

18th Chess Festival “Vasylyshyn Memorial ”

4 December – 12 December, 2021

Lviv, Ukraine

1.ORGANIZERS

Lviv Chess Federation under the auspices of Governmental Department of Youth and Sports in Lviv region

2.VENUE, DATE, SCHEDULE

Festival will be held in the city of Lviv, Ukraine, from the 4th of December (date of the first round) till the 12th of December 2021 (date of the last round) in the Lviv National Polytechnical University (adress: Bandery str,12). Festival comprises two round robin tournament: “GM” (male round robin tournament with the possibility of male GM-norm performance) and “IM” (male round robin tournament with the possibility of male IM-norm performance). All other technical conditions for the “GM” and “IM” tournaments (number of participants, playing schedule, etc) are the same.

Playing Schedule

Day of week	Date	Exact time	Name of the event
Saturday	04.12.2021	14:00	Opening ceremony
Saturday	04.12.2021	15:00	1 st round
Sunday	05.12.2021	15:00	2 nd round
Monday	06.12.2021	15:00	3 rd round
Tuesday	07.12.2021	15:00	4 th round
Wednesday	08.12.2021	15:00	5 th round
Thursday	09.12.2021	15:00	6 th round
Friday	10.12.2021	15:00	7 th round
Saturday	11.12.2021	15:00	8 th round
Sunday	12.12.2021	10:00	9 th round
Sunday	12.12.2021	15:00	Closing ceremony

3.SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

The tournaments will be based on the round robin system.

The playing time will be 90 minutes for 40 moves + 30 minutes with 30 seconds cumulative increment for each move starting from the first move

Players will be ranked according to their results (number of points scored). In case of a tie (equal number of points scored), the following extra ratio will be applied. **a) Sonneborg-Berger score b) Direct Encounter c) Higher number of wins d) Higher number of wins with Black.**

4. PARTICIPATION

10 players participate in the each of the tournaments. 9 rounds will be played.

Players can participate only according to prior negotiations with tournament directors. Also, all non-GM players in the GM event (non-IM players in the IM event respectively) must pay an entry fee.

Entry fees are deducted according to the 01 December 2021 rating list

5. ACCOMMODATION

Lviv is a large city with roughly 800 000 inhabitants, one of the host cities of the European soccer championship in 2012. Therefore, it's easy to find an accommodation that will meet your needs. There is a decent number of high-quality hotels available at moderate rates (only 50 - 100 euros per night) If you prefer cheaper accommodation, you can opt for a great number of cosy 3* hotels (20-25 euros per night). It's possible to get an accommodation in hostels (5-15 euros per night) as well. Also, if you contact organizers in advance, we may help you to rent a room/flat at a really affordable price. Food isn't expensive here (price for a three-course midday meal is not exceeding 5 euros in an inexpensive restaurant). There is a decent number of restaurants, cafes, supermarkets etc.

6.VISAS

Ukraine has a liberal visa regime. EU citizens, USA citizens, Post-Soviet states citizens, and citizens of many other countries **don't need visa to enter Ukraine** For more detailed information, please visit the following link: <https://mfa.gov.ua/en/consular-affairs/entry-and-stay-foreigners-ukraine/entry-regime-ukraine-foreign-citizens>

7. OTHER USEFUL TRAVEL ADVICES

COVID-19 information!!! Travelling abroad became much more complicated recently, thus, following the strict rules is necessary. On the other hand, Ukrainian COVID-19 rules are not strict. In a nutshell: Ukraine requires almost every single foreigner entering Ukraine to meet at least one of the following requirements: **1) foreign COVID-19 certificate confirming vaccination against COVID-19 with vaccines that are included in the WHO list of approved for emergency use; 2) a negative PCR test result or rapid test for the SARS-CoV-2 antigen (RAT, Ag) that was done no more than 72 hours before entry** Also, apart from the above-mentioned, it's necessary to **have a valid insurance policy certificate**. Further information on it and possible exceptions out of it can be found here: **<https://covid19.gov.ua/en/border>**

City of Lviv is an unofficial capital and the largest city of the Western Ukraine, being located close enough to the Ukrainian-Polish border (approximately 70 km away).

To get here by air: City of Lviv has a modern airport with a decent number of airlines flying here (also low-cost airlines!) connecting Lviv with the rest of the world (primarily western and central Europe). Check, if an airflight from your city is possible on the website of Lviv airport **<http://lwo.aero/en/schedule>**

To get here by train/bus: Each day decent number of buses perform regular trips from Poland (Warsaw, Wroclaw, Krakow, Katowice etc.). There is also a good bus connection with Baltic countries. Also, it's perfectly comfortable to get here from Poland, Hungary and Slovakia by train.

Tourism: Lviv is an attractive tourist destination. It's an old nice city founded in 1256. Throughout the history, it was a part of Poland, Austria, Austro-Hungarian Empire, Soviet Union and eventually Ukraine. That's why Lviv absorbed charm of Western Europe that is reflected in its unique architecture. This is a really nice place to visit and to fight for the GM/IM norms!

Local time is +1 CET

National currency is Hryvnia. Normal exchange rate is approximately: 1 EUR= 31 UAH; 1 USD = 26,5 UAH. **Due to the unstable situation exchange rate may vary up to 10%. Therefore, we recommend you to contact organizers just before the arrival to get the actual one. Organizers don't recommend you to trade money at the ukrainian airports or at the rail stations as exchange rates are unfair there. The best way is to exchange money after arrival.**

8. CONTACTS

To participate in the tournament please contact **GM Yuri Vovk** (English, Ukrainian, Russian languages) via:

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