

# 42nd WORLD CHESS OLYMPIAD, Baku, Azerbaijan, 1-14 September 2016

## INFORMATION FOR TEAM CAPTAINS

Dear Team Captains,

With this letter we would like to inform you about the basic procedures of the 42<sup>nd</sup> World Chess Olympiad that will be held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 1 (Arrival) to 14 (Departure) September 2016.

### CAPTAINS' MEETING:

The Captains' Meeting will take place on 1 September, at 20.30, at the National Gymnastics Arena. The Meeting will take place immediately after the end of the Olympiad Opening Ceremony, which will be held in the same venue. Transportation from and to your Hotels will be provided by the Organizers.

Your attendance of the Meeting is very important, because all details of the Olympiad Tournament will be discussed there.

Additionally, during the meeting you will be provided with detailed instructions and the unique password for every participating Team, for the online registration of your Team composition for every round of the tournament. During the Meeting you will also have to submit the FIXED BOARD ORDER of your Team (i.e. the exact order of the boards, where you want the players of your team to play in the Tournament) to the Technical Administrative Panel (TAP).

### BEFORE THE ROUND:

The deadline for the submission of the team compositions is 10.00 hrs in the morning of the day of each round, except the last round. For the last round the deadline will be 24.00 hrs in the night of the previous round (12<sup>th</sup> September).

The submission must be online, through Swiss Manager Program and according to the instructions and with the use of the unique password that will be given to every Captain by TAP. In case of any problem an Assistant will be present in every Olympiad Hotel from 09.00 to 10.00 every morning, to offer any help needed. Additionally, the Captains will be provided with the TAP telephone number and will have the possibility to call the TAP Members, should any problem arise in the registration of their team composition.

### ARRIVAL IN THE PLAYING HALL:

Every round of the Tournament will start at 15.00, except the last round (13 September), which will start at 11.00.

There will be NO Zero Tolerance Rule. The default time of the Tournament will be fifteen (15) minutes. It means that the players have the right to arrive at their board and make their first move up to (maximum) fifteen (15) minutes after the start of the round. If they arrive after fifteen (15) minutes from the start of the round they may be forfeited, according to the Laws of Chess.

At the entrances of the Playing Hall there will be X-ray frames and for anti-cheating measures all the players and Captains will have to pass through them. In order to avoid long queues and delays of the start of

the games, please make sure that your teams arrive in the Playing Hall in advance before the start of the round and don't miss the buses that will be provided by the Organizers for the transportation from your Hotels.

Additionally, the players have to give their mobile phones, watches and pens that they have with them, while entering the Playing Hall (they will be stored in a special area and given back to them on their departure from the Playing Hall).

Please take care so that none of your players carry such devices with him/her during the round, because they will be penalized, according to the FIDE Laws of Chess and the FIDE Anti-cheating regulations.

#### DURING THE ROUND:

Chairs for the Captains will be next to the Arbiter's chair.

The Captains have the right to communicate with their players according to the Laws of Chess, as follows:

The team captain must not stand behind the opposing team during play.

If the Team Captain wishes to speak to one of his players, he shall first approach the Match Arbiter. The Team Captain shall then speak to the player in the presence of an Arbiter, using a language the arbiter can understand. The same procedure shall be followed if a player needs to speak to the Captain.

A Team Captain is entitled to advise the players of his team to make or accept an offer of a draw, unless the regulations of the event stipulate otherwise. He shall not intervene in a game in any other way. He must not discuss any position on any board during play.

The Team Captain may delegate his functions to another person, provided he informs the Match Arbiter of this in writing in advance.

As the 180 Match Arbiters from all over the world may not know the players and the Captains of the participating teams, Captains and players must wear their badges that they will receive from the Organizers, during the whole round.

Additionally the Captains will be given five (5) green cards by the Match Arbiter. The players and the Captain of the team MUST also wear this green card during the whole round and especially when they are walking in the Playing Hall or visiting toilets, the smoking area, the bar area etc.

The green card will indicate that their game is still in progress and therefore they are allowed to be in the Playing Hall. After the end of every game of the match the player has to give his green card to the Match Arbiter and quit the Playing Hall (Analysis room is provided by the Organizers). After the end of the match the Captain MUST receive back all the green cards (4) from the Match Arbiter, in order to use them (together with his own card) for the match of the next round. The Captains must take care not to lose the green cards, as their number is limited and any loss may cause problems at the entrance of the players to the Playing Hall, as no player and Captain will be allowed in the Playing Hall without his green card.

The Captains are not allowed to visit the Press-Room or any other area of the playing venue, where they could analyze the games of their players on computers or on chessboards. They must not carry any mobile phone, smart watch, laptop, tablet or any other device of communication while being in the Playing Hall.

If a Captain or a player wants to submit a complaint for cheating reasons, he has to fill the form of the In-tournament complaint, according to the FIDE Anti-cheating regulations. This form will be provided by the Chief Arbiter.

AFTER THE END OF THE MATCH:

The Captain (or the player who finishes his/her game last) MUST sign the Match Protocol, after checking the results of the games and the final result of the match written by the Match Arbiter. Before he leaves the Playing Hall he has to receive back all the four (4) green cards from the Match Arbiter.

In case, any player of his/her team will be selected for a check according to the article 11.3.b. of the Laws of Chess and the Anti-cheating regulations (i.e. private inspection in a separate room of clothes, bags and other items of the player), he may be present, as a witness of his/her player.

We believe that the Captains play an important role in every Olympiad and their contribution to the success of the event is essential.

The good co-operation between Captains and Arbiters is necessary, for the success of the 42nd World Chess Olympiad in Baku.

We hope to have your valuable help on this issue.

We expect to see you all in Baku.

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