

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Vilnius University Student Chess Championship 2020

## 1. PURPOSES

The tournament is held with purpose to increase popularity of chess among students and find out the strongest Vilnius University chess players.

## 2. ORGANIZATION DETAILS

Organized by VU HSC and VU students.

Chief Arbiter – Andrius Paulauskas (NA category).

Tournament has two stages:

1. Qualification stage online, in *lichess.org*, takes place at **September 30<sup>th</sup> 2020** (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.
2. Final stage over the board takes place at **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** (Saturday) 11:00 a.m.

Qualification stage uses **lichess.org** server. There participants have to join [Vilnius University Online Chess Club](#). When joining, player has to specify his identity, cycle of studies, course and citizenship (if not Lithuanian). Those who do not submit the information are denied access to the club. **After joining, player has to also join a tournament via [this link](#).**

Final stage takes place at VU Health and Sport Center (Saulėtekio al. 2, Vilnius).

Organizers reserve the right to modify the regulations if necessary.

## 3. PARTICIPANTS

Current students of VU can participate. This includes all the cycles and forms of studies, with students on academic leave or suspended studies.

Students that study in VU on exchange programs are also invited.

Organizers may require to provide student ID card or other document that confirms participant studies at Vilnius University.

## 4. REGULATIONS

Qualification stage tournament is held with **9 round Swiss system** according to *lichess.org* rules. Time control: **5 min base time + 3 s increment**.

Final stage tournament is held with **Round Robin** according to FIDE Rapid Chess rules.

Time control: **5 min base time + 3 s increment**. Tournament to be included in FIDE rating calculations.

#### 4.1. PARTICIPANTS OF THE FINAL STAGE

14 players are competing in Final stage – preliminarily 9 players are invited and 5 qualify from Qualification stage. 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> places of the Qualification stage are guaranteed participation in the Final.

Should any invited or qualified player decline participation in the Final stage, the next highest place taking participant is invited.

VU students are directly invited to the Final stage, if they are:

- medal winners of VU Chess Championship 2019;
- medal winners of Lithuanian Student Chess Championships 2019;
- invited to Lithuanian Chess Championship 2020 Final stage.

According to these criteria, the following players are invited: Kipras Eigminas, Arnas Žukauskas, Aleksandras Šalna, Skaistė Šaumanaitė, Berta Rėja Butvilaitė, Greta Mačiuitė, Guoda Perminaitė, Andrius Brazdžionis, Aras Vardanyan.

#### 4.2. DETERMINATION OF WINNERS

The winner is determined by having largest number of points. Additional tie-breaks:

1. Qualification stage – *lichess.org* tie-breaks (Sonnenborg-Berger);
2. Final stage – Sonnenborg-Berger and, if needed to determine prizes, armageddon (5 min for white, 4 min for black, black takes higher place if game is drawn).

Should an arbiter suspect any fair play violation, he has a right to disqualify a participant without any proof or explanation.

#### 5. PRIZES

Winners of 1-3 places are awarded medals and diplomas. (Separate prizes for men and women categories). Additional item prizes are also expected.

#### 6. SCHEDULE OF THE FINAL STAGE

Registration to the tournament is open until 10:50 AM. Breaks after Round 5 and Round 9 will be longer.

Closing ceremony is expected to take place 10 minutes after the last game (estimated about 4:00 p.m.).

#### 7. REGISTRATION

Registration is open until September 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m. (inclusively). Participants have to join online VU chess club (see **ORGANIZATION DETAILS**) and join the tournament until 7:00 p.m.

After qualification, organizers contact participants that advance to the final stage via *lichess.org*. If participants do not reply within a day, their right to participate in the final stage is handed over to the next participant.

Should player not be registered by FIDE, full birth date and e-mail address must be provided.

In case player has any special needs, inform organizers during the pre-registration.

## **8. CONTACTS**

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