

DUBAI 2021 – TOURNAMENT RULES

1 TOURNAMENT NAME AND DATES

The final phase of the Dubai 2021 World School Chess Tournament will be held from November 23rd to 30th, 2021, within the activities of the Expo Dubai 2021, under the auspices and organization of the Spanish Pavilion at the Expo.

2 PARTICIPANTS

The 12 participating teams, classified from among the 293 teams initially registered through the different online phases, are the following:

Number	Name	Country
1	Velammal Nexus	IND
2	School #1	MGL
3	Saco Olivares	PER
4	33rd Secondary School	MGL
5	Gymnazium Petra Bezruce Frydek-Mistek	CZE
6	Csányi Alapítvány a Gyermekekért Közhasznú Alapítvány	HUN
7	Mission San Jose Hopkings Junior	USA
8	Gujarat State Chess Association	IND
9	Green Village	ISR
10	EDM Torrelavega	ESP
11	Istanbul Erker Lisesi Team	TUR
12	Al Ain Culture & Chess Club	UAE

These qualified teams must confirm their participation to the organization, submitting the required documentation, before October 15, 2021 as the deadline.

In the event that a team does not confirm its participation by this deadline, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to designate, if it deems it appropriate, a team to replace the team that does not confirm its registration. Where appropriate, this team will be chosen from among the participants in the online phases.

Each team shall participate in the Tournament exclusively with the players participating in the online phases. However, the Organizing Committee may authorize changes in the composition of a team, due to serious circumstances that prevent the participation of any player and these being

duly justified. In this case, the substitute player may NOT have a higher Elo rating than the replaced player and the change, if any, must be approved by the Organization.

The classified teams may freely modify the order of strength of the participating players, provided that it is communicated to the Organization before November 10, 2021. For this purpose, the Organization will send the registered players to the teams and the Delegates may notify the changes in the order of strength they consider appropriate, this order of strength will be mandatory for the entire final phase in person and can no longer be modified.

3 PHASES

The Tournament will be played in 2 Phases, called "Group Phase" and "Knockout Phase".

The Group Phase will be played in 2 groups of 6 teams. The pairings of this phase will be established in the Technical Meeting with the delegates and captains in Dubai. Once this Group Phase has been played, the knockout rounds will be established, according with the classification of the Group Phase.

a) Group Phase

The Group Phase will be played in 2 groups; called group A and group B, established by draw (see section 4). Each group will play a 1-Round Robin system tournament (in total, 5 rounds).

Once this phase is over, all the teams will go on to play the knockout phase.

b) Knockout Phase:

This Phase will be played by direct matches between the teams, according to their classification in the Group Phase. The pairings will be as indicated Annex 2

Therefore, all participating teams will play all rounds, according to the schedule included in the annex.

4 DRAW AND GROUPING

The draw will take place on November 24th and will be done as follows:

a) First, the teams will be ordered according to the average ELO of their first 5 boards. For this, the last "standard" ELO rating published by FIDE and its possible modifications will be used.

b) The teams from America (Saco Oliveros and Hopkins) will draw their number from among those assigned to Group B.

c) Subsequently, the groups and numbers of the first 2 teams from India will be drawn by their highest averages.

d) If each Indian team is assigned to a different group, the draw will continue, according to the average order of the teams.

If both Indian teams have been assigned to the same group, the last Indian team will choose, until it selects a position in the opposing group. Thereafter, the draw will continue, according to the order indicated.

5 DEVELOPMENT OF THE GAMES

a) Line-ups

The matches will be played on 5 boards as a consequence of the severe distance restrictions imposed by the UAE anti-COVID protocol. Therefore, each team is composed of a minimum number of 5 players, being able to have up to 4 additional players as reserves, that is to say, the teams will be able to count on the 9 players registered in the online phases, all of them will be able to travel to Dubai if the team so decides and will be accommodated free of charge by the organization.

At the Technical Meeting on November 24, the Delegate of each team must establish a default line-up that will be used if the delegate does NOT present the line-up in any of the rounds. In case of not presenting this line-up at the Technical Meeting, the one that includes the 5 players with the highest ELO of the accredited team will be taken by default.

For each Round, the Delegate may submit a different line-up than the one established by default. This line-up will be submitted to the Chief Arbiter at least 20 minutes before the time established for the corresponding round. If the line-up is NOT submitted on time, the team must play with the default line-up.

Line-ups must follow the relative order of the players within the team. For example, if player numbers 2 and 5 do not play, the order would be 1-3-4-6-7.

b) Colors

In each match, white on boards 1, 3 and 5 and black on boards 2 and 4 shall be played by the team named first and, alternately, black on boards 1, 3 and 5 and white on boards 2 and 4 by the team named second.

c) Rate of play

The speed of play shall be 20 minutes for the entire game, with an increment of 10 seconds for each move made.

d) Recording of the moves

The annotation of the games will not be compulsory. If any player wishes to write down the moves, he/she must have a pen and his/her own score sheet. In his case, this sheet will NOT be admitted as evidence in case of claims for triple repetition or the rule of 50 moves.

e) Time for non-appearance

At the time established by the Chief Arbiter, the clocks shall be set. The player who drops the flag at the end of his/her time shall lose the game, without establishing a time for non-appearance.

f) Scores and classification

f1) Group Phase

The team that wins the match will receive 3 points and the team that loses the match will receive 1 point. In case of a draw each team will receive 2 points.

The tie-break will be the following (in the described order):

- * The sum of the scores per board of all rounds
- * Particular result between the tied teams.
- * Sonnenborgberger by teams.
- * The team who has played with Black on board 1 in the particular match.

f2) Knockout Phase

In case of a draw, a match will be played with the same players, at a speed of 3 minutes + 2 seconds per move, alternating the colors.

In case of a tie also in the second match, the team that played with black in the first match shall qualify.

In case of a tie, the player who has played with Black on board 1 in first match will be classified.

g) Functions of the delegates/captains

G1) The Delegate represents the team before the rest of the teams and the Tournament Organization. Each team may have only one Delegate accredited as such before the Organization. However, he/she may delegate the functions in another person by communicating it in writing to the Arbiters team for one or more rounds.

G2) The Delegate must present the line-up of his/her team for each of the rounds, as indicated in paragraph 5a.

G3) The Delegate may have access to the playing room during the rounds. This permission may only be revoked by a disciplinary sanction issued by the Organization. However, he/she shall require permission from the Chief Arbiter to leave or re-enter the room.

G4) The delegate may remain in the proximity of the games of his/her team, but may not stand behind the players of the opposing team (i.e. no frontal visual contact of the members of his/her team with him/her).

G5) The Delegate may ask the Arbiter for permission to speak to any of his/her players. If the Arbiter agrees, he/she shall speak in the presence of the Arbiter. The same procedure shall apply if any of the players request to speak to their delegate.

G6) The delegate may advise his/her players to offer or accept a draw. However, the final decision is responsibility of the players. He/she shall not give any indication as to the position of any of the games. Any of the players may ask his/her delegate if he/she can propose or accept a draw.

h) Dress code

Given that the Tournament may be broadcast on some channels and that protocol acts will be held, we strongly recommend that participating players and delegates dress with certain uniformity.

6 TECHNICAL AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

a) The Organizing Committee is composed of:

Leontxo Garcia, Chess Commissioner of the Spanish Pavilion.
Marcelino Sion Castro, Technical Director
Javier Pérez Llera, Chief Arbiter

The Organization may add, replace and/or modify the members of the Committee, according to its own criteria.

b) The Appeal Committee will be composed of:

- For the Organization, as President of the same, Mr. Marcelino Sion Castro, Technical Director. In case he is unable to perform the functions of President, he will be substituted by Leontxo Garcia.

- For the participants, 2 delegates elected by and among them at the Technical Meeting. Likewise, 2 substitutes will be elected, to replace the incumbents in case they are affected by the possible decisions.

The Appeal Committee may only make decisions in cases of complaints about decisions of the Arbiters in the games played or by the Organization in cases that affect the games to be played.

7 INTERPRETATION AND MODIFICATIONS

The Organization may modify these Rules due to unforeseen or organisational circumstances. In this case, the modifications will take effect once they have been communicated, reliably, to all the teams involved.

The Organization shall interpret the present Rules, at the request of any of the Delegates or by itself, in analogy to the FIDE Regulations, adapted to the special characteristics of the Tournament.

