



TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

MITROPA CUP 2014

Article 1

Mitropa Cup 2014 is organized by the Slovak Chess Federation.

The competition takes place in the **City Hotel Kultúra Ružomberok, A. Bernoláka 1, Slovakia** from the **22nd May 2014 to 31st May 2014**.

Article 2

The following chess federations are entitled to take part in the Mitropa Cup 2014 competition:

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

Women's section: Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland.

Article 3

Mitropa Cup is a team event for ten European federations which will be held in two sections, the open section and the women section, played by round robin system.

Each team consists of four players in the open section, two women in the women's section.

One reserve player is allowed in the team.

The results of this competition will be credited into the FIDE ELO rating list and it is possible to achieve international title norms.

The pairings are made by drawing of lots at the captains' meeting using the Berger Tables.

There will be one drawing of lots for both sections. The first mentioned team in specific round has white pieces on the board(s) with odd number(s).

The order of the players, as indicated by the overall team list, cannot be altered therefore reserves may play at the bottom boards only.

Article 4

Time control is **90 minutes for 40 moves**, followed by **30 minutes to finish the game** with **30 second increment** for each move starting **from 1**. Digital chess clocks are set in the way that

additional time is added after the flag has fallen (i. e. NOT after the 40th move).

The players who are late more than **15 minutes** for the round will automatically lose the game.

The players cannot agree a draw in less than 30 moves without permission of the arbiter.

Unless authorized by the arbiter, mobile phones or any kinds of communication devices are banned in the playing venue and any contiguous area designated by the arbiter even if they are switched off.

Article 5

The meeting of captains and drawing of lots will take place in the playing hall on 22 May, 2014 at 8 p.m. All tournament regulations will be announced and clarified at this meeting.

The team captain shall present exact list of 4 players and 2 women players in board order who are to play in each round to the arbiter (or deputy arbiter) – from **10 a.m. to 10.15 a.m.** for all rounds played in the afternoon hours and from **10 p.m. to 10.15 p.m.** on the day before the following round.

If a team does not deliver the team composition for the concrete round, it has to play in the same board order of the previous round (in 1st round without reserve player).

All team compositions will be published on the tournament's website.

Regarding the role of the captains, Article 13 of the FIDE Tournament rules (Handbook FIDE C.05) applies:

- (a) The role of a team captain is basically an administrative during a game. Depending on the regulations of the specific competitions, the captain is required to deliver a written list naming the players in board order at the specific time, to announce pairing to the players, to sign the protocol indicating the results in the match at the end of the play, etc.
- (b) Whenever a team captain speaks to one of his players, he should do so only through or in the presence of an arbiter using a language the arbiter can understand.
- (c) A captain is entitled to advise the players of his team to make or accept an offer of draw or to resign a game, unless the regulations of the event stipulate otherwise. He must confine himself only to brief information, based solely on the circumstances pertaining to the match.
He may say to a player, “offer a draw”, “accept the draw”, or “resign the game”. For example, if asked by a player whether he should accept an offer of draw, the captain should answer “yes”, “no”, or delegate the decision to the player himself. He shall give no information to a player concerning the position on the chess board and/or the clock times, nor consult any other person and/or computer the state of the game. The captain shall refrain from any intervention during play.
- (d) Players are subjects to the same prohibitions. Even though there is competition a team loyalty in a team, which goes beyond a player's individual game, the game of chess is basically a contest between two players. For this reason, a player must have the final say over the conduct of his own game. Although the advice of the captain may weigh heavily with the player, he is not compelled to accept that advice. Likewise, the captain cannot act on behalf of a player and his game without the knowledge or consent of the player.
- (e) A team captain should encourage his team always to follow both the letter and the spirit of Article 12 of the FIDE Laws of Chess concerning the conduct of the players. Team competitions, in particular, should be conducted in the spirit of the highest sportsmanship.

Article 6

Tournament director is **Marek Zelnicky**.

The Chief Arbiter of the tournament is **IA Ivan Syrový**, Deputy Arbiter is **FA Martin Dobrotka** and **On-line Transmission Arbiter is IA Karol Pekar**.

A player or his team captain may appeal against any ruling made by the Chief Arbiter or one of his assistants. Written appeals with the fee of € 100 are acceptable no later than one hour after the finish of the last game of the specific round.

Decisions about such protests are taken by the Appeals Committee, elected at the captain's meeting. The Appeals Committee consists of the Chairman, two members and two reserve members. The Chairman, the members and reserve members shall be from different federations. No member of the Appeals Committee involved in the dispute shall rule in that dispute.

If the appeal is resolved in teams in good faith, the fee will be returned and the arbiter's decision overruled. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.

Article 7

Schedule:

22 May 2014	8:00 p.m.	Technical meeting
23 May 2014	2:30 p.m.	Opening ceremony
23 May 2014	3:00 p.m.	Round 1
24 May 2014	3:00 p.m.	Round 2
25 May 2014	3:00 p.m.	Round 3
26 May 2014	3:00 p.m.	Round 4
27 May 2014	3:00 p.m.	Round 5
28 May 2014	3:00 p.m.	Round 6
29 May 2014	3:00 p.m.	Round 7
30 May 2014	3:00 p.m.	Round 8
31 May 2014	9:00 a.m.	Round 9
31 May 2014	3:30 p.m.	Closing ceremony, departure

Matches cannot be postponed.

Article 8

The final ranking is established separately for the open and women's section.

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

In case of equality, the tie is broken by:

1. Game points.
2. The results of the teams in the same point group according to the number of match points.
3. 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).

The best players on the boards will be awarded individual board prizes.

For this purpose, the player's performance score is calculated if the player takes part in at least 6 rounds for basic players or 4 rounds for reserve players. The board winner becomes the player with highest performance rating wins.

In case of a tie it shall be broken by:

- (a) mutual results (if all played with each other);
- (b) percentage point score,
- (c) final ranking of a team, the player in the highest ranked team wins.

For calculations of performance rating, the maximum rating difference of two players shall be 400 points. In the case of not played games for all calculations the current FIDE Tournament Rules shall be applied.

Trophies will be awarded to the first three teams, individual prizes for the first players on the boards.

25 October 2013

Marek Zelnicky, Tournament Director

Karol Pekar, SVK rating officer