1. GAME SYSTEM AND PARTICIPATION RULES

It will be played by the Swiss System for 9 rounds. The pairing will be done with the **VegaChess** program.

The ranking will be made based on the best ELO FIDE. In case of the same ELO FIDE, according to alphabetical order.

In order to participate in the competition, **IT IS NOT NECESSARY to be staying at the Meliá Benidorm hotel.**

To obtain a personalized consultation, contact the organization at **info@benidormchess.com** or Tel. / WhatsApp: **(+34) 651749417**

2. RATE OF PLAY

15 minutes per player for the entire game, with an increment of 5 seconds per move made. (G-15 '+ 5").

3. REGISTRATION & LICENSED

Registrations will be made through the web www.benidormchess.com and the price will be a single price of €30 for all participants. All players with ESP flag before FIDE must be licensed in Spain.

4. PARTICIPATION

All international and Spanish players who wish to do so may participate.

5. SPECIAL RULE ON DRAW AGREEMENT

Draws may be agreed by making at least one movement each player.

6. PLAYING VENUE

Meeting rooms of the Hotel Meliá Benidorm: Av. Dr. Severo Ochoa, 1 / 03503 Benidorm (Alicante).
To access the playing area, each player must have their accreditation visible.

You may be asked to verify your identity at any time within the playing area.

7. GAME SHEDULE

October 28, 2023	09:45 h. - 10:45 h. PLAYERS CONTROL	
October 28, 2023	10:50 h.	PUBLICATION R1 PAIRINGS
October 28, 2023	11:00 h.	First round
October 28, 2023	11:50 h.	Second round
October 28, 2023	12:40 h.	Third round
October 28, 2023	13:30 h.	Fourth round
October 28, 2023	14:00 h – 16:00 h.	Lunch with special prices at the Hotel Meliá Buffet for players and those accompanying the tournament.
October 28, 2023	16:30 h.	Fifth round
October 28, 2023	17:20 h.	Sixth round
October 28, 2023	18:10 h.	Seventh round
October 28, 2023	19:00 h.	Eighth round
October 28, 2023	19:50 h.	Ninth round
	20:40 h.	Prize Ceremony

The schedule of this calendar could be modified in case of organizational need. Each player will be notified personally and well in advance of the changes that are made.

8. MOVES RECORD

It is optional.

9. PRESENTATION TO GAMES

Any player who has not appeared on the board in the first round or within 15 minutes of the effective start time of the round will forfeit the game, and will be disqualified. The Main Referee, whose decision is final, will evaluate such justification.

10. BYES

Up to a **maximum of 1 byes** may be requested only first round. Byes will be worth zero points.

11. TIE-BREAKING SYSTEM

Ties to points in the final classification will be resolved by applying the following tie-breaking systems recommended by FIDE:

1. Direct confrontation
2. APPRO. Average performance of rivals
3. Medium Buchholz
4. ARO. Average rating of rivals
5. Highest number of games won
6. Number of wins with black pieces
7. Number of games played with black pieces

12. PLAYER CONTROL, SECURITY AND ACCESS TO THE PLAYING AREA

The playing area will open 30 minutes before the start for participants.

13. RULES OF CONDUCT

1. Players are not allowed to leave the playing area without permission from the arbiter. The term “playing area” is understood to be the one made up of the playing areas, rest areas, toilets and any others designated by the referee. Players will not be able to walk around the room or move away from your board. They will be able to get up to stretch their legs near their chair.
2. The player in play is not allowed to leave the playing area without permission from the arbiter.
3. The players, once their games are over, will leave the game room. They must deliver the scoresheets, duly completed, with the greatest diligence and using the shortest possible time. Analyzing is not allowed in the playing area. In the hotel hall, FAN ZONE and cafeteria it will be possible to analyze.
4. Taking photographs and making videos in the playing area during the games is NOT allowed. The organization has professional staff hired for this.
5. The communication staff of the Organization or accredited members of the media may take photographs or videos throughout the game, with the express permission of the arbiter and if they do not produce noise or disturbing lights, nor is their attitude annoying or affecting players' attention, nor does it interfere with games.
6. With regard to electronic communication devices, players are prohibited to have such devices, unless expressly authorized by the main arbiter, based on the provisions of Article 12.2.f of the Laws of Chess or similar reason. There will be an area/closet with hangers at the entrance to the room where each player must leave their jacket and their mobile phone.

14. COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The Competition Committee will be made up of a President, two international arbiters, and a member of the Organization. Such Competition Committee will resolve all the claims made by the players against arbitration decisions, in matters related to the Laws of Chess, Technical Bases or FIDE regulations.

15. REGULATIONS

Any aspect not described in these Technical Bases will be resolved according to the regulations of the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

16. CLASSIFICATION

The distribution of cash prizes will be carried out following the strict order of classification given by the tiebreakers.

17. PRIZES

The prizes will not be cumulative in any case.

The payment will be made by bank transfer (only to countries that use the banking system with IBAN code and BIC/SWIFT system) or through another electronic payment system (Paysend, Paypal, Transferwise,...).

In the ELO sections, all players with an ELO lower than that of the winning section will be eligible for a prize.

The criteria for the distribution of prizes will be the following:

1. The highest value prize will have preference
2. In the event that a player opts for two prizes of the same value in different classifications to which he can choose, the order of choice will be as follows:
    a) General
    b) Valencian Community
    c) ELO tranches in descending order
    d) Staying at the hotel

All prizes will be distributed in strict order of classification, and the current legal withholding will be applied on account of personal income tax. A distinction will be made between players with residence in Spain, non-residents in Spain but resident in the EU, and the Rest of the World.

The prizes can be consulted on the Benidorm Chess Open website.

The list of awarded players and the amounts will be available in the "Additional Information" tab on the **info64.org** website minutes after the end of the open.

18. ACCEPTANCE TECHNICAL RULES

Registration in the tournament implies acceptance of these TECHNICAL RULES.

19. TECHNICAL BODIES

- ORGANIZATION: **Caballo Blanco Benidorm Chess Club, with the collaboration of Hotel Meliá Benidorm and the Valencian Chess Federation**
- TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: **Alfonso Vilches del Castillo**
- SPONSORSHIP: **His Excellency Benidorm City Council and Sports Department**