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## REGULATIONS

### International Chess Festival "Intellect Academy Cup"

#### General Information

#### Dates and Venue

The International Chess Festival "Intellect Academy Cup" is a FIDE-rated competition organized for elementary and secondary school teams as part of the Chess in Schools program.

The Intellect Academy Cup will be held from February 16 (arrival day) to February 22 (departure day), 2026.

Venue: Intellect Academy (an independent non-profit educational organization), 36 Kirova St., Novokuznetsk, Russia.

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## **Tournament schedule:**

### **February 16:**

- Arrival of participants;
- Player registration: 18:00-21:00 (ground floor hall), admission committee;
- Team representatives' meeting: 21:00 (online);
- Arbiters' meeting: 21:30 (assembly hall);
- Pairings for Round 1 – 23.59.

### **February 17 – First playing session**

- Round 1– 10.00;
- Opening Ceremony – 12.00 (Novokuznetsk Drama Theater, 28 Metallurgov avenue);
- Lunch break – 13.30 (Intellect Academy);
- Round 2 – 14.30;
- Extra program. Simultaneous exhibitions by Grandmasters – 16.30 (Park Inn by Radisson Novokuznetsk, Ermakova street, 1/1);

### **February 18 – Second playing session**

- Round 3 - 10.00;
- Round 4 - 12.00;
- Lunch break – 13.30;
- Excursion or entertainment - 14.30;

### **February 19 – Third playing session**

- Round 5 - 10.00;
- Round 6 - 12.00;
- Lunch break – 13.30;
- Sports program – beginning 14.30;
- Extra program. FIDE-rated Blitz tournament – 16.00 (Park Inn by Radisson Novokuznetsk, Ermakova street, 1/1).

### **February 20 – Fourth playing session**

- Round 7 - 10.00;
- Round 8 - 12.00;
- Lunch break – 13.30;
- Sports program – beginning 14.30;
- Extra program. Bughouse tournament – 16.00 (Park Inn by Radisson Novokuznetsk, Ermakova street, 1/1).

### **February 21– Fifth playing session**

- Round 9 –10.00;
- Lunch break – 12.30;
- Closing and Award Ceremony - 14.00 (Novokuznetsk Drama Theater, 28 Metallurgov avenue).

### **February 22 – departure of participants.**

## **Tournament System and Rate of Play**

The Championship format is a nine (9)-round standard Swiss. Pairings will be done using the FIDE-certified Swiss-Manager program.

Each round consists of two (2) matches: in the first match, the team captain (Board 1) plays a simultaneous exhibition against members of the opposing team (Boards 2 through 5). The second match is played as a standard team match (captain vs captain, Board 2 vs. Board 2, etc.). A total of thirteen (13) points are awarded per round.

Time control.

Time control for the first match in every round:

- for the captain who gives a simul: 30 minutes per game with 5 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1;
- for players on Boards 2 through 5: 10 minutes per game with 5 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

Time control for the second match in every round:

- for every player (i.e., Boards 1 through 5): 10 minutes per game with 5 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1.

The results of the games played in captain's simuls (first match in each round) are taken into account only for the overall team score. These games are not rated and are not considered for determination of individual board winners.

Default time is 10 minutes.

If a team lineup is incomplete, the team can still start a match if it has at least three (3) participants, regardless of their board numbers.

The Organizer will form an Appeals Committee (AC). The Appeals Committee will include the Chairman and two (2) other members of the Appeals Committee, all from different national chess federations, as well as two (2) reserve members. The Appeals Committee will be announced at the Team Representatives' Meeting.

Only the Head of Delegation may lodge a protest. All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee within 15 minutes after the completion of the round where the incident allegedly happened.

Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of three thousand (3000) rubles in cash. If the protest is upheld, the fee will be refunded; if rejected, the fee will be forfeited to the Organizer.

The Appeals Committee may decide on:

- a) An appeal against an arbiter's decision,
- b) A protest regarding a player's behavior,
- c) Other matters the Committee deems relevant.

No appeals will be accepted against pairings generated by FIDE-certified tournament management software.

The written decision of the Appeals Committee is final.

### **Team Roster Requirements**

Every team shall consist of six (6) members who meet the following requirements:

- Captain (simul-giver): boy or girl born in 2013 or later;
- Board 2: boy or girl born in 2014 or later;
- Board 3: boy or girl born in 2015 or later;
- Board 4: a girl born in 2016 or later;
- Board 5: boy or girl born in 2017 or later
- Head of the Delegation.

### **Registration**

Foreign teams shall register in advance by filling the Web form provided by the Organizer. To receive registration instructions, mail your Letters of Intent or preliminary team rosters to Tournament Director IA Alexander Shukan at [alex\\_sh\\_1981@mail.ru](mailto:alex_sh_1981@mail.ru) by December 01, 2025.

It is the responsibility of every Head of Delegation to provide complete information for every player as requested in the Web form, and to submit a scan of a government-issued photo ID. An original identity document for each delegation member shall be provided during the on-site check-in.

On-site check-in will be held on February 16 from 18:00 to 21:00 at Intellect Academy (36 Kirova St., Novokuznetsk).

### **Determination of Winners; Prizes**

Teams will be ranked in final standings by the total number of game points scored by all team members. If two or more teams have the same number of game points, the following tiebreak criteria will be used:

1. Total match points (2 points for a win, 1 for a draw, 0 for a loss)
2. The result of a direct encounter if all of these teams played each other.

If some teams are still tied after the above two criteria are applied, then the team whose captain (simul-giver) scored more points in all games played (including simuls) is placed higher.

If the criterion is applied and the captains (simul-givers) of the tied teams are found to have scored the same number of game points, then the tie is broken by Board 2 results (points scored in all games, including simuls). If it is still a tie, Board 3 results are compared, and so on.

Teams from outside Russia that finish in the top three will receive trophies, diplomas, and valuable prizes. All players on these teams will receive certificates and medals.

Russian teams finishing in the top three will receive trophies, diplomas, and cash prizes. All players on these teams will receive certificates and medals.

The total tournament prize fund is 300,000 (three hundred thousand) rubles:

- The team that finishes first shall receive 150,000 (one hundred fifty thousand) rubles;
- The team that finishes second shall receive 100,000 (one hundred thousand) rubles;
- The team that finishes third shall receive 50,000 (fifty thousand) rubles.

Cash prizes are subject to taxation in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation. To receive a cash prize, a team representative must provide the organizers with copies of the following documents: passport, state pension insurance certificate, TIN and relevant bank details. Cash prizes are remitted via bank transfers through March 30, 2026.

Individual board winners will be determined by points scored (excluding games played in simuls). In case of a tie, the following tiebreak criteria will be used.

- *Buchholz*
- *Buchholz Cut 1*
- *Buchholz Cut 2*;
- *results of a direct encounter.*

### **Accommodation and meals**

The Organizing Committee will provide free accommodation with full board (three meals per day) for foreign participants.

### **Contact information**

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## APPLICATION FORM

for participation in the International Chess Festival "Intellect Academy Cup"

Name of the Russian Federation constituent entity	
Name of the municipal unit	
Name of the general educational organization (under the Corporate Charter)	
Address	
Telephone number	
E-mail	
Name of the head of the general educational organization	

Board number	Surname, name of the participant	Date of birth	Grade	FIDE ID	Doctor's stamp
1 (captain)					
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3					
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5					

Team's representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname, name, patronymic name, telephone number

Stamp here

Director \_\_\_\_\_

name of the general educational organization

signature

print full name

Date