

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS AEROFLOT OPEN 2026
(International chess festival)

1. EVENT ORGANIZERS

Chief arbiter – IA A' Cat., IO Vladimir Staratorzhskiy (Russia)

Tournament Director – IA A' Cat., IO Alexander Tkachev (Russia).

Chairman of the Admission Commission – Valery Tereschenko (Russia).

2. CONDITIONS.

The competition is subject to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

Anti-cheating measures at the competition are mandatory and will be applied in accordance with the FIDE-approved Anti-cheating Protection Rules.

An Appeals Committee (AC) consisting of 5 persons (3 primary members and 2 alternate members) shall be elected at the Technical Meeting. Complaints must be submitted in writing to the AC Chairperson within 15 minutes of the end of the last game of a given round. The deposit for filing a complaint is 10000 (ten thousand) rubles. If the complaint is satisfied, the deposit will be returned to the complainant. Otherwise, it will be given to the Organizing Committee to cover tournament expenses. No complaints against the computer-generated pairings will be accepted. The decision of the AC shall be considered final.

3. COMPETITION DEADLINES AND VENUE. SCHEDULE.

The competition will be held from February 27th to March 6th, including February 27th as the day of arrival to Moscow and March 6th as the day of departure from Moscow.

The competition venue is The Carlton, Moscow Hotel (the city of Moscow, Tverskaya Street,3).

Schedule:

February 27th (Friday)

- Arrival and accommodation of non-local participants;
- Accreditation of participants from 14.00 to 17.00 (The Carlton Hotel, Moscow);
- The drawing 1st round– 23.00;
- Meeting of the Board of Arbiters – at 22.30 (administrative office);
- Pairing of the first round – at 23.00 (administrative office).

February 28th (Saturday)

Technical opening 16.30 p.m.

Round One 17.00 p.m.

March 1st (Sunday)

Round Two 12.00 a.m.

Round Three 17.00 p.m.

March 2nd (Monday)

Round Four 12.00 a.m.

Round Five 17.00 p.m.

March 3rd (Tuesday)

Round Six 17.00 p.m.

March 4th (Wednesday)

Round Seven 12.00 a.m.

Round Eight 17.00 p.m.

March 5th (Thursday)

Round Nine 12.00 a.m.

Closing Ceremony 18.00 p.m.

March 6th (Friday)

Departure of participants.

4. COMPETITION SYSTEM AND TIME CONTROL

The competition will be played to the Swiss system in 9 (nine) rounds with the following time control: 60 minutes till the end of the game with a 30-second increment for each participant per each move made, beginning with move one. Default time is 60 minutes.

Recording of games is mandatory. Negotiations on a draw are prohibited until the 40th move inclusive.

The pairings will be managed by the Swiss Manager computer program.

5. PARTICIPANT ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The competition is open to players FIDE (**standard**) - rated 2300 points and above as of 01.01.2026, provided that the registration fee is paid not later than 00.00 o'clock of **February 21**.

Registration fee amount:

FIDE rating as of 01.01.2026	Registration fee amount (in Rubles)
2700 and up	no application fee
2699-2650	2000
2649-2600	4000
2599-2550	6000
2549-2400	8000
2399-2350	10000
2349-2300	15000

Payment Details

Beneficiary of payment: CFR
INN (Taxpayer Identification Number) 7704016433
KPP (Classifier of Industrial Enterprises) 770401001
Current account 40703810525119000002

CENTRAL BRANCH OF PJSC VTB BANK

Correspondent account 30101810145250000411

BIK (Russian Central Bank Identification Code) 044525411

Please fill out the purpose of payment as follows: Application fee for the CFR prize fund. "Aeroflot OPEN 2026" _____, not subject to VAT.

(full name)

Registration fees are not payable in cash.

The application fee is non-refundable. The application fees are used to form the CFR prize fund.

The registration fee is not subject to any discounts.

For this competition, the players must bring a document of life and health insurance against accidents.

Participants' personal data is collected and processed by the organizer (CFR).

The order and terms of personal data processing are defined in the [CFR Policy](#) on personal data processing, approved by the CFR Supervisory Board. See Minutes of Meeting No.01-01.2022 of January 26, 2022.

The current version of the [Policy](#) is always available on the official website: <https://ruchess.ru/>

Completing [the registration form](#) every player confirms that he/she:

- fully understood the Regulations for the Aeroflot Open 2026
- agrees to comply with all provisions of the Regulations, including but not limited to rules of play, dress code requirements, penalties, and other obligations established therein
- acknowledge that failure to comply with the Regulations may result in disciplinary measures, sanctions, or exclusion from the tournament.

The competition dress code is Smart Casual.

6. TIES and AWARDING WINNERS

The final standings will be determined by the highest number of points earned by each player. In the event of a tie, the following additional tiebreakers will be used to determine the final standings (in order of decreasing importance):

- Number of games played as Black. Unplayed games qualify as games played as White;
- Average rating of your opponent's minus the highest and lowest rated players.

The guaranteed tournament fund is 18,150,000 (eighteen million one hundred fifty thousand) rubles.

Main prizes:

Place taken	Prize money (in Rubles)	Place taken	Prize money (in Rubles)	Place taken	Prize money (in Rubles)
1	3400000	6	1100000	11	600000
2	2000000	7	1000000	12	500000
3	1800000	8	900000	13	400000
4	1600000	9	800000	14	300000
5	1400000	10	700000	15	200000
TOTAL: 16,700,000 (sixteen million seven hundred thousand) Rubles					

Top scorers in the following categories will receive additional prizes (1 – 3):

– Women:

Place taken	Prize money (in Rubles)	Place taken	Prize money (in Rubles)	Place taken	Prize money (in Rubles)
1	150000	2	100000	3	80000
TOTAL: 330000 (three hundred thirty thousand) Rubles					

- Male players born in the year 1966 and later;
- Female players born in the year 1971 and later;
- In each of the ELO-rated categories listed below:
 - 2300 – 2399;
 - 2400 – 2499;

Place taken	Prize money (in Rubles)	Place taken	Prize money (in Rubles)	Place taken	Prize money (in Rubles)
1	120000	2	90000	3	70000
TOTAL: 1,120,000 (one million one hundred twenty thousand) Rubles					

Prizes will be awarded according to the final standings, with the additional tie-breakers being taken into account. If all additional tiebreakers are equal, prizes are split equally.

A participant is only eligible for one prize (the highest).

CFR will pay the prize money to the participants by bank transfer to the accounts declared to CFR within 3 months from the date of publication of the competition results.

In order to receive the prize money, it is necessary to send the following documents to the accounting department of CFR (elena.klysilova@gmail.com) **by March 21, 2026:**

For residents (payment in rubles):

1. Adult players

- Prize money payment information (in the form of a bank statement);
- A copy of your passport (the front page and the page showing your place of residence);
- A copy of your INN (Taxpayer Identification Number) certificate

2. Non-adult players (for prize money transfers to their parents):

- Player's request for transfer prize money to his/her parent's account;

- A copy of the player's birth certificate;
- A copy of the player's passport (the front page and the page showing the local residence, for those over the age of 14);
- Copy of the player's INN certificate
- A passport copy of this player's parent (the front page and the page showing the place of residence);
- Parent's bank details (in the form of a bank statement).

For non-residents:

- Prize money payment information (in the form of a bank statement);
- A copy of your passport (the front page);

The prize money is subject to taxation in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation (item 1 of Article 224, item 1 of Article 226 of the Tax Code of the Russian Federation).

7. FINANCING TERMS.

The CFR will bear the costs of organizing and holding the competitions in accordance with the normative-legal documents regulating the financial support of sports events for the year 2026 and in accordance with the approved cost estimate for these competitions.

The prize money for the competition is provided by the CFR.

Payment of the registration fee, expenses for participants, coaches and accompanying persons (travel from home to the competition site and back, food and lodging, insurance) are covered by the sending organizations.

8. TOURNAMENT ENTRY APPLICATIONS

The electronic pre-registration form will be available on the event's official website at <https://aeroflotopen.ru/en> before **00:00 on February 21**.

Registration is complete upon payment of the registration fee to the bank account indicated in section 5 of this document.

9. INFORMATION

Visa support is available to all foreign chess players who apply to the Organizing Committee before February 3, 2026. The Organizing Committee **is not** responsible for obtaining visas for late applications.

Any additional information can be obtained via e-mail: support@ruchess.ru