

Rules & Regulations

Tour Regulations

- **Invitations:** The organizers of the Grand Chess Tour started with the January 2015 FIDE Rating List and sought players that demonstrate the highest levels of sportsmanship and professionalism. We invited the top-10 players in the world, eight of whom have confirmed their participation.
- **Player Event Commitment:** The nine players have agreed to participate in all three 2015 Grand Chess Tour Events. A tenth player will be selected as a wildcard to each individual event by the organizing committee.
- **Tour Points:** Players will earn Tour Points based on their final standing in each event. Players with the most Tour Points at the end of the Grand Chess Tour earn extra prize money for their overall performance across all three events (Table 1).
- **Prize Fund:** At the conclusion of the Grand Chess Tour, the top-three players (by Tour Points) will take home an additional \$150,000 (Table 2).
- **Drawing of Lots:** Drawing of lots will be determined by a blitz tournament at Norway Chess 2015. Pairing numbers will be reversed at the Sinquefeld Cup, and the London Chess Classic will draw lots randomly.
- **Arbitration:** Should any GCT regulations require interpretation or clarification, arbitration shall be performed by the Arbitration Committee, comprised of one representative from each event.
- **2016 Qualification:** The top-three players from the 2015 Grand Chess Tour, as well as the reigning World Champion, qualify automatically for the 2016 Grand Chess Tour.

GRAND CHESS TOUR

2015

Table 1

Tour Points			
Place	Points	Place	Points
1st	13/12*	6th	5
2nd	10	7th	4
3rd	8	8th	3
4th	7	9th	2
5th	6	10th	1

** Any player who wins an event outright shall be awarded 13 Tour Points. If 1st place is determined by playoff, they earn 12 points.*

Table 2

Grand Chess Tour Prize Fund	
Place	Prize
1st	\$75,000
2nd	\$50,000
3rd	\$25,000

Table 3

Event Prize Fund			
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

Event Regulations

Where not otherwise specified, each event shall follow the FIDE Laws of Chess.

- **Time Control:** 40 moves in 2 hours, followed by the rest of the game in 1 hour with a 30-second increment from move 41.
- **Prize Fund:** Players are competing for an overall prize fund of \$300,000 in each event (Table 3).