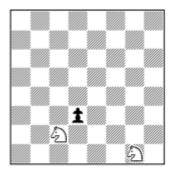


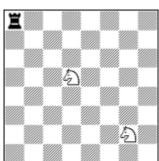
Welcome!

We, the organizers and players, are fortunate to have found an accommodating chess venue/community center in Amsterdam. We have a number of strong players coming from around the world to compete and we are excited to have everyone!

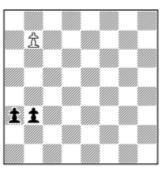




1 - White to play and win



2 - White to play and win



3 - White to play and win

I. Venue Guidelines

SV De Raadsheer has graciously given us the space to use for free as well as assist us with logistical issues. They do expect us, however, to use their venue for food and drinks. Food and drinks prices will be reasonable. Do not bring in outside food and drinks other than water and/or energy bars. Please be courteous to the venue and purchase snacks and concessions from them.

There's a cloakroom for coats which will be visible from the room. Out of an abundance of caution, remove wallets and any other valuables from your coats. The venue is not liable for any personal items that are lost or stolen. There is also a smoke room available on-site to anyone who needs it.

There are a number of people volunteering in the venue to help make this tournament run smoothly and successfully. If a volunteer reports misconduct about a player to an organizer for whatever reason, then we will investigate and can sanction that player if deemed appropriate. This can include but is not limited to giving a verbal warning or other disciplinary actions. Tournament players may also report another player for misconduct during or outside a game. Organizers will address any reported misconduct and determine appropriate sanctions as necessary.

We want everybody to have a good time. Please practice good sportsmanship and common courtesy to everyone, to ensure everybody enjoys themselves.

Food

At the venue, they have a reasonable number of snacks (some typical Dutch ones). Frikandel and meatballs, toasties, kroketten, fries and ham- and cheese sandwiches. If none of this is to your liking, we could ask them to have some other (simple) options. Please notify us what other options you might prefer or if you have any food allergies. Beverages on average are below 2 euros.





II. General Tournament Rules and code of conduct

André is head referee of the tournament. Several other referees will be present who can also make rulings. You may appeal rulings, however, by asking for the head referees to make a determination. The decision of André will be the final ruling.

Richard, while being co-organizer, does compete in the tournament, and cannot be asked for his input regarding referee decisions for obvious reasons.

When you need the help of the referee, please stop the chess clock and make a note of the last move played. The clock will be restarted by the referee after:

- A ruling is adjudicated;
- No appeal by either player is requested.

If one of the players chooses not to continue after the ruling, they will forfeit the game.

If you want to go to the toilet during a game, you have to give your phone to one of the referees who'll return it when you get back.

We aim to play 28 rounds spread over 2 days. Note that due to various reasons it could mean that in the end we play less rounds.



III. Game rules

- 1- If you're the first name on the match draw sheet, then you play the white pieces. The match draw sheet also has a table number, so it's easy to find out where you need to sit.
- 2- Time control will be 5+8.
- 3- The player playing the black pieces decides on which side of the table the chess clock will be.
- 4- During the game, both players must make their chess moves and press the chess clock with the same hand.
- 5- An offered handshake before the game may not be declined.
- 6- You can only press the chess clock when all pieces are upright and in the correct square.
- 7- When you touch a chess piece, you must move with that piece.
- 8- You may not touch chess pieces when it's your opponent's turn. If something is not right, please stop the clock, write down your last move and call for the referee.
- 9- If your opponent made an illegal move, press the chess clock (don't stop the chess clock) and tell him/her that another move had to be made.
- 10- If your opponent made an illegal move and you've made a move as well and pressed the chess clock, then the game will continue. You must spot the illegal move before you press the chess clock yourself.
- 11- We don't want players to 'flag' another player when it's a drawn position. If you think your opponent wants to flag you, please stop the clock and ask for one of the head referees. He'll either confirm it's a drawn position or not. If not, the game will continue and you may not call the referee again for the same reason this game. If the referee confirms it's a drawn position, both players get 4 minutes (or more if they still had more time on the clock) and the game stops after 30 moves without capture or a pawn move. If it's a normal drawn position (like bishops of opposite colors), then the game can be stopped immediately... call the referee if your opponent wants to continue in this case.
- 12- When the game is finished, please note the score and make sure both players sign the score sheet.

Swiss Set Up

The tournament will be using the Swiss format.

This basically means that players will be paired with opponents that scored (around) the same results.

With less players than rounds, everybody will play each other at least once. But after that, the format will continue Swiss.

Match Sheet

We will handout match sheets that players may or may not fill in.

The correctly filled in match sheets will be entered in the Lichess' database later.

"So, they will count towards my rating?"

No... they will not!

IV. Timetable

Saturday: Venue opens at 09:00.... Please be on time so the draw can be done a bit early.

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9:45 - 10:00 Morning debrief
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10:00 - 10:20 first round

10:25 - 10:45 second round

10:55 - 11:20 third round

11:40 - 12:00 fourth round

12:05 - 12:25 fifth round

12:35 - 12:55 sixth round

13:00 - 13:55 lunchbreak

14:00 - 14:20 seventh round

14:25 - 14:45 eighth round

14:55 - 15:15 ninth round

15:20 - 15:40 tenth round

15:50 - 16:10 eleventh round

16:20 - 16:40 twelfth round

16:45 - 17:05 thirteenth round

17:10 - 17:30 last Saturday round

Sunday: Venue opens at 09:00.... Please be on time so the draw can be done a bit early.

10:00 - 10:20 fifteenth round

10:25 - 10:45 sixteenth round

10:55 - 11:20 seventeenth round

11:40 - 12:00 eighteenth round

12:05 - 12:25 nineteenth round

12:35 - 12:55 twentieth round

13:00 - 13:55 lunchbreak

14:00 - 14:20 twenty-first round

14:25 - 14:45 twenty-second round

14:55 - 15:15 twenty-third round

15:20 - 15:40 twenty-fourth round

15:50 - 16:10 twenty-fifth round

16:15 - 16:35 twenty-sixth round

16:40 - 17:00 twenty-seventh round

17:05 - 17:25 Last Sunday round

17:30 Award Ceremony

If due to unforeseen circumstances it has become impossible to keep this timetable, we can skip a round to keep the timetable up to date.

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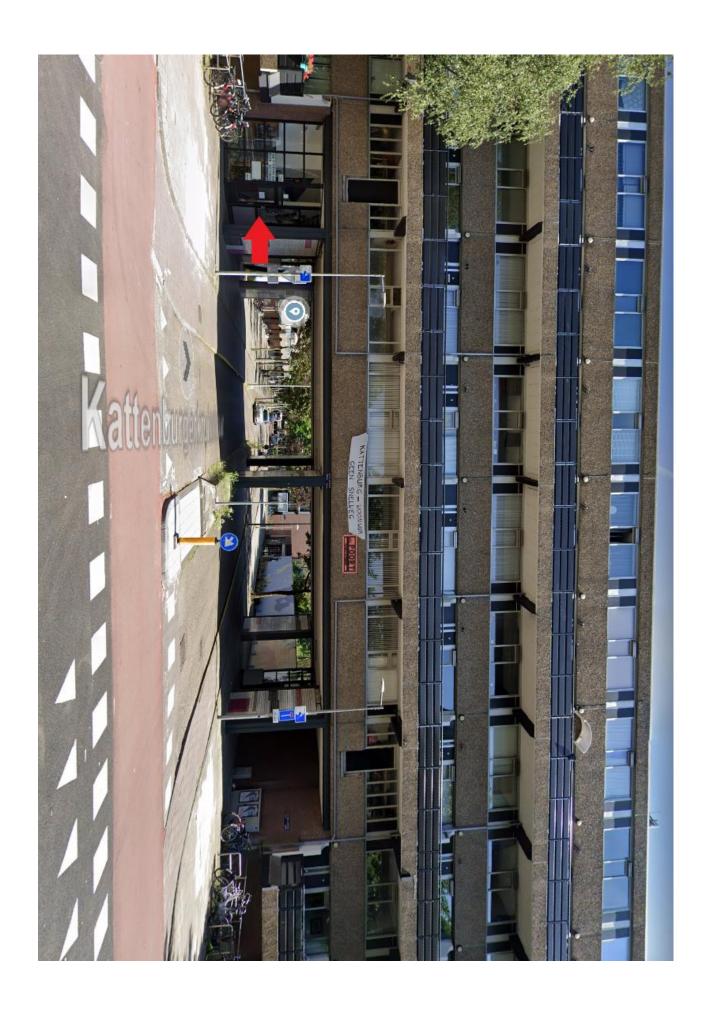
Where's the venue?

Kattenburgerstraat 150. 1018 JH Amsterdam



Walking route from Central Station, a 25-minute walk.





Public Transport:

Unlimited use of Amsterdam public transport with an OV chip card

If you're using public transport in Amsterdam and beyond, the public transport chip card (OV-chipkaart) is used for travel on trams, buses and metros. The most convenient option for visitors is a disposable one-hour card or day card (valid for one to seven days). One-hour tickets can be bought from the conductor or driver on the tram or bus. Day tickets can be bought on the tram or purchased in advance. Day cards can't be bought from the driver on the bus. Tickets are valid across the whole network from the first use, allowing you to take as many journeys as you choose within your chosen time-frame.

Paying with cash on public transport

Amsterdam is working towards making public transport completely cashless. Tickets can only be purchased using debit or credit as of 26 March 2018. Cash is no longer accepted on buses and trams.

These cards are valid: V-pay, Maestro, VISA, Mastercard, JCB, Diners Club, Union Pay and American Express.

Bike.

If you're comfortable with riding a bike, then renting a bike is probably the cheapest option. There are several providers and it should be easy to find a bike rent shop. Cost will be between 10-15 euros a day.

