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ECUADORIAN FEDERATION OF SPORTS FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED

12th Pan-American Individual Chess Championship for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Ecuador, October 20-25, 2024

INVITATION

The Ecuadorian Federation of Sports for the Visually Impaired, with the endorsement of IBCA America, invites the National Braille Chess Federations of IBCA AMERICA member countries to participate in the championship.

Part 1: General Information and Registration Process

Event Title:

12th Pan-American Individual Chess Championship for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Date and Venue:

Ecuador, from October 20 to October 25, 2024, in the city of Salinas.

Arrival Logistics:

Airport: José Joaquín de Olmedo International Airport, Guayaquil.

Reception: 10:00 AM (15 UTC), 4:00 PM (21 UTC), and 7:00 PM (24 UTC) at the airport by reception committee members wearing shirts related to the championship.

Accommodation: Hotel Headquarters Suite Salinas. Check-in at 12:00 (17 UTC) and Check-out at 12:00 (17 UTC). <https://www.salinashoteles.com/>

Location: General Enríquez Gallo, Salinas, Ecuador.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/xrW9BTf7uzm4FGU36>

Registration and Payment:

Registration Form: Available at this link: <https://forms.gle/xWJi4FDhqnA8tN359>

Registration Deadline: August 20, 2024.

Cost: US \$200 per participant (50% discount for champions of the Guatemala event).

Payment Methods: Transfer to FEDEDIV Ecuador account or cash payments upon confirmation and presentation of the airline ticket or flight reservation.

Part 2: Accreditations, Insurance, and Delegation Regulations

Accreditations: All chess players, coaches, assistants, and other delegation members must complete their details in the respective forms, including a photograph and a certificate of visual impairment. Additionally, each player must specify if they are totally blind or have low vision (visually impaired).

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FIDE Identification: Players must have a FIDE identification from their national chess federations, which must be indicated in the registration form.

Endorsements:

- Players from countries affiliated with IBCA America must register with the endorsement of their Federation.
- Unaffiliated players from countries affiliated with IBCA America must present the endorsement of their Federation.
- Players from countries not affiliated with IBCA America must request an endorsement from IBCA via email at: secretary@ibca-info.org

Insurance: Each participant is responsible for their own insurance, which should cover accidents, medical attention, and other personal aspects during the championship, including travel days.

Delegation Regulations:

- Each delegation appoints its players, coach, and delegate, and must designate a Head of Delegation.
- Only members registered within the official registration period will receive accommodation, meals, and local transportation services contracted by the organization.
- Persons registered outside the official period will be considered "extras" and will not receive these services.
- Hotel rooms may be double or triple. In special cases, the organization can help find an option at the headquarters hotel or another nearby, at the expense of the interested party.

Part 3: Equipment, Match Recording, and Tournament Format

Equipment:

- All matches will be played on Braille chess sets, generally on two Braille boards unless both players agree to use only one.
- Each athlete must bring their own Braille chess set, and each delegation must have at least one Braille clock.
- Participants are responsible for their personal materials and equipment, such as clocks, boards, recorders, punches, rulers, etc. The organization will provide the conventional clocks necessary for the championship.
- The organization reserves the right to assign referees or observers to control the matches. Each chess player is responsible for recording their game, either by audio or in Braille.

Tournament Format and System:

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- There will be two absolute categories: Totally Blind and Visually Impaired. Players will be assigned to these categories based on the data provided in the registration forms and medical certificates. The Organizing Committee's decision on player assignment is final.
- The tournament will be played in a Swiss system format over seven rounds, with two matches per day except on the fourth day when only one round will be played.
- Pairings will be managed by FIDE-certified software under the responsibility of the Pairing Officer and the Chief Arbiter.

Time Control and Tiebreaks:

- Time control will be 90 minutes per player plus 30 seconds Fischer increment per move. If a player arrives more than 30 minutes late, they will lose the match by default.
- Tiebreaks will be determined in the following order: Buchholz Cut 1, Buchholz, Sonneborn-Berger, cumulative system (progressive scores), direct encounter, most wins (including losses), and most wins with black pieces.

Part 4: Itinerary, Conduct, Prizes, and Organizing Committee

Itinerary:

- Sunday, October 20, 2024: Reception and transfer of delegations to the hotel from 15 UTC (10:00 local time) to 24 UTC (19:00 local time), Guayaquil – Santa Elena.
Time: 15 UTC 10:00 local time, 21 UTC 16:00 local time, 24 UTC 19:00 local time.
Technical Meeting: 21:00 local time.
- Monday, October 21, 2024:
 - 07:00 Breakfast
 - 09:00 Opening
 - 10:00 First round
 - 12:00 Lunch
 - 15:00 Second round
 - 19:00 Dinner
- Tuesday, October 22, 2024:
 - 07:00 Breakfast
 - 09:00 Third round
 - 12:00 Lunch
 - 15:00 Fourth round
 - 19:00 Dinner
- Wednesday, October 23, 2024:
 - 07:00 Breakfast
 - 09:00 Fifth round
 - 12:00 Lunch
 - 15:00 Sixth round
 - 19:00 Dinner
- Thursday, October 24, 2024:

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- 07:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 Seventh round
- 12:00 Lunch
- 15:00 Awards ceremony
- 17:00 Closing ceremony
- There will be no dinner on Thursday.
- Friday, October 25, 2024:
 - 07:00 Breakfast and departure of the delegations. This will be the only restaurant service for that day.

Player Conduct:

- All participants must comply with the Chess Laws and maintain respectful and appropriate conduct throughout the tournament, in accordance with the IBCA and FIDE statutes.
- Players, delegates, and coaches must attend all official events and cooperate with the media for brief interviews immediately after each match.
- Fair play measures will be applied according to FIDE anti-cheating guidelines.

Appeals Committee:

- Composed of a President and two members, along with two alternate members, all from different National Braille Chess Federations. This committee will resolve disputes and protests submitted during the tournament. The committee's decision is final.

Prizes:

- Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in both categories (Totally Blind and Visually Impaired), including a trophy for the best-ranked woman. All participants will receive participation certificates.

Organizing Committee (LOC) and Directors:

- **President:** Lic. Edwin Gualán, President of the Ecuadorian Federation of Sports for the Visually Impaired (FEDEDIV).
- **General Coordinator:** Econ. Germán Yépez Peña.
- **Treasurer:** CPA. Martha Mariño.
- **Chief Arbiter:** Jorge Guerrero Vargas, International FIDE Arbiter.
<https://ratings.fide.com/profile/3614816>
- **Deputy Arbiter:** Juan Carlos Ricaurte López.
<https://ratings.fide.com/profile/3600327>
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Quito, August 12, 2024.

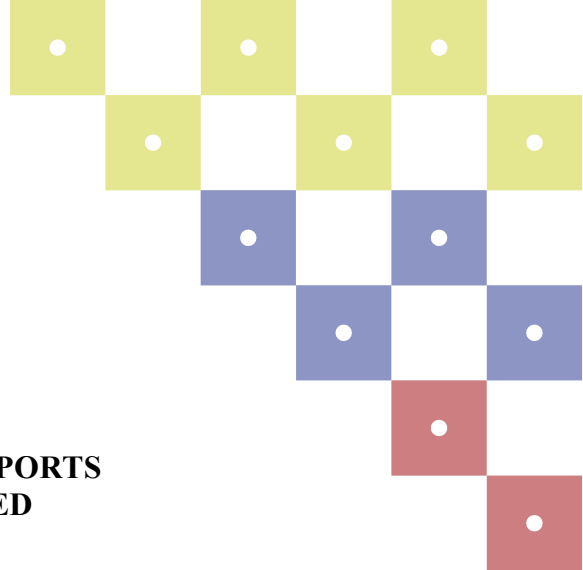
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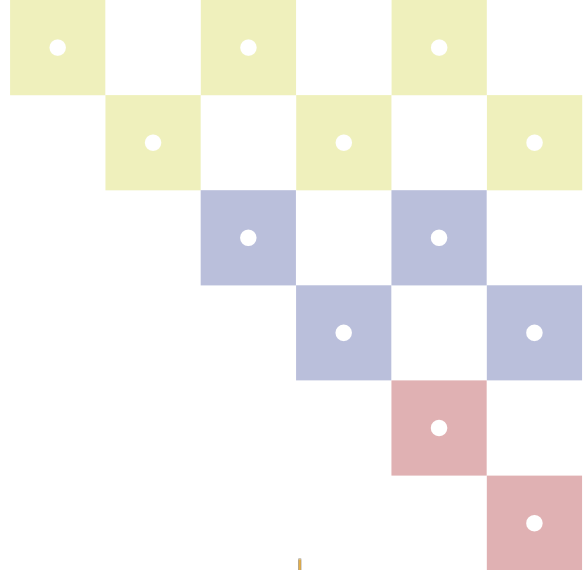
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Photographic Annexes

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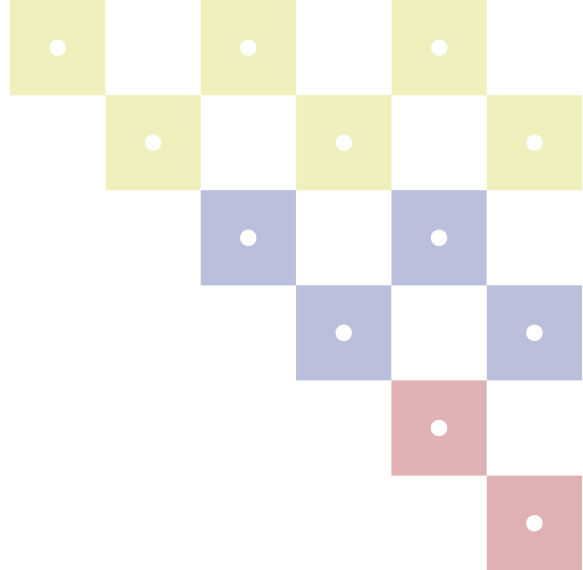
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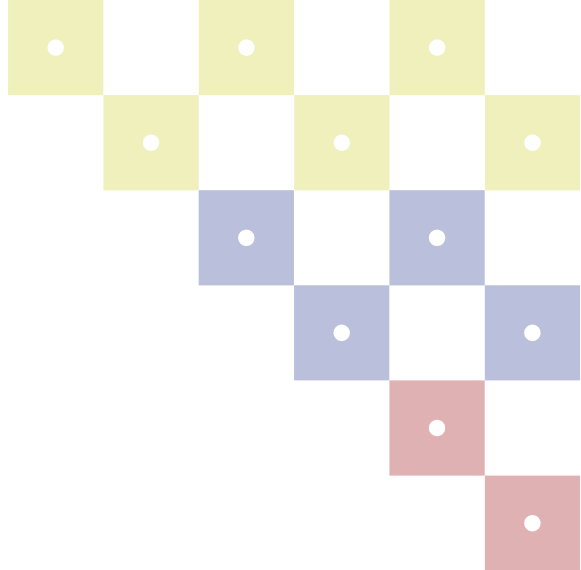


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