PILSEN OPEN 2017

9th International Chess Festival part of CZECH TOUR 2017 / 2018 Series

19th – 25th November 2017, Plzen, the Czech Republic

Place: the Central hotel, namesti Republiky 33, Plzen

Organizer: AVE-KONTAKT s.r.o. **Festival director:** Dr. Jan Mazuch

Main referee: Petr Lausman
Announced tournaments:

A) 19th - 25th November 2017: PILSEN OPEN

- open rating tournament with rating for ELO FIDE and DWZ
- participation of players without age and performance limitations
- Swiss system of 7 rounds
- 2x + 1.5 h/40 + 30 min. + 30 s/move, waiting time is 1 h in case of late arrival
- financial prizes in CZK (payment in EUR possible): 7 000, 5 000, 3 000, 2 000, 1 000, 1 000, 500, 500 (20 000 altogether)
- material prizes for other players, women, seniors over 60 years of age and juniors up to 16 years of age
- **starting fee** in EUR:

	players accommodated through the	
	organizer	other players
GM, IM, WGM and WIM	0	0
ELO FIDE $>= 2300$	20	32
ELO FIDE $>= 2200$	28	40
ELO FIDE $>= 2 100$	32	44
ELO FIDE $>= 1800$	36	48
ELO FIDE $>= 1500$	40	52
ELO FIDE < 1 500 and without ELO		
FIDE	44	56

- discounts on starting fee:

- 25 % for FM, youth players up to 18 years of age, players over 65 years of age and women
- fees for rating of the tournament results for ELO in the amount of 2,5 EUR per player charged according to the economic directive of the Chess Federation of the Czech Republic are not included in the starting fee and will be paid by participants during the registration.. The organizer pays these fees for players with GM, IM, WGM and WIM titles
- players registered after 9th November 2017 pay extra 8 EUR

Criteria used for ranking and prizes distribution: 1. number of points, 2. median Buchholz, 3. Buchholz, 4. number of wins. Prizes are distributed according to Hort system among such number of players which corresponds to number of advertised prizes.

B) 22nd November 2017 open blitz tournament

- participation of players without age and performance limitations

- rating for blitz ELO FIDE
- playing system according to the number of participants, 2 x 3 min. + 2s / move
- financial and material prizes according to the number of participants
- starting fee 2 EUR:
- fees for rating of the tournament results for ELO in the amount of 0,5 EUR per player charged according to the economic directive of the Chess Federation of the Czech Republic are not included in the starting fee and will be paid by participants during the registration
- applications for this tournament are not registered and it is possible to register for it only on the day of launching of the tournament

Accommodation:

Central hotel **** (the playing hall is situated here)

2-bed rooms with a shower and WC, newly reconstructed, WiFi connection price including breakfast 66 EUR/room and night, if only 1 person occupies the room, 44 EUR/room and night is charged

2-bed rooms with a shower and WC, original rooms, WiFi connection price including breakfast 58 EUR/room and night, if only 1 person occupies the room, 36 EUR/room and night is charged

The Plzen hostel*, Zahradni Street (at a distance of 2 km from the playing hall) 2-bed rooms, shower and WC for two rooms price 11 EUR/person and night, if only 1 person occupies the room, 13 EUR/room and night is charged

Board meals: at the Central hotel according to your choice

Time schedule:

Sunday	19th November 10.00	- 15.00	registration A
		17.00	1st round A
Monday	20 th November	16.00	2 nd round A
Tuesday	21st November	16.00	3 rd round A
Wednesday	22 nd November 09.15 – 09.45		registration B
	10.00 -	- 13.00	tournament B
		16.00	4th round A
Thursday	23 rd November	16.00	5 th round A
Friday	24 th November	16.00	6th round A
Saturday	25 th November	09.00	7 th round A
		15.00	solemn conclusion

Possibility of spending free time: The city of Plzen is a regional city and with its 170 000 inhabitants it is the fourth largest city in the Czech Republic. It is famous for the production for beer. There are a lot of historic sights and ZOO.

Starting fee and accommodation payments will be collected during the registration in cash in EUR (at the amount given in these regulations), CZK (in the rate 25:1 compared to prices given in these regulations) or USD or by debit and credit cards: Eurocard/Master Card, Maestro, VISA, VISA Electron, JCB or Diners Club.

Festivals arranged by AVE-KONTAKT agency within the frame of CZECH TOUR International Chess Festivals 2017 / 2018 Series:

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13. - 30. 7. 2017 28<sup>th</sup> CZECH OPEN (Pardubice)
4. - 11. 8. 2017 4<sup>th</sup> PRAGUE SUMMER OPEN
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12. - 19. 8. 2017 20<sup>th</sup> OLOMOUC CHESS SUMMER
5. - 13. 9. 2017 16<sup>th</sup> SUNNY BEACH OPEN (Bulgaria)
23. - 30. 9. 2017 11<sup>th</sup> HIGHLANDS OPEN (Trebic)
1. - 8. 10. 2017 8<sup>th</sup> HRADEC KRALOVE OPEN
19. - 25. 11. 2017 9<sup>th</sup> PILSNER OPEN
12. - 19. 1. 2018 17<sup>th</sup> PRAGUE OPEN
20. - 27. 1. 2018 17<sup>th</sup> MARIENBAD OPEN
24. 2. - 3. 3. 2018 18<sup>th</sup> LIBEREC OPEN
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Prize fund of the whole CZECH TOUR 2017 / 18 Series is 25 000 CZK (7 000, 5 000, 4 000, 3 000, 2 000, 1 000, 1 000, 1 000, 500, 500), prizes can be obtained in the form of bonus in the next year of series only, criteria used for ranking: the highest total of points gained in individual tournaments (7 best results from all tournaments for individuals played with rating min. 2 x 1,5h + 30s/move are counted), best place in one of included tournaments, lot

Discount on starting fee and accommodation price - 5% discount in 2^{nd} start in the tournament held within the frame of this year CZECH TOUR Series, or 10% in 3^{rd} start, 15% in 4^{th} start etc. (only starts from all tournaments for individuals played with rating min. 2 x 1,5h + 30s/move except for Sunny Beach Open are counted)

Interesting things: http://www.facebook.com/czechtouren

Contact to the organizer:

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Complete your obligatory applications together with accommodation orders by 9th November 2017 on http://www.czechtour.net/applications/

All foreign players must have an assigned FIDE identification number (abbreviation FIDE ID or FID) at the time of the submission of the application form. If they do not have it, they have to apply their national chess federation for it.