

UTRECHTSE MEESTERS TOURNAMENT RULES



1. The most recent FIDE Laws of Chess (January 2018) are applicable.
2. The rate of play is 90 minutes plus 30 seconds cumulative increment for each move starting from the first move. All moves must be recorded.
3. The venues are De Noteboom (Notebomenlaan 400, Utrecht) and Denksportcentrum Dijckzigt (Boorstraat 107, Utrecht)
4. Games will be played according to the following schedule:

Round 1	Thursday 13 February 2020	19:00	de Noteboom
Round 2	Thursday 27 February 2020	19:00	de Noteboom
Round 3	Thursday 12 March 2020	19:00	de Noteboom
Round 4	Thursday 2 April 2020	19:00	de Noteboom
Round 5	Thursday 16 April 2020	19:00	de Noteboom
Round 6	Sunday 26 April 2020	10:00	Dijckzigt
Round 7	Sunday 26 April 2020	15:30	Dijckzigt
Round 8	Monday 27 April 2020	10:00	Dijckzigt
Round 9	Monday 27 April 2020	15:30	Dijckzigt

Games in round 1-5 may be rescheduled by mutual agreement of players, organiser and arbiters. Please inform other parties as soon as possible in case of absence. Furthermore, please reserve 23 April as a final fall-back date.

5. Pairing numbers for the tournament will be based on the drawing of lots. The playing schedule and colours will be based on FIDE Berger tables for round robin tournaments. The drawing of lots ceremony will be at Thursday 19 December 2019 at 20:00 at de Noteboom.
6. The default time according to article 6.7a is 60 minutes. Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the default time will lose the game unless the arbiter decides otherwise. Please contact the arbiter as soon as possible in case of force majeure.
7. During the game it is not allowed to carry a telephone or any other mobile device. A player carrying such a device will lose the game. It is allowed to bring a telephone or other electronic device but it must be completely switched off and be handed to the arbiter before the first move has been made.
8. Prize money will be shared between players with the same score.

1st prize	EUR 200
2nd prize	EUR 100

In the situation of a tie for the first place, the tournament winner (and winner of the trophy) will be decided on tiebreak games (blitz games possibly followed by Armageddon), following the last round. Details of tiebreak games will be determined and published at a later stage.
Other players with the same score will be ordered ex aequo.
9. Results will be reported for rating to FIDE.
10. All rules are subject to the interpretation of the chief arbiter.
11. Chief arbiter is IA Arno Eliëns. Deputy arbiter is FA Marc Jongerius.