

13th Chess Festival “Vasylyshyn Memorial ”

3– 11 December , 2016

Lviv, Ukraine

1.ORGANIZERS

Lviv Chess Federation under the auspices of Governmental Department of Youth and Sports in Lviv region

2.VENUE, DATE, SCHEDULE

Festival will be held in the city of Lviv, Ukraine, from the 3rd of December (date of the first round) till the 11th of December 2016 (date of the last round) in the hotel “NTON”(address: Shevchenko str,154B). Festival will consist of the two round robin tournaments: “GM” (male round robin tournament with the possibility of male GM-norm performance) and “ IM ”(male round robin tournament with the possibility of male IM-norm performance). All other technical conditions for the “GM” and “IM” tournaments (number of participants, playing schedule, etc) are the same.

Playing Schedule

Day of week	Date	Exact time	Name of the event
Saturday	03.12.2016	15:00	Opening ceremony
Saturday	03.12.2016	16:00	1 st round
Sunday	04.12.2016	16:00	2 nd round
Monday	05.12.2016	16:00	3 rd round
Tuesday	06.12.2016	16:00	4 th round
Wednesday	07.12.2016	16:00	5 th round
Thursday	08.12.2016	16:00	6 th round
Friday	09.12.2016	16:00	7 th round
Saturday	10.12.2016	16:00	8 th round
Sunday	11.12.2016	10:00	9 th round
Sunday	11.12.2016	15:00	Closing ceremony

3.SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

The tournaments will be based on round robin system.

The playing time will be 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes with 30 seconds cumulative increment for each move starting from the first move

4. PARTICIPATION

10 players participate in the each of the tournaments. 9 rounds will be played.

Players can participate only according to prior negotiations with tournament directors. Also all non-GM (non-IM players in IM event respectively) players must pay entry fee.

Entry fees are deducted according to the 01 December rating list

5. ACCOMMODATION

Lviv is a large city with around of 800 000 inhabitants that was one of the host cities of European football championship in 2012. So there is no problem to get that kind of accommodation that fit you. There is a decent number of luxurious hotels for a really moderate prices (only 50 - 100 euros per night) If you want more cheap accommodation you can opt for a great number of cosy hotels you can find in Lviv (20-25 euros per night) Also its possible to get accommodation in hostel (10-15 euros per night). Also if you contact organizers in advance we can rent a room or whole flat for you for a really affordable price) Food isn't expensive here (price per good midday meal is not exceeding 5 euros). There is a great number of restaurants, cafes, supermarkets etc,

6.VISAS

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

7. USEFUL INFORMATION

First of all we ask you to pay attention that the host city is an absolutely safe place to play chess despite the russian-ukrainian war on the east of the country. The closest military fights take place far away (at least 1000 kms). So you can feel absolutely comfortable and safe here.

City of Lviv is located in Western Ukraine close enough to Polish border (approximately 70 km). Each day decent number of buses perform regular trips from Poland (Warsaw, Wrocław, Kraków, Katowice etc.). There is also a good connection with Baltic countries. Also it's comfortable enough to get to Lviv from Hungary and Slovakia by train.

City of Lviv has modern airport with decent number of airlines (also low-cost airlines!) connecting Lviv with Western Europe. Check if airflight from your city is possible on the website of Lviv airport <http://lwo.aero/en/airline>

Also you have to know that 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 eventually Ukraine. That's why Lviv absorbed charm of Western Europe that is reflected in its unique architecture. This is really a nice place to visit and to fight for the GM/IM norm!

Local time is +1 CET

National currency is Hryvnia. Normal exchange rate is approximately: 1 EUR= 28,5 UAH; 1 USD = 25,5 UAH. **Due to the unstable political situation exchange rate can vary a lot. So please contact organizers just before the arrival to get the actual one. Also organizers don't recommend you to trade money at the Ukrainian airports or near the rail stations as exchange rates are as a rule unfair there. The best way is to exchange money after arrival.**

8. CONTACTS

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These regulations can be considered as an official invitation for the tournament