

REGULATIONS

on holding the Ninth FIDE World Cup in Composing 2021

APPROVED

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1. TASKS AND OBJECTIVES

The Ninth FIDE World Cup in Composing is held with the aim to:

- develop and promote chess;
- develop and promote chess composition as a constituent of chess culture;
- expand the geography of participants;
- decide the winners.

2. ORGANIZERS

The organizers are the International Chess Federation (www.fide.com), with the participation of the World Federation for Chess Composition (www.wfcc.ch).

The holding of the tournament is the direct responsibility of the Director and the Panel of Judges:

The Director of the tournament is **Juri Bazlov** (Russia).

- A.** Twomovers – Judge: **Vasil Dyachuk** (Ukraine)
- B.** Threemovers – Judge: **C.G.S. Narayanan** (India)
- C.** Moremovers – Judge: **Mark Erenburg** (Israel)
- D.** Endgame studies – Judge: **Oleg Pervakov** (Russia)
- E.** Helpmates – Judge: **Silvio Baier** (Germany)
- F.** Selfmates – Judge: **Mikhail Khramtsevich** (Belarus)
- G.** Fairies – Judge: **Tadashi Wakashima** (Japan)
- H.** Retros – Judge: **Joaquim Crusats** (Spain)

3. THE TIME FRAME OF THE EVENT

The tournament will be conducted from **February 1 to October 1, 2021**.

The closing date for submitting the entries is **July 1, 2021**.

The director will send all compositions to the judges on uniform and anonymous diagrams by **July 15, 2021**. All judges are to submit their awards by **September 1, 2021**.

4. PARTICIPANTS

Anyone wishing to take part in the tournament can do so.

5. PROCEDURE FOR PARTICIPATION

In each section, only one composition by each author is acceptable and joint compositions are not allowed.

The theme is free in all sections. In the fairies section (G), there is no restriction on stipulations, conditions, the use of fairy pieces, or the number of moves.

In the retro sections, only orthodox retros will be allowed this time (release-the-position problems, last move problems, orthodox retractors with forward defenses, retro rebuses; but NO fairy elements in any of them and NO proof games).

In the selfmate section (F) and fairies section (G), only computer-tested problems (using Alybadix, Popeye, WinChloe, or Gustav) are allowed; the participants should specify the version of the program they used to test their entry.

Entries must be sent on diagrams with complete solution and any comments **by e-mail only** to the Director's address: **yvbazlov@list.ru**

Participants should mention their **postal address** in the email.

6. TOURNAMENT AWARD

After receiving the entries in anonymous form from the Director, the judges consider the submitted compositions, determine their originality, difficulty, esthetic appeal, search for possible anticipations, and decide their ranking in the tournament. In each section, compositions in first, second, and third places must be determined, as well as entries receiving honorary mentions and commendations. It is also possible to specify prize-winning compositions (no more than three per section). After ranking the entries, the judges are to send, within the preset period, their award, with the indication of numbers of the compositions in the award and related comments, to the Director of the tournament. After receiving the awards from the judges, the Director is to provide the preliminary results without the authors' names for publication on the websites of FIDE and WFCC before **September 1, 2021**. During one month after the publication of the preliminary results, claims of defects and anticipations can be sent to the Director, who will accumulate and forward them to the judges. After receiving the claims, the judges will take the final decision on the results of the World Cup and send the final award to the Director.

7. PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

The final results of this competition will be published on the FIDE and WFCC websites **no later than October 1, 2021**.

8. PRIZE-GIVING

In each section, the Cup winner will be entitled to a money prize of 500 Euro, a Cup, a medal, and a certificate. Composers in 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded medals and respective certificates. The certificates for 1st-3rd places will be signed by the President of FIDE. The prizes and other distinctions are to be presented to the laureates at the closing ceremony of the World Chess Composition Congress 2021 in Rhodes (Greece).

9. ORGANIZATIONAL ISSUES

These Regulations shall constitute an official invitation to the tournament.