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Mitropacup Guidelines

The Mitropa Cup tournament is organised with two sections, Open and Women, and the aim to provide links between chess players who live in the area of middle Europe, represented by the national federations.

1. Participating Federations

Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland.

2. Organisation

The Mitropa Cup shall be organised by the Mitropa Chess Association (MCA) in close collaboration with the local organising federation or organising committee. Every year the organisation of the tournament is trusted to another federation in successive order from the previous years (every federation once in 10 years).

The MCA shall assume an active role in the organisation of the event. In particular, an Advisor, appointed by the MCA, shall oversee the competition in order to guarantee a consistently high standard of organisation and execution.

This advisor will communicate to FIDE the names to be considered for the World Cup.

The organising federation shall remain fully responsible for the organisational and financial implementation of the event.

The MCA shall support the organising federation by coordinating dates, issuing invitations to tender, and assisting with organisational matters. Furthermore, the MCA shall prescribe and collect the entry fees and transfer it to the organiser.

The Mitropa Cup shall be played in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess in force at the time of the event."

The MCA will take a more active role in the organization of the Mitropa Cup, similar to the past system with a dedicated Tournament Director overseeing the event. This collaboration aims to ensure a consistently high standard of organization and execution.



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3. Teams

Each team consists of four players plus one reserve player (open section, women section).

4. List of players

At the captain's meeting before the start of the tournament each team has to deliver the final list of players for men's and women's section in fixed board order. The reserve players shall play on the last boards of the respective section.

5. Rate of play

The total playing time should be: 40 moves in 90 minutes + 30 minutes to finish the game; increment 30 seconds per move from move 1.

6. Scoring

The final ranking will be established separately for the open and the women section.

The final ranking will be made by the number of match points (2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss) each team obtained.

In case of equal game points the tie will be broken by

- game points
- result of the individual match(es)
- Sonneborn-Berger points based on the result of the match (the sum of the scores of the opponent teams, each multiplied by the scores achieved against this opponent team)
- equal place.

7. Results

The organising federation has the obligation to publish the results on Chess-Results and to announce them immediately after the tournament to ECU and FIDE.

8. Dates and Invitation

The date of Mitropa Cup should be in the second half of April, May or June and it shouldn't be in collision with any official ECU or FIDE Championship. Exceptions need the agreement of at least 2/3 of the federations.

The organising federation should announce the dates in the Mitropacup the year before and not later than July 31st. Starting from 2027 failing this deadline may lead to a 5% penalty on the registration fee to be given back to the federations. The invitation has to be submitted at least six months in advance.

9. Quality Standards and Evaluation

The MCA will develop and implement quality standards and evaluation criteria for the Mitropa Cup. These standards will cover various aspects of the tournament, including playing conditions, accommodation, media coverage, and overall participant experience. The evaluation criteria will be used to assess each tournament and provide feedback to the organizers for continuous improvement.



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10. Fees and Accommodation

An organisation fee of 500 Euro per participating player or captain is charged. The hotel standard is at least 3-star.

Each team is provided full board accommodation for 5 persons for the time of the tournament. This includes the day before the start of the tournament but not the day after the tournament. The accommodation is in double and single rooms: 3 rooms for a team of 5 players, i.e. 2 double and 1 single.

The organiser negotiates best conditions for the extra single rooms. He fixes the extra single room surcharge depending on the negotiated conditions. He may charge the full cost for extra single rooms to the participating federations. The organizer may charge the full cost for extra single rooms or extra days to the participating federations.

11. Potential Partnerships

The MCA will explore potential partnerships with hotel chains for long-term collaboration. Such partnerships could lead to more favorable accommodation rates and standardized service levels for participants, improving the overall tournament experience.

This agreement was **updated on 10th October 2025** by the Mitropa Chess Association and approved from the Mitropacup Federations in the General Assembly in Batumi, Georgia.