

Round robin IM tournament “ Royal Residence cup”

April 24 – 30, 2012

Zhovkva , Ukraine

1.ORGANIZERS

Zhovkva Region Chess & Checkers Federation

2.TOURNAMENT MANAGERS COMITEE

Yuri Galkin (president of Zhovkva Region Chess & Checkers Federation; responsible for technical organization and accommodation);**Yuri Vovk** (International Grandmaster; responsible for participants invitation and contacts with invited players);**Anton Romashov** (candidate to master; responsible for technical organization and inventory)

2.VENUE,DATE,SCHEDULE

Tournament will be held in the city of Zhovkva (\approx 25 kilometers north to the city of Lviv and 35 kilometers to the east to Polish border) ,Ukraine, from 24th of April(date of first round) until 30th of April 2012(date of last round) in the city of Zhovkva

Day	Date	Time	Event
Tuesday	24/04/12	14:00	Opening ceremony
Tuesday	24/04/12	15:00	Round 1
Wednesday	25/04/12	10:00	Round 2
Wednesday	25/04/12	17:00	Round 3
Thursday	26/04/12	14:00	Round 4
Friday	27/04/12	14:00	Round 5

Saturday	28/04/12	10:00	Round 6
Saturday	28/04/12	17:00	Round 7
Sunday	29/04/12	14:00	Round 8
Monday	30/04/12	10:00	Round 9
Monday	30/04/12	15:00	Closing ceremony

3.SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

The tournament will be based on round robin system .

The playing time will be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

4. PARTICIPATION

10 players participate in the tournament .9 rounds will be played.

Players can participate only according to prior negotiations with tournament director .Also all non-IM players must pay entry fee

5. ACCOMMODATION

All players are offered a comfortable rooms on villa(2-3 persons per room).Accommodation + 3 meals per day costs 140 UAH(\approx 13 Euros) per person per day. Villa is not far from playing hall.

6.VISAS

Ukraine has liberal visa regime. EU citizens, citizens of USA and citizens of other republics of former Soviet Union **don't need visa to enter Ukraine** For more detailed information please contact Ukrainian embassy in your country.

7. USEFUL INFORMATION

Zhovkva is little city so it's hardly accessible directly from abroad. The best way for you is to get firstly to city of Lviv where organizers will wait you and will transfer you to Zhovkva.

City of Lviv is located close enough to border with Poland(approximately 80 km). Each day decent number of trains and buses perform regular trips from polish cities (Warsaw, Wroclaw, Krakow, Katowice, Lodz, Czestochowa, Opole, Bydgoszcz,Gdansk)Also its comfortable to get Lviv from Budapest(Hungary) as each day all around the year train is performing regular trip for a really moderate price.

You can easily get here by air with Lufthansa (direct flights from Munich or one stop flight via Munich) www.lufthansa.com, Austrian airlines(direct flights to Vienna or one stop flight via Vienna) www.austrianairlines.com, Czech airlines (direct flights to Prague or one stop flight via Prague) www.czechairlines.com. Also you can take a flight(usually one stop flights) of such companies like Ukrainian International airlines www.flyuia.com Aerosvit www.aerosvit.com and Carpatair www.carpatair.com

There is no problem to get Lviv with Turkish airlines(direct flights from Istanbul or one stop flight via Istanbul) Please check www.turkishairlines.com

Also it's possible to get in Lviv by low-cost companies!It's enough to book flight directly to Lviv from Dortmund or Venice Treviso!Also it's

possible to book ticket to capital of Ukraine-Kiev(550 km to the east) and then take or domestic flight or train. Cheap flights to Lviv and Kiev are performed by Wizz Air. For further information check www.wizzair.com

Also you have to know that regional capital Lviv is a nice place for tourists. Its old nice city founded in 1256. In different times it was part of Poland, Austria, Austro-Hungarian Empire, Soviet Union and at last Ukraine. That's why Lviv absorbed charm of Western Europe that is reflected in its unique architecture. There is really nice place to visit and by the way fight for a IM norm!

Tournament is called in a such way not accidentally! Zhovkva is not simple a little city but a great piece of history(city was found in 1597) and once upon a time it was a Royal Residence of *Jan III Sobieski King of Poland*. Lots of old churches make it nice place to visit!

National currency is Hryvnia. Normal exchange rate: 1 EUR=10,5UAH; 1USD= 7,95 UAH . **Organizers don't recommend you to trade money at ukrainian airports or near rail stations as exchange rates there are as a rule unfair. The best way is to exchange money in the city center after arrival.**

8. CONTACTS

To participate in the tournament please contact the responsible for contacts tournament director **GM Yuri Vovk**

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These regulations are an official invitation for a tournament