

2018 GCT Event Regulations

1. Preamble

The following Event regulations shall apply for the three Rapid and Blitz events that form part of the 2018 Grand Chess Tour and for the 2018 Sinquefeld Cup.

2. Rapid & Blitz Event Regulations

1.1. Prize Fund:

The total prize fund for each of the Rapid & Blitz Events shall be \$150,000 USD.

The prize fund shall be distributed as follows:

2018 Grand Chess Tour - Rapid & Blitz Prize Fund Distribution			
Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1st	\$37,500	6th	\$10,000
2nd	\$25,000	7th	\$7,500
3rd	\$20,000	8th	\$7,500
4th	\$15,000	9th	\$7,500
5th	\$12,500	10th	\$7,500
Total Prize Fund: \$150,000			

1.2. Schedule of Events (Draft)

2018 Grand Chess Tour - Rapid & Blitz Event Schedules			
Date	Event	Date	Event
DAY 1	Player Arrival	DAY 5	Rapid Day 3
DAY 2	Pro/Biz, Press & Corporate Day Activities	DAY 6	Blitz Day 1
DAY 3	Rapid Day 1	DAY 7	Blitz Day 2, Playoffs, Closing Ceremony
DAY 4	Rapid Day 2	DAY 8	Departure

1.3. Rapid Chess Format and Time Limit:

1.3.1. Format: 10-player Round Robin

1.3.2. Time Limit: Game in 25 minutes, with a 10-second delay from move 1.

1.4. Blitz Chess Format and Time Limit

1.4.1. Format: 10-player Double Round Robin

1.4.2. Time Limit: Game in 5 minutes, with a 3-second delay from move 1.

3. Sinquefield Cup Regulations

2.1. Prize Fund:

The total prize fund for the 2018 Sinquefield Cup shall be \$ 300,000 USD.

The prize fund shall be distributed as follows:

2018 Grand Chess Tour – Sinquefield Cup Prize Fund Distribution			
Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1st	\$75,000	6th	\$20,000
2nd	\$50,000	7th	\$15,000
3rd	\$40,000	8th	\$15,000
4th	\$30,000	9th	\$15,000
5th	\$25,000	10th	\$15,000
Total Prize Fund: \$300,000			

2.2. Schedule (Draft)

2018 Grand Chess Tour – Sinquefield Cup Schedule			
Date	Event	Date	Event
DAY 1	Player Arrival	DAY 8	Rest Day
DAY 2	Ultimate Moves	DAY 9	Round 6
DAY 3	Round 1	DAY 10	Round 7
DAY 4	Round 2	DAY 11	Round 8
DAY 5	Round 3	DAY 12	Round 9
DAY 6	Round 4	DAY 13	Playoffs (If required) Closing Ceremony / Dinner
DAY 7	Round 5	DAY 14	Player Departure

2.3. Format and Time Limit

2.3.1. Format: 10-player Round Robin

2.3.2. Time Limit: One Hundred (100) Minutes for 40 moves, followed by sixty (60) minutes for the remainder of the game with a 30 second delay per move from move 1.