



CLUB D'ECHECS D'AVOINE
BP 64 - 37420 AVOINE

OPEN D'AVOINE 2019

RULES AND PROCEDURES



Article 1: General Organization

The application of the present regulations is entrusted, from July 20 to 28, 2019, to the Organizing Committee of the "Avoine Chess Club", under the direction of Mr. Jean-Louis SALVAING, President of the club.

The organizing team can be reached at the following number: +33 (0) 2 47 58 40 84 (refreshment room of the Cultural Space of Avoine).

Article 2: Right to the image

The Organizing Committee makes all decisions that it deems useful in the interest of the smooth running of the tournament. For the nine days of the 34th AVOINE INTERNATIONAL CHESS OPEN TOURNAMENT, during chess games, but also related activities of the tournament, photos or videos will be taken. In accordance with article 7 of the law n° 78-17 of January 6th, 1978, we ask all the persons not wishing to appear on photographs or films to make themselves known as of their entry, or at the latest before the beginning of the first round.

Article 3: Rules of the Game and Pairing Principles

The rules of the game are those of F.I.D.E.

Pairings are made using the degressively accelerated Swiss System over 9 rounds.

The players paired for the first round are those who have paid their registration fees.

The initial list of players is officially closed on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 2:30 pm; however, all players who register after this limit can be paired with each other (up to 400 places available).

The pairing list:

- The pairing list is officially displayed at most 3 hours before the round (except the 1st round)
- A list of pairings is, however, communicated as soon as possible after the end of the last part of the previous round.

Article 4: Registration Regulations

To participate, each player must:

- have paid the amount of his registration fees,
- have provided a duly completed entry form containing the following minimum information: surname and first name, represented federation, FFE or FIDE code and ELO rating (national or international).

Article 5: Playing rate and schedules

Play rate; allocated to each player:

- 100 minutes at the beginning of the game
- 50 additional minutes after the 40th move
- 10 additional minutes after the 60th move
- 30 seconds increment after each move, starting from the first move.

Schedule

- Reception and information: Saturday, July 20, 2019 from 9am to 2:30pm.
- Closing of the initial list of registrations: Saturday 20th July 2019 at 2.30 pm
- Presentation of prizes: Sunday, July 28, 2019 at 5 pm (Concert Hall of the Espace Culturel d'Avoine).
- Round schedule:
 - Round 1: Saturday, July 20th at **3 pm (15:00)**
 - Round 2: Sunday, July 21st at 2 pm (14:00)
 - Round 3: Monday, July 22nd at **9 am (09:00)**
 - Round 4: Tuesday, July 23rd at **9 am**
 - Round 5: Wednesday, July 24th at **9 am**

Round 6: Thursday, July 25th at **9 am**
Round 7: Friday July 26th at **9 am**
Round 8: Saturday July 27th at **9 am**
Round 9: Sunday, July 28th at **9 am**

- Because of the heat wave forecasted during the week July 20 – July 28, the organizing committee has decided to start the rounds played during that week at **9 am (09:00)**, instead of 2 pm (14:00) as previously planned. However, the organizing committee may change back the start of rounds to 14:00 for the rounds 6 through 8, based on the weather forecast. The decision about this change will be announced during the opening of round 3.

Article 6: End-of-game regulations

At the end of each game, both players shall sign the score sheets and clearly indicate the result by framing the name of the winner (in case of a draw, both names are framed).

Players put the pieces back on the chessboard and leave their table free and clean for the next round.

The winner (or, in the case of a draw, the player with white pieces) gives the originals of the score sheets and easels with the players' names to the referees' table where the results are recorded.

Article 7: Half Point Bye

Each player of the tournament may take a half point bye, meaning they would not be paired during a round while still gaining half a point (0.5 points). The player must notify the arbiter BEFORE the end of the previous round. Each player may only take ONE half point bye during the tournament, except in the last 2 rounds.

Article 8: Final Placings and tie-breaks

The final placings are classified:

- first according to the number of game points acquired,
- then by the BUCHHOLZ system truncated to 7 opponents (roughly sum of the points of the opponents minus the points of the two weakest),
- then by the ELO performance.

Article 9: Prizes

The list of awards is published in the opening bulletin and displayed at the opening of the Open.

Prizes are awarded based on the tournament **final placing**, after tie-breaks (see Article 7)

This means there is no prize sharing nor HORT System.

The **special prizes**, especially those by ELO ranking or categories, are strictly awarded according to the announcement made (eg. a "Cadet" competes for the "Cadet" prize even if he finishes in front of the first "Junior").

For each of the special prizes, the players with the same number of points receive the sum corresponding to the place they occupy in the final placings after tie-breaks: 1st or 2nd or 3rd. No prize sharing in case of equality of points.

A player qualifying for several awards receives only the highest one. Prizes thus not awarded to that player are paid back into the prize fund.

Article 10: Regulations on player behaviour

- Any paired player who has not played his first move within a maximum of **45 (forty-five) minutes** after the announcement of the start of the round is made by the referee will forfeit the game and must explain the reasons.
 - The players paired on the first 10 tables on the electronic boards, and whose moves are broadcasted live on the site of Avoine Chess Club, can only offer a draw that after their 20th move so that sporting ethics are respected.
 - The play area includes: the game room, the toilets, the refreshment bar and the Mansart room immediate outside area for smokers.
 - The game room includes all the playing areas of the players.
 - The playing area of a player is reduced to his gaming table and the nearby space.
- During the game, it is forbidden to leave the game room, engage in any discussion of the game in progress, or engage in any suspicious reading. The player to move may not leave his playing area without the referee's permission.
- During the game, it is forbidden for a player to have a mobile phone, an electronic means of communication or any device capable of suggesting chess moves in the playing area. It is permissible for such devices to be in the player's

bag, provided they are completely turned off. A player is prohibited from carrying a bag containing a device of this type without the permission of the referee. If it is proven that a player has such a device on him in the game room, he will receive an oral warning. If such a device produces a sound, the player will be declared as losing the game. If such a sound comes from a device worn by a spectator, it will be excluded from the game room. Claims on this subject must be made immediately to the referee who will rule or refer to the chief arbiter. In case of exceptional circumstances, any use of one of these devices is subject to the authorization of the referee

- One can smoke outside near the Mansart room at the entrance of the bar and it is strictly forbidden to consume alcohol in the playing rooms.
- Analysis and blitz are prohibited in the two rooms of the tournament.
- Access to the analysis rooms are strictly forbidden to any player during their game.
- A player who is absent during a round, without having notified the referee, is considered to have abandoned the tournament, and will no longer be paired.
- The unjustified abandonment of the tournament results in the sending of a letter of inquiry by the referee. Without response in a fortnight, the player is automatically penalized with a license suspension of three months (FFE regulation).
- The presence of animals is prohibited in all the premises occupied by the Avoine Open.

Article 11: Panel of Arbiters

Chief Arbiter: Mr. Serge DESMOULIERES
Deputy Arbiters: Mr. Laurent VERNEREY
Mr. Noël DAL PRA
Mr. Sammy PLAT
Ms. Julie COLIN



Article 12: Compliance with the rules and sanctions

Any player with a game in progress and breaking the rules will be sanctioned.
Any player who has completed a game and does not comply with the spectator rules will receive a warning.
A player who receives two warnings will be excluded from the tournament.
These sanctions will be applied by an arbiter or by the panel of arbiters.

** Rules governing spectators:*

- a) Spectators and players from other games must not speak or intervene in any way in any game other. If necessary, the referee will remove the offenders from the playing room. If anyone observes an irregularity, he can only inform the referee.*
- b) Unless authorized by the referee, no person shall use a mobile phone or any type of communication device in the playing room or in any adjoining area designated by the referee.*

Article 13: Jury of Appeal

A jury of appeal is constituted during the first round and posted immediately in the room of the tournament. Its composition is as follows:

- two representatives of the Organization,
- three players,
- two substitutes. (1 player and 1 member of the organization)

The jury may be called to contest an arbiter's decision.

Article 14:

Throughout the tournament, the rules of F.F.E. and F.I.D.E. are applied for any point not covered by this Regulation.

The Président,

