

PRAGUE OPEN 2018

17th International Chess Festival

part of CZECH TOUR 2017 / 2018 Series

12th – 19th January 2018, Praha, the Czech Republic

Place: the Olympik hotel *****, Sokolovska 138, Praha 8

Organizer: AVE-KONTAKT s.r.o.

Festival director: Dr. Jan Mazuch

Main referee: IA Martin Dobrotka (SVK)

Announced tournaments:

A) 12th – 19th January 2018: PRAGUE OPEN A

- **open master tournament with IM norm**, rating for FIDE and DWZ
- **participation of players without age and performance limitations**
- Swiss system of 9 rounds, 2x 1,5 h/40 + 30 min + 30 s/move
- waiting time 1 h in case of late arrival
- **financial prizes** in CZK*: 15 000, 10 000, 8 000, 6 000, 4 000, 3 000, 2 000, 1 000, 500, 500
(**50 000 altogether**, from prizes in excess of 10 000 15% tax will be deducted)
- material prizes for other players, women, seniors over 60 years of age and youngsters up to 16 years of age
- **starting fee** in EUR:

	players accommodated through the organizer	others
GM, IM, WGM and WIM	0	0
ELO FIDE >= 2 300	20	32
ELO FIDE >= 2 200	28	40
ELO FIDE >= 2 100	40	52
ELO FIDE >= 1 800	52	64
ELO FIDE >= 1 500	60	72
ELO FIDE < 1 500 and without ELO FIDE	80	92

- discounts on starting fee:

- 25 % for FM, youth players up to 18 years of age, players over 65 years of age and women
- **fees for rating of the tournament results for ELO in the amount of 2,5 EUR per player** charged according to the economic directive of the Chess Federation of the Czech Republic **are not included in the starting fee and will be paid by participants during the registration.** The organizer pays these fees for players with GM, IM, WGM and WIM titles
- players registered after 18th December 2017 pay extra 8 EUR

B) 12th – 19th January 2018: PRAGUE OPEN B

- **open rating tournament** with rating for FIDE and DWZ
- **players with ELO FIDE < 2100 and players without ELO FIDE**
- Swiss system of 9 rounds, 2x 1,5 h/40 + 30 min + 30 s/move
- waiting time 1 h in case of late arrival
- **financial prizes** in CZK*: 2 000, 1 500, 1 000, 700, 500, 300, best woman 500, best senior over 60 years of age 500, best player up to 12 years of age 500, prizes for the best players with ELO FIDE

1700-1849, 1550-1699, 1400-1549, smaller than 1400 and for the best players without ELO FIDE – in each of these categories 500 (**10 000 altogether**)

- material prizes for other players

- **starting fee** in EUR:

	players accommodated through the organizer	others
ELO FIDE 1500-2099	28	40
ELO FIDE < 1500 and without ELO FIDE	36	48

- **discounts on starting fee:**

- 25 % for FM, youth players up to 18 years of age, players over 65 years of age and women

- **fees for rating of the tournament results for ELO in the amount of 2,5 EUR per player** charged according to the economic directive of the Chess Federation of the Czech Republic **are not included in the starting fee and will be paid by participants during the registration.**

- players registered after 18th December 2017 pay extra 8 EUR

C) 14th January 2018: open tournament in rapid chess

- participation of players without age and performance limitations

- **rating** for rapid ELO FIDE

- Swiss system of 7 rounds, 2 x 10 min + 5s/move

- **financial prizes** in CZK*: 1 500, 1 000, 500

- material prizes for other players

- **starting fee** in EUR:

- GM, IM, WGM and WIM 0

- youngsters up to 18 years of age, players over 65 and women 3

- other players 4

- **fees for rating of the tournament results for ELO in the amount of 0,5 EUR per player** charged according to the economic directive of the Chess Federation of the Czech Republic **are not included in the starting fee and will be paid by participants during the registration**

- applications for this tournament are not registered and it is possible to register for it only on the day of launching of the tournament

D) 17th January 2018: open blitz tournament

- participation of players without age and performance limitations

- **rating** for blitz ELO FIDE

- Swiss system of 11 rounds, 2 x 3 min. + 2s/move

- **financial and material prizes** according to the number of participants *

- **starting fee** 2 EUR:

- **fees for rating of the tournament results for ELO in the amount of 0,5 EUR per player** charged according to the economic directive of the Chess Federation of the Czech Republic **are not included in the starting fee and will be paid by participants during the registration**

- applications for this tournament are not registered and it is possible to register for it only on the day of launching of the tournament

* *Payment in EUR possible*

Criteria used for ranking and prizes distribution (tournaments A, B, C and D): 1. number of points, 2. median Buchholz, 3. Buchholz, 4. number of wins. Prizes are distributed according to Hort system among such number of players which corresponds to the number of advertised prizes.

Accommodation:

The Olympik hotel ***** (the playing hall is situated here)

double rooms, type „standard room“, four-star hotel facilities

price including breakfast and WiFi connection 52 EUR/room and night, if only 1 person occupies the room, 38 EUR/room and night is charged

triple rooms, type „standard room“, four-star hotel facilities
price including breakfast and WiFi connection, 68 EUR/room and night

2-3-bed rooms in the dependency of Tristar (100 m from the Olympik hotel), 3-star hotel facilities
price including breakfast 19 EUR/person and night, if only 1 person occupies the room, 26 EUR/room and night is charged

Board-meals at the Olympik hotel:

- lunches per 9 EUR (smorgasbord + water)
- dinners per 9 EUR (smorgasbord + water)

The **parking place** is situated directly next to the Olympik hotel, the price for participants of our festival is 6 EUR / day.

Time schedule:

Thursday	11 th January	20.00 – 22.00	registration A,B
Friday	12 th January	10.00 – 14.00	registration A,B
		16.00	1 st round A,B
Saturday	13 th January	09.00	2 nd round A,B
		16.00	3 rd round A,B
Sunday	14 th January	08.30 – 09.15	registration C
		09.30 – 13.30	tournament C
		17.00	4 th round A,B
Monday	15 th January	16.00	5 th round A,B
Tuesday	16 th January	16.00	6 th round A,B
Wednesday	17 th January	09.15 – 09.45	registration D
		10.00 – 13.00	tournament D
		16.00	7 th round A,B
Thursday	18 th January	16.00	8 th round A,B
Friday	19 th January	09.00	9 th round A,B
		15.30	solemn conclusion

Transport connection: The hotel is situated near the city centre (4 metro stations) at a distance of ca. 100 m from the metro station, line B “Invalidovna”

Starting fee and accommodation payments will be collected during the registration in cash in EUR (at the amount given in these regulations), **CZK** (in the rate 25:1 compared to prices given in these regulations) **or USD or by debit and credit cards:** Eurocard/Master Card, Maestro, VISA, VISA Electron, JCB or Diners Club.

Festivals **arranged by AVE-KONTAKT agency within the frame of CZECH TOUR International Chess Festivals 2017 / 2018 Series:**

13. - 30. 7. 2017 28th CZECH OPEN (Pardubice)
4. - 11. 8. 2017 4th PRAGUE SUMMER OPEN
12. - 19. 8. 2017 20th OLOMOUC CHESS SUMMER
5. - 13. 9. 2017 16th SUNNY BEACH OPEN (Bulgaria)
23. - 30. 9. 2017 11th HIGHLANDS OPEN (Trebic)
1. - 8. 10. 2017 8th HRADEC KRALOVE OPEN
19. - 25. 11. 2017 9th PILSNER OPEN
12. - 19. 1. 2018 17th PRAGUE OPEN
20. - 27. 1. 2018 17th MARIENBAD OPEN
24. 2. - 3. 3. 2018 18th LIBEREC OPEN

Prize fund of the whole CZECH TOUR 2017 / 18 Series is 25 000 CZK (7 000, 5 000, 4 000, 3 000, 2 000, 1 000, 1 000, 1 000, 500, 500), prizes can be obtained in the form of bonus in the next year of series only, criteria used for ranking: the highest total of points gained in individual tournaments (7 best results from all tournaments for individuals played with rating min. 2 x 1,5h + 30s/move are counted), best place in one of included tournaments, lot

Discount on starting fee and accommodation price - 5% discount in 2nd start in the tournament held within the frame of this year CZECH TOUR Series, or 10% in 3rd start, 15% in 4th start etc. (only starts from all tournaments for individuals played with rating min. 2 x 1,5h + 30s/move except for Sunny Beach Open are counted)

Interesting things: <http://www.facebook.com/czechtouren>

Contact to the organizer:

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Complete your obligatory applications together with accommodation orders by 18th December 2017 on <http://www.czechtour.net/applications/>

All foreign players must have an assigned FIDE identification number (abbreviation FIDE ID or FID) at the time of the submission of the application form. If they do not have it, they have to apply their national chess federation for it.