 7. 2. Except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter, only the players, the Principals and stewards are allowed in the playing area. For the purposes of this clause, the Sponsor will be treated as a Principal with the approval of the Organiser.

3. 7. 3. During a playing session while his/her game is in progress, the players are forbidden to have any electronic device not specifically approved by the Chief Arbiter in the playing venue. In case of this rule violation, the player loses the current game.

3. 7. 4. The players are not permitted to bring into the playing venue technical and other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset their opponents. The Chief Arbiter decides what constitutes extraneous equipment disturbing the opponent.

3. 7. 5. While his/her game is in progress, a player may leave the playing venue only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter and only if he/she is accompanied by one of the arbiters. In case of this rule violation, the current game is declared lost by the player and the Chief Arbiter has the right to disqualify the player from the tournament.

3. 8. Players' conduct

3. 8. 1. The dress code is strictly observed for the tournament and all the official events and press-conferences.

3. 8. 1. 1. Dress code for men: neat shirt with a collar (with or without a pullover), neat jacket/blazer, neat trousers.

3. 8. 1. 2. Dress code for women: neat shirt/blouse with a collar (with or without a pullover), neat jacket/blazer, neat trousers/skirt or dress.

3. 8. 1. 3. No players with t-shirts, jeans, shorts, sneakers/trainers, baseball caps or inappropriate dress are

allowed in a playing venue. Any requests to wear national or traditional dress must be approved by the Organiser.

3. 8. 2. The players are required to be present at all official functions approved by the Organiser during the event including official receptions, the Opening and the Closing Ceremonies.

3. 8. 3. The tournament's winners are required to attend the final press conference after the event has ended and to provide an exclusive interview for the tournament and the FIDE websites if requested by the FIDE Press Officer or the Organiser.

3. 8. 4. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the players shall strictly abide by all medical regulations approved by FIDE and/or the Organiser, as well as those applicable to Latvia. FIDE and/or the Organiser shall inform players about these regulations as quick as possible. The players shall be aware that the regulations are subject to change, eventually at short notice.

3. 8. 5. If a player fails to fulfil his/her duties listed in Articles 3.8.1 – 3.8.4, undermines the reputation of FIDE, the Organiser and sponsors, other players, hosting country or city or conducts him-/herself in a manner contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship or the FIDE Code of Ethics, he/she shall be penalised as follows: 5% of his/her prize money shall be forfeited to the Organiser and a further 5% to FIDE for each breach. In cases of serious misconduct, the player may be disqualified from the event. Such decisions can be taken and/or approved by the FIDE Council.

3. 9. Principals

The principals are:

- a) FIDE President;
- b) FIDE Deputy President / FIDE Director General/ FIDE Managing Director;
- c) FIDE Technical Delegate-Chairman of Appeals Committee;
- d) Representative of the Organiser;
- e) Chief Arbiter;
- f) Fair-Play Officer;
- g) FIDE Press Officer;
- h) GSC member;
- i) Representative of the Sponsor.

3. 10. Arbiters

3. 10. 1. The Principals of the FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss Tournament 2021 will additionally be appointed for the Blitz tournament. If the said Principals are not available or additional staff would be necessary, the Organiser appoints them.

3. 10. 2. During play either the Chief Arbiter or his/her Deputy must be present in the playing area.

3. 10. 3. Within one (1) week after the end of the event the Chief Arbiter submits a short report in English to the Organiser and FIDE GSC. If there were any difficulties, conflicts or incidents, they shall be described together with the measures taken to deal with them.

3. 11. Appeals Committee

3. 11. 1. The Organiser in Consultation with GSC nominates the Technical Delegate-Chairman of the Appeals Committee.

3. 11. 2. The two (2) other members as well as first and second reserve members of the Appeals Committee are to be chosen from the participating players, all from different Federations.

3. 11. 3. None of three (3) members of the Appeals Committee sits in judgment in a dispute involving him-/herself or a player from his/her Federation. In this case, he/she is substituted by one of the reserve members.

3. 11. 4. All appeals and protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than fifteen (15) minutes after the relevant game, or the particular infringement complained against.

3. 11. 5. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of 150 USD. If the appeal or the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to FIDE.

3. 11. 6. The Appeals Committee may decide on the following matters:

- a) appeal against a decision by an arbiter,
- b) protest against a player's behaviour,
- c) any appeal which the Committee considers relevant.

3. 11. 7. The Appeals Committee endeavours to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto Gens Una Sumus as quickly as possible after receipt of the appeal.

3. 11. 8. The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations is final.

3. 11. 9. Within one (1) week after the end of the event the Chairman of the Appeals Committee submits a report in English to the Organiser and GSC.

3. 12. Ceremonies

3. 12. 1. The Opening Ceremony takes place at the time specified in Article 3.2.

3. 12. 2. The program of the Opening Ceremony shall be approved by GSC.

3. 12. 3. The Closing Ceremony takes place in the day of the last round. The Organiser provides a trophy for the winner and medals (gold, silver, bronze) or trophies for the top three winners. The Anthem of the winner's federation is played.

4. Media

4. 1. Official Domain

The official domain of FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss and FIDE Chess.Com Women Grand Swiss 2021 (grandswiss.fide.com) will show the live broadcast supplied by Chess.com.

4. 2. Communications

All pre-tournament public communications regarding the event (joint press releases from FIDE, the Organiser or the Sponsor) must be co-written and scheduled in coordination with the FIDE Chief Marketing and Communications Officer.

4. 3. Press Officer designated by FIDE

4. 3. 1. FIDE designates a FIDE Press Officer for the event. The Organiser co-operates with the FIDE Press Officer regarding the accreditation and hospitality for journalists and media and the facilities available at any Press Centre that the Organiser chooses to provide, and assists him to establish contacts with the local media.

4. 3. 2. All content shown at grandswiss.fide.com is reviewed and approved by the FIDE Press Officer. The Organiser together with the FIDE Press Officer is responsible for managing, updating and reviewing the content on grandswiss.fide.com regarding Blitz tournament. All live images, live broadcasting (Internet TV) pictures and all the other content for the full event are carried on official domain, plus any other web domain that has been agreed between the Organiser and GSC prior to the event. In cases of conflicting information and press statements, the views expressed by the FIDE Press Officer shall be the authentic version.

4. 3. 3. The FIDE Press Officer reports to the FIDE Chief Marketing and Communications Officer.

4. 3. 4. The FIDE Press Officer is a member of the panel at any Press Conferences conducted during the event.

4. 4. Photography and video

4. 4. 1. Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorised by the Organiser (in co-operation with the FIDE Press Officer) may work in the playing venue.

4. 4. 2. Television cameras must try to minimise any inconvenience for the players and may only be allowed if the Chief Arbiter (acting reasonably) deems their use to be unobtrusive.

4. 4. 3. The use of flash is not allowed. An exception could be made only if the particularities of the venue force the photographers to stay more than six (6) meters away from the players.

4. 4. 4. The Organiser should appoint a professional photographer to cover the event. This photographer provides FIDE, the media and the sponsors with visual material that meets professional standards.

ANNEX 1: FIDE Laws of Chess

The FIDE Laws of Chess are Annex 1, as valid since 1 January 2018 and published on the FIDE website:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/E012018>