ULES OF THE ESC/WOSC | WROCŁAW | 2025

TEAM TOURNAMENT

- Tournament open to players from all over the world
- 4 rounds in Swiss format
- The teams will be of 3 players
- It will be played at a rate of 30 minutes + 30 seconds byoyomi
- The games are valid for FESA ELO
- Registration with a closed team or a single player is allowed. The organization will match players without a team.

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- The use or reference of any kind to the name of a country when registering a team name is prohibited.
- Registration will be carried out by the captain, registering all the team players on the form that will be provided at the registration table.

BLITZ

- Tournament open to players from all over the world
- 7 rounds in Swiss format
- It will be played at a rate of 8 minutes without byoyomi

WOSC

- Tournament open to players from all over the world
- 9 rounds in Mac-Mahon format
- It will be played at a pace of 45 minutes + 40 seconds byoyomi
- Players who cannot attend all rounds of the tournament are allowed to play. Players who wish to leave the tournament must give notice one round in advance, and in any case before the pairings have been made.

ESC

- Exclusive tournament for European players
- The ESC will be part of the WOSC. Those players eliminated will continue their participation by playing in the WOSC.
- The place is reserved for the 32 registered European players with the highest FESA ELO
- 5 rounds' single-elimination tournament
- Playing is only allowed if the player agrees to participate in all 5 rounds or until he is eliminated.



To participate in the ESC you must have an established FESA ELO rating according to the Pan-Atlantic ELO rating. The ELO of the 32 players with the highest ELO rating will be determined according to the most recent list published by FESA.

ESC rounds are played in parallel to the first 5 WOSC rounds. Players eliminated from the ESC will automatically be included in the WOSC, continuing their participation under WOSC rules and the Mac-Mahon system. ESC players will be assigned Mac-Mahon points corresponding to their ELO rating, except for players participating in ESC round 2, who will be assigned points corresponding to the upper WOSC group.

In addition, the player must be a citizen of a Member State of the European Union, or must have a Shogi organization with representation (voting member or observer) in FESA. The tournament has a direct elimination system and will be paired as shown in the following image, ordered from highest to lowest ELO. In case there are players with an exact ELO, their position in the bracket will be determined by chance.

The organization reserves the right to make any changes necessary for the correct operation of the event, only in case of necessity. This may involve changes in the pairing system or in the number of rounds. In case of discrepancies, the tournament referee will make the final decision based on FESA regulations and what he deems most convenient, without the possibility of appealing his decision.

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