

2024 Grand Chess Tour Event Regulations

1. Preamble

The following Event Regulations shall apply to the two Classical events and the three Rapid & Blitz events that will form the tour season of the 2024 Grand Chess Tour (GCT).

2. Rapid & Blitz Event Regulations

2.1. Prize Fund

The total prize fund for each Rapid & Blitz event shall be One Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$175,000) which shall be distributed as follows:

2024 Grand Chess Tour - Rapid & Blitz Events Prize Fund Distribution			
Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1 st	\$40,000	6 th	\$11,000
2 nd	\$30,000	7 th	\$10,000
3 rd	\$25,000	8 th	\$9,000
4 th	\$20,000	9 th	\$8,000
5 th	\$15,000	10 th	\$7,000
Total Prize Fund: \$175,000			

2.2. Rapid Chess Format and Time Limit

- **Format:** 10-player Round Robin
- **Time Limit:** Game in twenty-five (25) minutes, with a ten (10) second increment from move 1.

2.3. Blitz Chess Format and Time Limit

- **Format:** 10-player Double Round Robin
- **Time Limit:** Game in five (5) minutes, with a two (2) second increment from move 1.

2.4. Event Schedules

The schedules for the three Rapid & Blitz events are as follows:

2024 Superbet Poland Rapid & Blitz			
Date	Event	Date	Event
May 6	Player Arrival	May 10	Rapid Day 3
May 7	Player Photos, Technical Meeting & Opening Ceremony	May 11	Blitz Day 1
May 8	Rapid Day 1	May 12	Blitz Day 2, Playoffs (if required) & Closing Ceremony
May 9	Rapid Day 2	May 13	Player Departure

2024 SuperUnited Croatia Rapid & Blitz			
Date	Event	Date	Event
July 8	Player Arrival	July 12	Rapid Day 3
July 9	Player Photos, Technical Meeting & Opening Ceremony	July 13	Blitz Day 1
July 10	Rapid Day 1	July 14	Blitz Day 2, Playoffs (if required) & Closing Ceremony
July 11	Rapid Day 2	July 15	Player Departure

2024 Saint Louis Rapid & Blitz			
Date	Event	Date	Event
August 10	Player Arrival	August 14	Rapid Day 3
August 11	Player Photos, Technical Meeting & Opening Ceremony	August 15	Blitz Day 1
August 12	Rapid Day 1	August 16	Blitz Day 2, Playoffs (if required) & Closing Ceremony
August 13	Rapid Day 2	August 17	Player Departure

3. Classical Event Regulations

3.1. Prize Fund:

The total prize fund for each of the Classical Events shall be Three Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) which shall be distributed as follows:

2024 Grand Chess Tour – Classical Events Prize Fund Distribution			
Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1 st	\$100,000	6 th	\$21,000
2 nd	\$65,000	7 th	\$18,500
3 rd	\$48,000	8 th	\$16,000
4 th	\$32,000	9 th	\$13,000
5 th	\$26,000	10 th	\$10,500
Total Prize Fund: \$350,000			

3.2. Format and Time Limit

- **Format:** 10-player Round Robin
- **Time Limit:** Game in one hundred and twenty (120) minutes, with a thirty (30) second increment from move 1.

3.3. Event Schedules

The schedules for the two Classical events are as follows:

2024 Superbet Romania Chess Classic			
Date	Event	Date	Event
June 24	Player Arrival	July 1	Rest Day
June 25	Player Photos, Technical Meeting & Opening Ceremony	July 2	Round 6
June 26	Round 1	July 3	Round 7
June 27	Round 2	July 4	Round 8
June 28	Round 3	July 5	Round 9, Playoffs (if required) & Closing Ceremony
June 29	Round 4	July 6	Player Departure
June 30	Round 5		

2024 Siquefield Cup			
Date	Event	Date	Event
August 17	Player Arrival	August 24	Rest Day
August 18	Player Photos, Technical Meeting & Opening Ceremony	August 25	Round 6
August 19	Round 1	August 26	Round 7
August 20	Round 2	August 27	Round 8
August 21	Round 3	August 28	Round 9 & Siquefield Cup Playoffs (if required)
August 22	Round 4	August 29	GCT Playoffs (if required) Siquefield Cup & GCT Closing Ceremonies
August 23	Round 5	August 30	Player Departure

4. Official Event Information

The information document circulated to players and their representatives should be regarded as definitive. Every effort will be made to keep the GCT website accurate and up to date. If updates become necessary, these will be distributed to players and representatives immediately.

5. Full Tour Player Unable to Participate in Event

The player will be allowed to play in the remaining events in which they are scheduled to take part, and to earn prize money and Tour Points accordingly. If an alternate is available, they will replace the absent player. Otherwise, the event will proceed with 9 players and the prize money and the Tour Points for the first 9 places will be earned.

6. Player Arrives Late for Event

Players are asked to allow for the likelihood of travel problems and make their arrangements accordingly. If a player has a legitimate reason for arriving late, the following regulations will apply.

In a Classical event:

- A player who misses Round 1 will be allowed to play their Round 1 game on the rest day.
- A player who misses Round 1 and misses Round 2, or declares their intention to miss Round 2, will be excluded and may be replaced by a substitute player if one is available. The substitute will play their Round 2 game as soon as possible on the day of Round 2 and play their Round 1 game on the rest day.

In a Rapid & Blitz event:

- A player who does not arrive in time to play will not be permitted to play in the Rapid portion and may be replaced by a substitute if one is available. The original player may play in the Blitz portion if they arrive in time to do so.

- The prize money will be split equally between the two players and the Tour player will be awarded half of the Tour points for the combined score.

7. Player Taken Ill During Event

If a player is taken ill during an event and cannot complete it, their results will stand if they have completed half the games, but shall otherwise be annulled. For this purpose, the Rapid & Blitz portions of a Rapid & Blitz event will be treated separately, and the Player's Blitz results will only stand if they have completed the first cycle of that event.

If a player is taken ill during the Rapid portion of an event, a substitute may be introduced for the Blitz portion. In that situation the prize money will be split equally between the two players and the Tour player will be awarded half of the Tour points for the combined score.