

Tournament Rules Hoogeveen Chess Tournaments 2025

1. FIDE Rules

All games shall be played in accordance with the most recent FIDE Laws of Chess, in the latest official Dutch translation issued by the KNSB (January 2023). These rules can be downloaded from the website of the Dutch Chess Federation.

2. Default Time

The default time is sixty minutes. The clocks will be started at the announced beginning of the round. A player who arrives more than sixty minutes after the start of the round shall lose the game, unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise

3. Rate of Play

For the Morning Amateur group, each player receives 90 minutes for the entire game, plus an increment of 30 seconds per move from move one.

For the Afternoon Amateur and Open groups, each player receives 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by an additional 30 minutes for the remainder of the game, plus an increment of 30 seconds per move from move one.

4. Pairings

Pairings will be made using SwissManager. In the Open group, each participant must have a FIDE ID, and pairings will be based on the standard FIDE rating. In the Amateur groups, the higher of the two standard ratings — FIDE or KNSB — will be used for pairing purposes.

5. Scoresheets and Result Forms

At the conclusion of each game, the original scoresheets and the result form, signed by both players, must be handed in at the arbiters desk.

6. Bye Policy

In the Open group and the Afternoon Amateur group, a player may request one bye for ½ point in rounds 1 through 6. In the Morning Amateur group, this is possible in rounds 1 through 4. A request for a bye must be submitted no later than the end of the previous round to the responsible arbiter of the respective group.

The bye will be recorded in the group's bye log and displayed on ChessResults under "not paired" A requested bye may result in a slightly higher pairing in the following round. The awarded half-point does not affect rating calculations.

7. Prizes

Prize money for final standings will be distributed according to the Hort system. Each player receives 50% of the prize money to which they are entitled based on their final ranking, while the remaining 50% is divided equally among players with the same number

of points. Rating prizes and category prizes (best female player, best junior, best senior) are not shared.

In the event of a tie, the tiebreak order will determine the winner. A player may win multiple prizes (for example, a prize for overall classification and a rating or category prize). In case of a tie for a prize, players who have taken a bye are not eligible for that particular prize. If it concerns a monetary prize, they will be considered for the next available prize instead.

8. Tiebreak

If players finish with the same number of points, the tiebreak criterion AROC 1 (Average Rating of Opponents, excluding the result against the weakest opponent) will be applied. If the tiebreak is identical for two or more players, the rating or category prize will be shared.

9. Fair Play

The organization of the Hooegeveen Chess Tournaments attaches great importance to fair play. A dedicated Fair Play document has been prepared, available in English on the tournament website.

10. Rules and Inspections

In general, the same rules apply as in the KNSB competition. For example, it is forbidden to wear a watch during play. A watch may be stored in a jacket, bag, or placed on the table. Players may be checked for possession of electronic devices during toilet visits using a hand scanner.

In the Open group, all games are additionally subject to FIDE inspection.

Throughout the tournament, free coffee and tea will be available for all players. We kindly ask players to return empty cups and saucers to the serving area after finishing their games. If you wish to eat, please ensure that other players are not disturbed. Eating at the board is not permitted; players may consume their lunch in the hallway (if playing in the Parkzaal or Burgerzaal) or in the other section of the Raadzaal if playing there.

11. Mobile Phones

The KNSB competition guidelines for mobile phones apply during the tournament. A mobile phone may be brought into the playing area but must be completely switched off before the start of the game. The phone may be placed on the table or stored in a jacket or bag hanging on or next to the chair. Players may also deposit their phones with an arbiter at the arbiters desk if they prefer.

If it is determined that a mobile phone at the table is not completely switched off, the player's remaining time will be halved (up to a maximum of ten minutes) for the first offence. For a second offence, the player will lose the game.

It is strictly forbidden to carry a mobile phone on one's body. If this is discovered during play, the player shall immediately lose the game, regardless of whether the phone is on or off. The result counts for rating. If it is proven that a player has used his phone during a

game, more severe sanctions will follow, and the matter will be reported to FIDE and the KNSB.

Spectators are not permitted to use a mobile phone or any other electronic device inside the playing venue.

12. Appeals Procedure

If a player disagrees with a decision by an arbiter, they may appeal to the Chief Arbiter. An appeal against the Chief Arbiter's decision must be submitted in writing within half an hour after the end of the last game of the relevant round to the Appeals Committee. The appeal must be handed to Tournament Director Jeroen Bottema and accompanied by a cash deposit of €50.

The Appeals Committee will deliver its decision as soon as possible and its decision is final. The committee will decide whether the deposit will be refunded, regardless of the content of the ruling.

13. Rating Processing

All games played during the tournaments will be submitted for both KNSB and FIDE rating calculations. The processed ratings will appear in the official lists dated 1 November 2025.

14. Contact

For questions or issues, please contact the Chief Arbiter — for example, in case of late arrival or illness. Send an email or WhatsApp message to the Chief Arbiter or the Tournament Director. A message is not considered received until confirmation has been given. If necessary, please call to report your withdrawal.

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Schedule

date	Crown Group	Open & Afternoon	Morning
Saturday 18 October		round 1 - 14:00	round 1 - 09:00
Sunday 19 October		round 2 - 14:00	round 2 - 09:00
Monday 20 October	round 1 - 14:00	round 3 - 14:00	round 3 - 09:00
Tuesday 21 October	round 2 - 14:00	round 4 - 14:00	round 4 - 09:00
Wednesday 22 October	round 3 - 15:00	round 5 - 09:00	restday
		round 6 - 15:00	
Thursday 23 October	round 4 - 14:00	round 7 - 14:00	round 5 - 09:00
Friday 24 October	round 5 - 14:00	round 8 - 14:00	round 6 - 09:00
Saturday 25 October	round 6 - 14:00	round 9 - 14:00	round 7 - 09:00

Prize Money

Place	Open	Afternoon	Morning
1	3000	750	400
2	2000	400	250
3	1250	300	200
4	750	200	150
5	600	100	100
6	400	50	50
7	300	-	-
8	200	-	-
9	100	-	-
10	50	-	-