World Title Match 2024, Men and Women

Rules and Regulations

General organization

1. The organization of the World Title Match 2024 for Men and for Women has been assigned by the World Draughts Federation FMJD to the Royal Dutch Draughts Federation (KNDB).

2. The opponents
   - Iurii Anikeev (Ukraine) and Jan Groenendijk (Netherlands) for the World Championship title and
   - Viktoriya Motrichko (Ukraine) and Darya Tkachenko (representing Netherlands), women's World Championship title.

3. Venue of the match:
   - City Hall Wageningen
   - in negotiation location for 19, 25 and 26 December

Playing schedule

Match:

a. Press conference at 18th of December 2024; round 1 starts at 19th December 2024 (1st game).Last day of play is 31th December (in case of tiebreaks); see schedule.

b. Game starts every day between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

c. The organization has the right to change the time depending on the circumstances.

Playing schedule

Wednesday	18-Dec-24	Press conference	Wednesday	25-Dec-24	Round 7
Thursday	19- Dec-24	Round 1	Thursday	26-Dec-24	Round 8
Friday	20-Dec-24	Round 2	Friday	27-Dec-24	Round 9
Saturday	21-Dec-24	Round 3	Saturday	28-Dec-24	Round 10
Sunday	22-Dec-24	Round 4	Sunday	29-Dec-24	Round 11
Monday	23-Dec-24	Round 5	Monday	30-Dec-24	Round 12
Tuesday	24-Dec-24	Round 6	Tuesday	31-Dec-24	Barrage

Game starts every day between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Arrival day players: tuesday 17 december 2024, departure: wednesday 1 january 2025

4. The tournament will be supervised by the main referee ir Lublyana Turiy. She will be guided by strict enforcement of the FMJD rules and regulations.

5. The Appeal Board will be composed of the Executive Counsil of the FMJD. The appeal must be accompanied by the sum of 100 euros, as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the main referee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the FMJD. The appeal has to be filed by the player within 1 hour after the end of the game and before the next game. During shorter games filing has to be done within 15 minutes. The decisions of the Appeal Board are final.

Format of the match

6. The match will be played according to the rules in Annex 17 p.12 with a few differences as described below in point 7.

7. Annex 17 p.12 with a few differences:
   The match is played with the following system.
   Phase 1: 12 regular games
   12 regular games will be played with the FMJD time schedule of 90 minutes for 45 moves and after that 30 minutes plus 30 second per move.
   a. After 12 regular games the player who has the highest score wins the World Title, but only if he/she has won at least 2 games of these.
   b. b. If the match is decided before the 12th game is played, the players are obliged to finish all 12 games of phase 1.
   c. Tie break: when no player has won 2 games after 12 games of play, or if after 12 games the score is tied at 12-12, there will be a tie break for the World Title which is described in phase 2

   Phase 2: Tie break
   When the match is not yet decided, a tie break will be played.
   a. When the match is tied after the classical games the tie break will be played till the first win, so with Golden Score. This is also the case when the number of decisions after phase 1 is 0. The first to win is then the new world champion.
   b. If there is a 1-0 score after the classical games, players will play for a second win in the tie break, the possible end scores are then 2-0, 2-1, 1-2.
   c. A victory in phase 2 has the same value as a victory in phase 1.
   d. The tie break consists of a maximum of 2 Rapid games with a time schedule of 20 minutes plus 10 seconds per move which will be, if necessary, followed by 4 Blitz games (10'+5") and finally 1 Superblitz with 10'+ 2''.
   e. If multiple victories are needed, the tie break will start again with Rapid games for the next victory.
   f. During a tie breaks phase in super-blitz games it is prohibited to communicate with players during breaks between games

   The tie break ends:
   a. when the first player reaches a second victory in all regular games and all the break games combined,
   b. except for when there is a tie in classical games, then the tie breaks always ends when the first player reaches a first e break victory.
      This player is crowned as the new World Champion.

8. Regular games and tiebreaks will be played on separate days.

9. All 12 rounds will be played, even if the winner is already known.

Finances

10. All financial obligations (organization fee and participant's fee according FMJD internal regulations) must be paid to FMJD bank account.
    Participants fees: 300€ for each player of the man match and 200€ for the women's match.
11. Prize money it is subject of separate contract between players and KNDB. KNDB is solo responsible for that. KNDB is solo responsible for all organisation costs including accommodation and per-diem for chief referee.
    Total prize money is 30.000 divided in 15.000 euro for the each world title match. The winners receive 60% of the amount of the prize money.

Others

12. Players will stay at Hotel Papendal. From here they will be ferried to and from the venue (travelling is about twenty minutes). The player has to be at his/her board at the scheduled starting time of the game (and 10 minutes after starting the game). For a player who is not present, the consequences will be an official warning and a fine of 100 euro to FMJD for the first time. If the player is not present a second time the game will be declared lost for him/her.

13. All four players must be present at the press conference, Opening Ceremony and

Closing Ceremony

14. It is forbidden to smoke in the playing hall (and anywhere in the vicinity where it is not explicitly allowed).

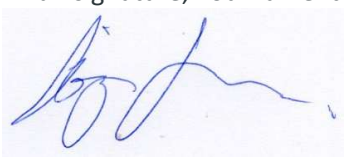
15. Any necessary communication must go through the referee, anyone else is forbidden to interact with players during the game.

16. The organizer ensures that it is quiet in the playing room (noisy visitors will be removed immediately); the distance between players and visitors is marked by a chord.

17. Each player may have one coach/companion of there choosing at the expense of the organization.

18. In the case of ambiguity in the FMJD regulations or in any unforeseen circumstances, the matter at hand will be decided by the main referee in consultation with the FMJD Tournament Director and, if necessary, with the Appeal Board.

FMJD signature, Tournament Director Siep Buurke



Lausanne, November 28th 2024