



# **PUNCH YOUR CLOCK!**

## **THE U.P. VANGUARD RAPID & BLITZ CHESS OPEN TOURNAMENT**

### **TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. UP Vanguard, Inc. “Punch Your Clock!” The U.P. Vanguard Rapid & Blitz Chess Open Championship 2017 is being held as part of the UP Vanguard, Inc.’s 95<sup>th</sup> Homecoming celebration.

2. **Format**

2.1 **Open**

The events will be both Swiss System tournaments and will be held over two days for Blitz and three days for Rapid. The Blitz will have twenty one (21) rounds, with a single game for each round, Swiss event. The Rapid will be fifteen (15) rounds, with a single game for each round Swiss event.

ANY (men and women) can play in the Open.

2.2 **Women**

The events will be both Swiss System tournaments and will be held over two days for Blitz and three days for Rapid. The Blitz will have seventeen (17) rounds, with a single game for each round, Swiss event. The Rapid will be twelve (12) rounds, with a single game for each round Swiss event.

2.3 **General rules**

- a. The FIDE Laws of Chess promulgated on July 1, 2014, particularly the Rules on Rapid and Blitz Play shall govern the competition.
- b. The time control shall be FIFTEEN (15) MINUTES with 10 seconds increment per player to make all moves necessary to finish the game for Rapid chess.
- b. The time control shall be THREE (3) MINUTES with 2 seconds increment per player to make all moves necessary to finish the game for Blitz chess.
- c. Recording of moves shall be optional.
- d. Any illegal move committed by a player shall be penalized by immediate loss of the game:
- f. The use of mobile phone or any electronic means of communication during a game is strictly prohibited. A player who violate this regulation will be penalized by immediate loss of his/her game.

3. **Participation and Eligibility**

The Rapid & Blitz tournament is open to all players. The tournament is FIDE and NCFP rated.

The starting rank of players shall be based on the March 1, 2017 Blitz Rating List of FIDE and/or latest published NCFP Rating List.

4. **Organization**

The UP Vanguard, Incorporated, in cooperation with the National Chess Federation of the Philippines, is the lead organization. IM Ronald Bancod is the tournament director.

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5. Time Control

5.1 In the Blitz Championship, each player will have 3 minutes+ 2 seconds additional time per move, starting from move 1.

5.2 In the Rapid Championship, each player will have 15 minutes+ 10 seconds additional time per move, starting from move 1.

6. Tournament Conditions

6.1 The players are not permitted to speak to their opponents during the games. Appropriate sporting behavior is expected from all participants, and NCFP and FIDE rules of conduct are to be strictly followed at all times.

6.2 Players are required to attend the Players' Meeting on the day of the Opening Ceremony at a time to be decided by the Chief Arbiter, IA Gene Poliarco, and the Organizer. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Players' Meetings.

6.3 The draw for Colors and Pairings will be made in the first Players' Meeting for two events.

6.4 Players are requested to note the requirements of NCFP and FIDE Regulations C.01(Article 8.1) in respect of their dignified appearance at all times during the matches. Dress code is SMART CASUAL. Slippers are not allowed.

6.5 A protest against any decision must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee (composition to be announced in the first day of the tournament), immediately after the game. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.

6.6 Apart from the players and principals, no other person shall be allowed in the actual playing area during the games, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.

6.7 The players are not permitted to use any electronic or technical or other equipment extraneous while playing. Mobile phones and other electronic devices are to be put OFF or in SILENT MODE at all times and secure in the player's bag.

The Chief Arbiter shall decide what constitutes extraneous equipment liable to offend the opponent or may be in breach of the Rules of Chess.

6.8 The players shall shake hands (or shall greet each other in a normal social manner in accordance with the conventional rules of their society) before the start and after the end of each game. If a player fails to meet these requirements and after being asked to do so by the Chief Arbiter, then the player will lose the game immediately.

6.9 During the game, a player may talk only to an arbiter or communicate with a steward.

6.10 Food and beverage concessionaires may be present within the area. Players are freely buy their needs from them.

6.11 During play either the Chief Arbiter or the Deputy Chief Arbiter must be present in the playing area.

6.12 Tournaments will be played according to the rules and the adequate supervision of the Rapid play laws of Chess (FIDE Handbook, E.I.01B Appendices, Art. 1 to 4).

6.13 The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the Chairman of Appeals Committee and the players, issue additional written regulations to lay down the exact playing hours and take care of other details not covered by these regulations.

6.14 Immediately after the end of the event, the Chief Arbiter shall draw up a report and send it without delay to the UP Vanguard Inc. and NCFP Secretariat. The report shall be supplemented by adding two copies of the bulletins of the event. The report shall contain the result of each individual game as well as the final standings of the event. In addition, the report shall contain a general description of the course of the event.

6.15 Immediately after the end of the event, the Chairman of Appeals Committee shall draw up a report and send it without delay to the UP Vanguard Inc. and NCFP Secretariat. The report shall contain an overview of the organization, the conditions and any other matter that may be deemed relevant by the Chairman of Appeals Committee.

7. Tournament Schedule

Date		Number of Rounds	Other Comments
29 March 2017: Day 1 Rapid 1100H 1200H 1230H 1300H	Registration Technical meeting Opening Ceremony Start of Games	Open – 5 Women – 4	May be subject to change
30 March 2017: Day 2 Rapid 1300H	Start of Games	Open – 5 Women – 4	
31 March 2017: Day 3 Rapid 1300H	Start of Games	Open – 5 Women – 4	
1 April 2017: Day 1 Blitz 1300H	Start of Games	Open – 12 Women – 9	
2 April 2017: Day 2 Blitz 1300H  1800H	Start of Games  Awarding Ceremony	Open – 9 Women – 8	May be subject to change

8. Arrangements for the Playing Hall

The venue is at the University of the Philippines Department of Military Science and Tactics.

9. Interviews, media and PR functions

9.1 The tournament is covered in the organizer’s website and Facebook page.

9.2 All players have to cooperate reasonably with the media. The players are required to make themselves available for short interviews immediately after each game. In general, players shall be available for the daily press conference if any.

9.3 Players agree to the use of their personal information for the purpose of publication in the tournament and organizer's websites and of the results of the tournament in all media.

10. Financial Regulations and Prizes

10.1 The entry fees are as follows:

- a. Filipinos – Php 1,500.0
- b. Non-Filipinos – Php 2,500

10.2 Players must register online via the tournament website not later than 15 March 2017. Organizer reserves the right to refuse registration and accept late registrants.

10.3 The organizer shall award a gold medal and trophy to each of the winners for both men and women's event of the title UP Vanguard Incorporated Blitz Champion and UP Vanguard Incorporated Rapid Champion, silver medals to the players who respectively took the second place and bronze medal to the player who took the third place in the Blitz and Rapid events.

10.4 The organizer shall award money prizes for the Championships for the open and women events. There is no pooling of prizes. All prizes shall be distributed according to tie-breaks.

Blitz Prize Fund			Rapid Prize Fund		
Prize Fund	240,000		Prize Fund	240,000	
	Open	Women		Open	Women
1st Place	40,000	20,000	1st Place	40,000	20,000
2nd Place	30,000	15,000	2nd Place	30,000	15,000
3rd Place	20,000	10,000	3rd Place	20,000	10,000
4th Place	10,000	8,000	4th Place	10,000	8,000
5th Place	8,000	6,500	5th Place	8,000	6,500
6th Place	6,000	5,000	6th Place	6,000	5,000
7th Place	5,000	4,000	7th Place	5,000	4,000
8th Place	4,000	3,000	8th Place	4,000	3,000
9th Place	3,000	2,000	9th Place	3,000	2,000
10th Place	2,000	1,500	10th Place	2,000	1,500
11th - 15th Place (1,200 PHP each)	6,000	6,000	11th - 15th Place (1,200 PHP each)	6,000	6,000
16th - 20th Place (1,000 PHP)	5,000	5,000	16th - 20th Place (1,000 PHP)	5,000	5,000
21th - 30th Place (750 PHP each)	7,500	7,500	21th - 30th Place (750 PHP each)	7,500	7,500

10.5 The following tie-break systems shall be applied in descending order of priority to decide the final ranking of players after the competition:

- 1. Direct encounter
- 2. Buchholz System
- 3. S.B. (Sonnenborne-Berger) System
- 4. More number of wins including unplayed games
- 5. More number of wins with black pieces

11. Opening & Awarding Ceremony

11.1 A short Opening Ceremony at 1230H on 29 March 2017 at the UP DMST Complex shall take place and all participants are required to take part. The free shirts and mugs for those who registered for both events, and tournament IDs will be distributed during the Opening Ceremony.

11.2 The Awarding Ceremony shall take place at 1800H on 2 April 2017 at the UP DMST Complex. The prizes are awarded during the Awarding Ceremony.

## 12. Appeals Committee

12.1 All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than 15 minutes after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against.

12.2 The Committee may decide on the following matters within a reasonable time frame:

- a) an appeal against a decision by an arbiter,
- b) a protest against a player's behavior,
- c) a complaint alleging false interpretation of the regulations,
- d) a request for the interpretation of specific regulations,
- e) a protest or complaint against any participant, or
- f) all other matters which the Committee considers important.

12.3 If possible, the Committee shall reach a decision not more than 15 minutes after the submission of a protest. The appeals process shall include written representations and a written decision. The Committee shall endeavor to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto, Gens Una Sumus.

12.4 Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of 2,500 PHP. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, then in this case, the organizer reserves the right to withhold the deposit fee.

12.5 The decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

## 13. Penalties

13.1 Should a player be in breach of conduct of any of these regulations, then the player may be subject to an automatic penalty, by the organizer.

13.2 Should a player be in repeated breach of any of these regulations, the organizer reserves the right to expel the player from the tournament. In this case, the expelled player will not have any right to any prize money, irrespective of his standing at the time of expulsion.

13.3 Should a player withdraw from the tournament the registration fee will not be returned.

14. Reservations. The organizer reserves the right to change any of the provisions of these rules, including but not limited to, changes in venue and dates of the tournament for the interest and success of the tournament.