

Tournament Regulations and Information

Mitropa Cup 2024

Teams

The following chess federations are authorised to participate in the Mitropa Cup 2024: Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland.

The German Chess Federation (DSB) is organising the Mitropa Cup 2024 in Apolda. The city of Apolda is the host.

Travel advice

Apolda is connected to the Erfurt ICE railway station every 30 minutes
<https://www.bahn.de/>

The teams please report their expected arrival at Apolda train station.

A shuttle to the hotel will be available there.

Hotline +49 170 1821368 Bernd Vökler (later arrival or problems)

Schedule

Wednesday	14.02.24	until 19:00	Arrival (Hotel)
		19:00	Dinner (Hotel)
		21:00	Technical Meeting (Hotel)
Thursday	15.02.24	14:45	Opening ceremony (Venue)
		15:00	Round 1
Friday	16.02.24	15:00	Round 2
Saturday	17.02.24	15:00	Round 3
Sunday	18.02.24	15:00	Round 4
Monday	19.02.24	15:00	Round 5
Tuesday	20.02.24	15:00	Round 6
Wednesday	21.02.24	15:00	Round 7
Thursday	22.02.24	15:00	Round 8
Friday	23.02.24	10:00	Round 9
		16:00	Award ceremony, departure

Gefördert durch:



Bundesministerium
des Innern
und für Heimat

Venue

Stadthalle Apolda
Klause 1
99510 Apolda
Germany

Organisation

Tournament director: IM Bernd Vökler (bundesnachwuchstrainer@schachbund.de)
Chief Arbiter: IA Klaus Deventer (klaus.deventer@gmx.de)
Deputy Chief Arbiter: IA Brigitte Große-Honebrink

Accommodation/catering

Hotel am Schloß Apolda <https://www.hotel-apolda.de/>
Jenaer Strasse 2
99510 Apolda

For accommodation with full board, each team receives 1 triple and 4 double rooms for 10 people to share.

Variant A : 3, 2, 2, 2, 1
Variant B : 2, 2, 2, 2, 2

Dividing a double room into two single rooms costs the difference of (1080 € - 250 €)= 830,- € per person.

Additional persons can be booked for an extra charge:

Single room with full board 120,- € per person/day
Double room with full board 80,- € per person/day

The extra night from 23 to 24 February 2024 can be booked for a fee.

Each team consists of 4 players and 1 reserve player. One player acts as captain of each team.

Registration

The chess federations must confirm their participation by 31 December 2023.

The chess federations must nominate the players by 31 January 2024.

Rate of Play

The playing time will be 90 minutes for 40 moves, 30 minutes for the rest and 30 seconds increment starting with the first move. The digital chess clocks are programmed in such a way that the additional thinking time is added after the first flag has fallen (i.e. NOT after move 40).

Tournament format

Mitropa-Cup is a team event for ten European federations in two sections, the open section and the women's section, playing a round robin tournament.

Each team consists of four players plus one reserve player (open section, women section).

The tournament is FIDE-rated. It is possible to achieve title norms.

The pairings are made by drawing of lots at the captain's meeting using the Berger Tables. There will be one drawing of lots for both sections. The team mentioned first in the respective round has white on the boards with odd numbers.

Team Compositions

At the captain's meeting before the start of the tournament each team has to deliver the final list of players for open and women's section in fixed board order (final players list). The reserve players shall play on the last board of the respective section.

Each team has to deliver for each round the team compositions for open and women's section until 10.00 a.m. (CET) for all rounds except the last round, when the lists of players must be delivered on 22th of February not later than midnight. The team compositions must be submitted electronically. Details will be announced and explained during the Captains Meeting. In the event of technical problems, the team compositions can also be sent to the Chief Arbiter by e-mail instead, but in no case later than 10 minutes after the stated deadline.

If a team does not deliver the team composition for a specific round it has to play in the respective round without the reserve player.

All team compositions will be announced on the website of the tournament as soon as possible.

Rules

The FIDE Laws of chess apply.

The default time at the start of all rounds is 15 minutes.

Players may only agree to a draw after the 30th move has been made by black. Players violating this rule will be forfeited. If a player is offered a draw before the 30th move has been made by black, he should call an arbiter. His opponent shall be punished for distracting, according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

Team captains and Players

Regarding the role of the captains Article 12 of the ECU General Tournament Regulations applies:

1. Each team must have a team captain.
2. The team captain may be one of the players or any of the reserves of the team, in which case he is referred to as a “playing captain”. If he is no player of the team he is referred to as a “non-playing captain” and must be FIDE licensed trainer.
3. Each team is entitled to have only one team captain. The team captain may appoint a deputy to exercise his function but must inform the Chief Arbiter of this in writing. However, during the course of playing only one team captain will be allowed into the playing area.
4. The chief of delegation is not allowed to enter the playing area.
5. In the exercise of his function the team captain has the right of access to the area reserved for the players, but it is his duty to ensure that the members of his team who are not involved in the current match or have finished their games do not enter or remain in this area.
6. During the games the captain must refrain from interfering in any way. He is, however, entitled to advise his players on the offering or accepting of draws or resigning of games, provided that he makes no comment on the actual position on the chess board, and confines himself to giving brief information which can in no way be regarded as an opinion about the progress of the game. The exchange of information should be done in the presence of the Arbiter.
7. At the end of the playing session the captain is responsible for signing the match protocol and confirming the result.
8. Players are subject to the same prohibitions. Even though in a team competition there is a certain team loyalty, which goes beyond a player’s individual game, a game of chess is basically a contest between two players. Therefore a player must have the final say over the conduct of his own game. Although the advice of the captain should weigh heavily with the player, the player is not absolutely compelled to accept that advice. Likewise, the captain cannot act on

behalf of a player and his game without the knowledge and consent of the player.

9. A team captain should encourage his team always to follow both the letter and the spirit of Article 12 of the FIDE Laws of Chess concerning the conduct of the players. Team championships, in particular, should be conducted in the spirit of the highest sportsmanship.

Fair Play

Unless authorized by the Chief Arbiter, mobile phones or any other kind of electronic device, own watches and own pens are banned in the playing venue and any contiguous area designated by the arbiter even if they are completely switched off. This applies for players and team captains.

There will be entry checks and random checks at the end of the game.

Decisions of the arbiters about Fair-Play are final.

Scoring, Tie-breaks, Prizes,

The final ranking will be established separately for the open and the women section.

The final ranking will be made by the number of match points (2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss) each team obtained.

In case of equal match points the tie will be broken by

1. game points
2. Sonneborn-Berger points based on the result of the match (the sum of the scores of the opponent teams, each multiplied by the scores achieved against this opponent team)
3. result of the individual match(es)
4. equal place.

Trophies as well as gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the first three teams.

In addition individual board prizes will be awarded to the best players. For this purpose the player's performance score is calculated if the player takes part in at least 6 rounds for basic players or 4 rounds for reserve players. The highest performance rating wins.

In case of a tie it shall be broken by:

- (a) mutual results (if all played each other);
- (b) number of games, the highest number wins;
- (c) percentage score, the highest number wins;
1. final ranking of a team, the player in the highest ranked team wins.

Appeals

A player or his team captain may appeal in written form against any ruling made by the Chief Arbiter or one of his assistants but not later than 30 minutes after the end of the relevant game.

Decisions about such protests are taken by an Appeals Committee, which is appointed at the captain's meeting. The Appeals Committee consists of a Chairman, two members and two reserve members. The Chairman, the members and reserve members shall be from different federations. No member of the Appeals Committee involved in the dispute shall rule in that dispute.

The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.

Payment

According to the mutual agreement, each participating team has to pay an amount of 250 € per person to the organizer of the event. The total amount is basically 2.500,- €. We charge for additional rooms, upgrades, splitting and special requests. After registration each delegation receives an invoice of the amount to be paid.

Homepage

<https://www.mitropacup2024.de>

Live broadcast will have a delay of 15 minutes.

Anti-Doping

MCA confirm that all athletes taking part in the competition are bound by the German Chess Federation anti-doping rules and those rules are WADA-Code compliant.

Information

The Organizer may photograph, videotape or record players' image, voice and/or property on any media and in any form or manner during their involvement or participation in the Mitropa Cup, for the purpose of public information and promotion worldwide of the Mitropa Cup. Unless a notice of refusal is given in writing to Organizer prior to 1th February 2024, each player grants the Organizer the irrevocable permission to photograph, videotape or record their image, voice, and property in any form or manner during their involvement or participation in the Mitropa Cup, and in the Organizer's sole discretion to use and/or reproduce at any time such photographs, tapes, recordings of their image, voice or property for the above purpose, without limitation in promotional materials, audiovisual works and displays by any means whatsoever, including the internet. Players are not entitled to any compensation or other remuneration whatsoever as a result of such use by the Organizer under this article.