

ARAD GRAND PRIX CLASSIC TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. ORGANIZERS

1.1 The organizer of Arad Grand Prix Classic (former Arad Open) is Romanian Chess Federation in collaboration with Vados Chess Club and Arad City Council.

1.2 Any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the Tournament Director.

2. VENUE, DATE AND SCHEDULE

2.1 The championship will be held in the city of Arad, Romania, from August 6th (arrival date) until August 13th (departure date) 2023. The playing venue will be the hall of the Old Casino – Arad, Bd. General Dragalina no. 25-27.

2.2 The schedule is as follows:

August 6 th 2023	Arrival	
August 7 th 2023	Opening Ceremony & Technical Meeting	14:30
August 7 th 2023	Round 1	15:00
August 8 th 2023	Round 2	9:30
August 8 th 2023	Round 3	16:00
August 9 th 2023	Round 4	15:00
August 10 th 2023	Round 5	9:30
August 10 th 2023	Round 6	16:00
August 11 th 2023	Round 7	15:00
August 12 th 2023	Round 8	15:00
August 13 th 2023	Round 9	9:30
August 13 th 2023	Closing Ceremony	16:00

3. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY

3.1 Arad GP it's a nine-round open Swiss tournament providing opportunities to qualify for international titles and the FIDE ELO List.

3.2 All players, regardless of rating, are eligible to take part in this tournament. However, in order to participate, the players must have FIDE number (FIN). If a player without FIN wants to take part in the tournament, he must ask the FIDE Officer of his country to provide him a FIN number before the start of the tournament.

3.3 Time control: 90 minutes/40 moves + 15 min KO + 30 seconds increment per move, starting from 1st move

3.4 Default time: 60 minutes.

4. REGISTRATION

4.1 Players have to register themselves for the tournament by filling the on-line registration form on turnee.frsah.ro. After this step, players will receive the invoice with entry fee to be paid

4.2 Registration is considered completed only after the payment of the entry fee.

4.3 Player's entry fee is to be paid to the Organizer (Romanian Chess Federation), only after receiving the invoice.

4.4 All the payments should be made in the bank accounts provided in the invoice. Cash payments are not acceptable.

4.5 If a player paid the entry fee ahead of time but cannot participate, the entry fee will be fully refunded if you did not book accommodation. However, in case the player also booked accommodation, the organizer will withhold an amount equal to 1 night before refunding the difference to your account.

5. FINAL STANDINGS. TIE-BREAK SYSTEM

5.1 The player who scores the most points (1 point for each win, half a point for each draw, 0 for each loss) shall be declared the winner of Arad GP Classic

If two or more players score the same number of points, a tie-break to determine final standings is decided according to Article 5.2. Notwithstanding, all prize money is divided among all the players in tie according to Hort System (for general standings only)

5.2. If two or more players score the same points, the order of the tiebreaks will be drawn (after last game of the tournament is finished) among the following:

- ARPO 1 (Average Recursive Performance of Opponents excluding the worst) *
- Bucholtz Cut 1 (Buchholz score reduced by the lowest score of the opponents)
- AROC 1 - Average Rating of Opponents, excluding the lowest-rated opponent**
- Direct encounter between the players in tie
- Median Bucholtz

* The unplayed games are not taken into account to calculate the recursive performance.

When using systems like ARPO without the worst, the unplayed game counts as one "worst rival".

** All forfeits and byes are cut from the calculation of AROC 1. If a player has one or more forfeits or byes, then no additional results are cut from the calculation of AROC 1.

For the purposes of calculating the Buchholz systems, the "virtual opponent" method will apply for games not played.

Tiebreaks will be applied according to the Swiss Manager software

6. PRIZES

6.1 Distribution of prizes in EUR

General Standings	EUR	Special prizes	Place	EUR
1	5.000	Elo range*	1	400
2	3.000		2	240
3	2.000		3	200
4	1.500	Women section	1	1.000
5	900		2	600
6	600		3	400
7	500	Seniors +65	1	300
8	400			
9	300			
10	300			

*ELO Range – for each of the following elo rating interval:

- 2401-2500, 2301-2400, 2201-2300, 2101-2200, 2001-2100, 1901-2000, 1801-1900, 1701-1800, 1601-1700, 1501-1600, 1401-1500, 1301-1400, 1201-1300, 1101-1200, <1100

6.2 All the prizes are taxable according Romanian Law (10% from the amount which exceeds 600 lei), guaranteed, not cumulative.

6.3 Main prizes will be awarded based on Hort system, only 10 winners will get prizes

6.4 Special prizes will be awarded based on Tie-Break and will not be shared

6.5 The player can win only one prize, the highest in a monetary value. If the player acquires the right to two equal monetary prizes, the player will win the one listed according to the order in the general tournament standings.

6.6 Special rating prizes will be given only for players with the rating in the interval shown above.

6.7 Prize winners must attend the appropriate prize giving ceremony as announced in the schedule. Failure to attend without the prior permission of the Tournament Director may result in the deduction of 20% of the prize

6.8 The prize money shall be paid by direct banker's order drawn. Within fourteen working days after completion of the event and receiving of player's bank details, the organizer shall transfer players' prize money to his/her bank account. In case if the transfer fails because of wrong bank details, the amount of thirty (30) EUR shall be deducted from the second transfer in order to cover additional bank charges.

6.9 Prize winners are obliged to follow the dress code of business casual / elegant casual / smart casual. No shorts or slippers allowed

7. PLAYING CONDITIONS

7.1 Pairings shall be done according to the FIDE pairing system for Swiss events using Swiss Manager pairing software

7.2 Any absence on two rounds or a non-justified absence of a player will result in the expulsion of the tournament. The organizing committee holds the right to expel any player being absent on the first round.

7.3 Two half points byes could be requested by any player (except invited players who have received conditions) in the first 5 rounds. Taking a bye in the first round is possible only if the entry fee has been paid. The bye request must be announced to the arbiters before the beginning of the previous round in which the player will not play.

7.4 Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards unless they play there themselves. As long as the game is in progress a player may talk only to an arbiter or to his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

7.5 The winners (or both players in the event of a draw) will be responsible for communicating the results of their games to the referees. If the outcome of a game has not been notified to the Arbiters' team, both players will be considered to have lost that game.

8. ANTI-CHEATING

8.1 The organizer will implement strict measures to prevent any possible cheating attempts. This implies detailed control before entering the playing hall, delayed transfer of games, control of the playing venue and prevention of any mutual verbal and non-verbal communication.

8.2. The organizers will employ at least one special Anti-Cheating Arbiter.

8.3. It is not allowed to carry mobile phones or any other electronical devices to the playing venue, even though they are switched off. Articles 11.3.1, 11.3.2 and 11.3.3 will be applied strictly.

8.4. Random checks with security detectors shall be made in all the playing venue, including restrooms and smoking area, and specially at the entrance of the playing hall. Any player using an electronical or communication device not authorized by the arbiter shall be automatically expelled from the tournament.

8.5 Any violation of the Article 11 of the Laws of Chess shall have as consequence the immediate expulsion of the tournament, losing all the rights, including prizes. Additionally, any player who refuses to comply with the requirements of the arbiters or the organization shall be expelled immediately from the tournament, losing all the rights to prizes or trophies. In the tournament the FIDE Anti-cheating Regulations will be followed, and therefore checks may be made at any moment of the tournament.

8.6 A player not sitting on his board while his/her game is in progress, may be subject to checks with hand-held security detectors by Anti-Cheating Arbiters. Players are obliged to act at the request of the arbiters. If the player is breaking anti-cheating rules, the player will lose the game by immediately and be removed from the tournament and reported to the FIDE.

8.7 The chief arbiter is encouraged also to devise a system for operating random checks during the game

9. APPEAL COMMITTEE

9.1 Protests against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter may be lodged before the Appeals Committee.

9.2 The selection and appointment of the members of the Appeals Committee are made by the Organizing Committee.

9.3 The Appeals Committee will be composed of:

- The Tournament Director or any person delegated by him.

- 5 players of the tournament (3 holders and 2 alternates, the latter for those conflicts that involve any of the holders, or if they could not be located).

The Appeal Committee will be announced before 1st round.

9.4 The Tournament Director shall act as Chairman of the Committee. In the event of a tie, the chairman shall have the casting vote

9.5 Procedure of appeals. Protests, including protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants, or the Tournament Director, must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within one hour after completion of the respective game. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 100 € or the equivalent in local currency, as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the Romanian Chess Federation.

10. PLAYERS CONDUCT

10.1 All players are expected:

- To compete in the spirit of good sportsmanship
- To refrain from analysis or audible talking in the playing hall while other games are in progress
- To not eat at the chessboard during the games
- To attend the game halls with proper clothes and to have a correct and sportsmanlike behavior.
- To notify the Chief Arbiter in advance if they are unable to play a round or rounds
- To read all the pertinent information posted by the tournament organizers
- To comply with the FIDE Laws of chess
- To be present at all official events including the Opening and Closing Ceremonies

10.2 The original scoresheet is property of the organizers, the players having the obligation to deliver it signed and with the correct result to the arbiters at the end of the game. Do not leave the sheets lying on the table!

10. 3 The top winners prizes required to attend the Closing Ceremony

10. 4. If a player fails to fulfil his/her duties listed in Articles 10.3, he/she shall be penalized as follows: 20% of his/her prize money shall be forfeited to the Organizer.

11. ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

11.1 Flash photography may only be taken in the first ten minutes of each round.

11.2 The participants should have their medical assistance planned, if needed, the organizers will not be responsible for it. However, during the tournament, basic medical service will be provided according to the Romanian Law. Players are strongly advice to insure themselves against health risks and accidents for the duration of the tournament

11.3 If players are coming in the playing hall with mobile phones or other electronical devices, they should submit these devices to the arbiters at the special desk before of the start of the round. The Organizers will not be responsible for the phones or other devices of the players, so it will be the sole responsibility of each player to take them or not to the game venue.

11.4 The Tournament Director and/or the Chief Arbiter, reserves the right to assign game rooms the way it deems most appropriate, being able to isolate any games during any round of the tournament

11.5 Commercial issues. The players, arbiters as well as any technical staff admitted to the venue understand that they may be captured either by recorded or broadcasted video, or by their images, including photographs, video frames or works of art (hereinafter referred to as Images) at the venue of the Event as well as at the site around it, and provide their irrevocable consent for such capture, record and broadcast. Romanian Chess Federation may use all acquired images for commercial, marketing, organizational and other purposes free of charge. Any image may be used in printed, electronic or any other media, including the internet, and Romanian Chess Federation has the sub-licensable and worldwide right to use images as set forth above in any manner whatsoever (including any commercial purpose) free of charge.

11.6 These Tournament Regulations are written by Romanian Chess Federation as an organizer, and by making their first move, the players give their consent to its content.