

International Chess Festival at Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (Benguerir, Morocco)

The Mohammed VI Polytechnic University at Benguerir (Morocco) is home to an International Chess Game Festival from October 30 to November 3, 2019, with several activities related to chess such as an International tournament that will involve the participation of circa 100 players, including several high-level players from Morocco and abroad, blitz games, an artisanal chess-making workshop, stamps, chess boards, books and paintings exhibitions, a “literary café”, a film screening, children's workshops, simultaneous games and an original poetical, musical and dance concert based on the same theme.

The planned tournament is organized by “Fondation des Cultures du Monde”, a Moroccan NGO, in collaboration with AIDEF (International Association of Francophone Chess) and will take place according to the Swiss system in 11 rounds of 30 minutes + 30 seconds rapid pace with mandatory scoring (tie break for title : result; otherwise game of 4/5 minutes).

Registration on line is via the website : www.chess-results.com,
or via the email address : lemarocsportif@gmail.com,
or by whatsapp : +212661542509.

The first 20 best ELO ranking players from outside Morocco will be hosted freely in Marrakech in 4 stars hotel from 30, october to 3, November, 2019. A limited number of other players can also be

hosted freely in good conditions in the same city. The last time to register on line is October 20, 2019 at midnight.

Prices (non-cumulative):

General classification:

1/2500 €; 2/1500 €; 3/1200 €; 4/800 €; 5/600 €; 6/400 €; 7/200 €.

Female (national) ranking :

1/2000 Dirhams; 2/1500 Dirhams; 3/1000 Dirhams

(National) ranking of young people:

First of each of the 7 age categories: 1000 Dirhams

First Moroccan: 1500 Dirhams

Best Moroccan performance: 1500 Dirhams

Blitz Tournament: 5000 Dirhams (1/2000 Dirhams, 2/1500 Dirhams, 3/1000 Dirhams, 4/500 Dirhams)

Festival Program

30/10/2019

14h00-19h00 : Participants Arrivals

19h 00-22h 00 : Cocktail party and blitz

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09h45-10h00 : Inauguration of the tournament

10h00-19h00 : Rounds 1, 2, 3 and 4 (10h, 12h, 15h and 17h)

11h00 am : Inauguration of the chess workshops and , exhibitions (stamps, chessboards, books, painting ...)

19h00 : Cocktail dinner

9 pm : Concert "Ches Celebration "

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10h00-20h00 : Rounds 5, 6, 7 and 8 (10h, 12h, 15h and 17h)

17h00 : "Literary café" devoted to chess

7h00 pm : Projection of Satyajit Ray's "Chess Players" Film

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10h00-20h00 : Rounds 9, 10 and 11 (10h, 12h, and 15h)

10h00-12h00 : Chess initiation workshops for children and teenagers

11h00 am : Giant chess game

17h00: Simultaneous with grand masters

21h00-24h00 : Dinner and award ceremony in music

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Before noon : Departure of the participants