

## Rules for the chess competition

1. The competition will be organised in a Swiss<sup>1</sup> format in two groups.
2. Group 1 will include players from Category A (up to P4).
3. Group II will include players from Categories B and C (P5 – S7)
3. The competition will be played in five rounds.
5. Players are expected to arrive at least five minutes in advance to the beginning of the rounds.
6. The calendar for the games is the following.

First round: 10.30 AM

Second round: 11.30 AM

Third round 1.30 PM

Fourth round 3.00 PM

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7. Pending games at the end of the scheduled time will be arbitered by the referee; who will decide whether one of the players wins or it is a draw. Fair play is expected from participants and parents to accept the decision.
8. If a player does not wish play a particular round, he is expected to tell the referee at the end of the previous round. Requests for not playing the first round should be sent by mail to [echeschess@gmail.com](mailto:echeschess@gmail.com) Friday 24 April at 22.00
9. Wins are counted as one point, draws as half points and loses as zero points.
10. Request for no playing in a particular round will be counted as a zero.
11. Players that do not show up without announcing it beforehand will be penalised with half a point. The organisation reserves the right to exclude them from the competition.
12. If the number of players in a particular round is odd, one of the players will receive a bye and will get one point without playing.
13. Meeting point will be the play yard in front of Da Vinci building where there is a giant chess board.

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<sup>1</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swiss-system\\_tournament](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swiss-system_tournament)

14. The following tie-breakers<sup>2</sup> (in order) will apply

1. Buchholz system<sup>3</sup>
2. Sonneborn-Berger score
3. Class level of the player (the lower level prevails)
4. Cumulative
5. Most games played
6. Less draws
7. Drawing lots<sup>8</sup>.

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<sup>2</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tie-breaking\\_in\\_Swiss-system\\_tournaments](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tie-breaking_in_Swiss-system_tournaments)

<sup>3</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buchholz\\_system](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Buchholz_system)