



International Braille Chess Association

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CIRCULAR INVITATION FOR IBCA Women Individual World Chess Championship for Blind and Visually Impaired 2022 in Castelnaudary, France



1. DATE, ACCOMODATION AND VENUE

The International Braille Chess Association (IBCA) and the Association « AEPA » invite all IBCA member countries to participate in the IBCA Women's World Chess Individual Championship for the blind and visually impaired 2022 in Castelnaudary – France.

The competition will take place in hôtel IBIS Style*** in Casltelnaudary **from Sunday July 10th (Arrivals) to Sunday July 17th (Closing ceremony and departure).**

2. PROGRAM OF THE COMPETITION

Here is the schedule for the competition :

Sunday	July	10 th	Arrivals
Monday	July	11 th	11:00 Technical Meeting
Monday	July	11 th	13:30 Opening Ceremony
Monday	July	11 th	14:00 Round 1
Tuesday	July	12 th	9:00 Round 2
Tuesday	July	12 th	14:00 Round 3
Wednesday	July	13 th	9:00 Round 4
Wednesday	July	13 th	14:00 Round 5
Thursday	July	14 th	Free/Visit of Castelnaudary
Friday	July	15 th	9:00 Round 6
Friday	July	15 th	14:00 Round 7
Saturday	July	16 th	9:00 Round 8
Saturday	July	16 th	14:00 Round 9
Sunday	July	17 th	10:00 Closing Ceremony
Sunday	July	17 th	Departure

Changes in this schedule may be done by organizers if needed.

3. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- Arrival on 10th July 2022 - Departure on 17th July 2022.
- Travel details: Toulouse Blagnac Airport (IATA: TLS) or Toulouse Matabiau Railway Station.
- IBIS Styles Hôtel website : <https://all.accor.com/hotel/B6J1/index.en.shtml>
- Pick-up and drop from airport/station will be provided to all the participants who confirm the travel plan before 30th June 2022.
- Excursion is planned in Castelnaudary on the free day on 14th of July (French national holiday).

4. TRANSPORTATION FROM AND TO AIRPORT/RAILWAY STATION

Organizers will provide transportation for all participants from and to the airport of Toulouse Blagnac Airport (IATA: TLS) or the railway station of Toulouse Matabiau. All delegations must send the travel details (date, time and flight/train number for arrival/departure) to the organizing committee **before 30th June 2022**.

5. PLAYING SYSTEM AND RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT

1. Allowed to participate are blind or visually impaired women players.
2. The championship will be played in 9 rounds Swiss System in accordance with FIDE regulations. The playing time will be 90 minutes + 30 seconds for each move.
3. The results will be published on chess-results.com and players will be able to download the pairings and games
4. Players placed first, second and third will be awarded respectively with gold, silver and bronze medals.
In case of a tie the final ranking will be decided in accordance with the FIDE rules.
The prizes will be awarded at the official closing ceremony. The players receive the prizes personally.
5. Each player should bring a Braille chess set and a digital chess clock.
The player who has the white color should bring a chess clock for the game.
Non-braille chessboards will not be allowed.

6. APPEALS COMMITTEE

During the technical meeting, before the start of the 1st round, 3 members will be appointed as members for the appeals committee under the approval of IBCA and the Organizers.

Appeals Procedure Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within 30 min. after the completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 100 €, as a deposit. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately.

7. ACCOMMODATION

Cost for accommodation with full board (3 meals per day)

- 70 euros in a double room per person per day. 560 Euros/person for the tournament.
- 90 euros in a single room per person per day. 720 Euros/person for the tournament.

The price includes: accommodation and 3 meals per day (buffet menu), transport from and to the airport or train station in Toulouse, and on the free day, a trip by small train to visit Castelnau and a boat trip on the Canal du Midi.

Situated in Castelnaudary (south France, 60 km East from Toulouse), the Ibis Styles team welcomes you in a friendly atmosphere in a PUB and a Bistronomic Restaurant, unveiling a decoration dedicated to sport. For sunny days, the outdoor swimming pool and spa are heated. Castelnaudary, land of plenty, is bordered by the Canal du Midi, halfway between sea and mountain and at the crossroads of the Cathar Castles, is famous for its gastronomic specialty, cassoulet. The restaurant serves traditional regional cooking, with elements of European cuisine. You can find more information about the Ibis Style using these links: www.tripadvisor.com or www.booking.com. There is free Wi-Fi in main building; the hotel is located 3 km from the city center of Castelnaudary with shops and facilities.

All participants, including coaches and accompanying persons of the delegations, must stay in the official hotel **IBIS Styles Hôtel***** for organizational and security reasons. The Organizing Committee will not accept any person to be a participant if she/he doesn't book in the official hotel **IBIS Styles Hôtel ***** through the organizing committee.

8. PAYMENT AND IBCA FEE

All delegations must deposit 100% of the total cost for the participation in the tournament before 31st may 2022 to the following bank account:

Account number (IBAN): **FR76 1313 5000 8008 0062 2631 507**

Please note, every participating country also has to pay IBCA annual membership fee of 150 Euros.

9. COVID-19

All delegation members shall comply with French sanitary dispositions regarding foreign travellers coming to France. We strongly advise to contact your airline company/government for updated travelling rules as these rules may change over time. French government website <https://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/coming-to-france/coming-to-france-your-covid-19-questions-answered/> is also a valuable source of information regarding these matters. The organizing committee shall not be held responsible in case of denied access to French territory or canceled activities on the free day or any other constraints during the competition due to these rules.

10. TIMELINES AND REGISTRATION

Information, questions, registrations to email: wcc.france2022@gmail.com

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For organizational purposes, we request participants to comply to these deadlines :

Confirmation of participation deadline : 31st March 2022

Payment deadline : 31st May 2022

Travel details deadline : 30th June 2022



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