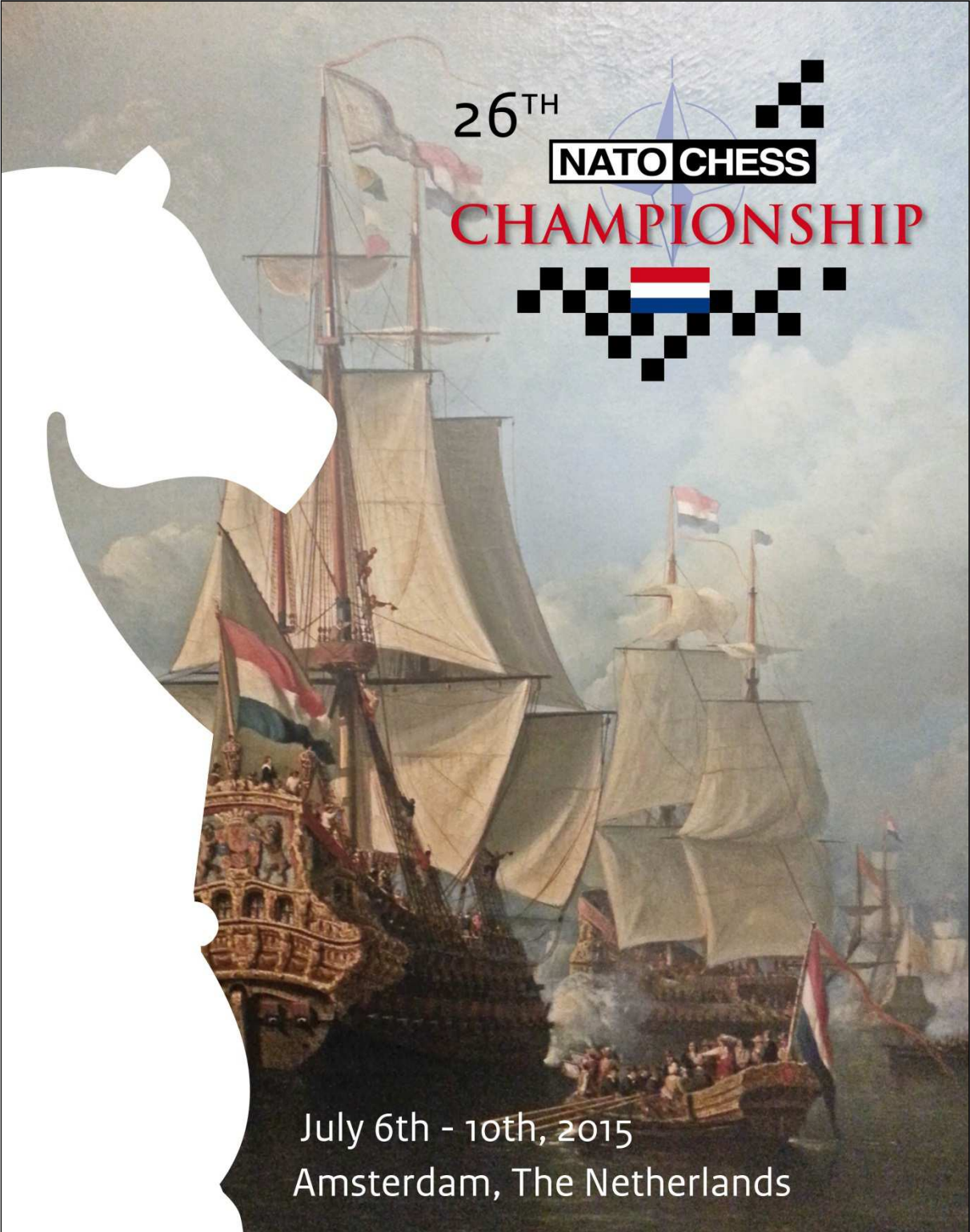






Information bulletin



26TH
NATO CHESS
CHAMPIONSHIP

July 6th - 10th, 2015
Amsterdam, The Netherlands



1. **LOCATION**

The 2015 venue of the tournament will be at the Marine Barracks (Marine Etablissement) in Amsterdam, in walking distance of the Central Station.

Address:

Marine Etablissement Amsterdam (MEA)
Kattenburgerstraat 7
1018 JA Amsterdam

2. **DATE**

The 26th edition of the NATO Chess Championship will be held in Amsterdam from July 5th to July 11th 2015. Arrival of the delegations not later than July 5th 18.00 hours. Departure of delegations is planned after breakfast on July 11th.

3. **PROGRAM**

Sunday 5th July

- Arrival of delegations (before 18.00)
- Team Captains meeting (20.00)

Monday 6th July

- Opening Ceremony
- 1st round chess

Tuesday 7th July

- 2nd + 3rd round chess

Wednesday 8th July

- 4th round chess
- Social program

Thursday 9th July

- 5th + 6th round chess
- Meeting International Military Chess Committee (IMCC)

Friday 10th July

- 7th round chess
- Blitz-tournament
- Closing Ceremony (Banquet)

Saturday 11th July

- Departure of delegations

4. **CHESS REGULATIONS**

The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the Regulations of the International Military Chess Committee (IMCC) as well as the rules of the World Chess Federation (FIDE).

The tournament will consist of a 7 round Swiss competition over 5 days, in which players of the same country will not play against each other.

5. **RESULTS**

The tournament will result in an individual winner, the NATO Chess Champion 2015, and a Team Champion. According to the IMCC rules, the result of the best four players of each team will count for the Team result. The Team Champion will be awarded with an exchange trophy.

The scores of every player will be shared with FIDE for processing of ELO-ratings.

6. **COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS**

All NATO Member States are invited to take part in the NATO Chess Championship with teams of maximum six players, an additional team captain and a team official. The team captains and team officials are allowed to take part in the tournament, as player for an additional NATO team.

According to the IMCC Regulations, up to three life-time members per country will be allowed to participate as well, providing there will be enough lodging capacity to host them.

Also, spouses will be allowed, depending on the remaining lodging capacity. A decision will be taken after Close of Business of the Informal Agreement.

Children are not allowed due to Barracks regulation.

7. **FIDE IDENTIFICATION**

The 7-round Swiss tournament and the Blitz tournament are both accredited (homologated) by FIDE. Therefore, all players participating in each tournament have to be a member of FIDE and need a FIDE-ID.

Without this ID a player will not be allowed to participate!!

Every nation is responsible for getting FIDE-ID's for their players.

8. **CONDITIONS OF STAY**

The tournament will follow in general the CISM rules (Conseil International du Sport Militaire), which means that the Netherlands, as the Organizing Country, will bear all costs for food and lodging from the arrival of the delegations until the departure.

Delegations, who like to come earlier or stay longer in both weekends, will be allowed access to MEA after consulting with the organization committee. Lodging will be free of charge, but food can't be provided because the restaurant will be closed.

9. **ENTRY FEE**

CISM rules do not apply for civilians, and therefore a small general fee will be charged for every participant. The costs per participant or spouse will be € 150.

The entry fee shall be paid before 30th May 2015. The account details will be forwarded after the reception of the Informal Agreement.

10. **TRANSPORT**

Travel expenses to and from the point of arrival in the Netherlands will be the

responsibility of the participating delegations. The organizing committee will provide local transportation from the point of arrival to and from the Marine Barracks Amsterdam, as well as during the program of the Championship. At the Marine Barracks Amsterdam sufficient parking space is available for delegations travelling by car.

11. **POINTS OF ARRIVAL**

- **Amsterdam Airport**: Schiphol www.schiphol.nl
- **Railway**: Amsterdam Central www.ns.nl

12. **UNIFORMS**

Uniform will be required for at least the Opening and Closing Ceremony. During the rounds casual clothing is allowed.

13. **CURRENCY**

The Netherlands' currency is the Euro (€). No other currency will be accepted.

14. **FOOD**

The menu will be widely varied, and diets or religion-related requirements will be taken care of, on demand. Please indicate such requirements in advance in the Final Agreement.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence concerning the Championship is to be sent to:

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16. **INTERNET**

Updated news concerning the 26th NATO Chess Championship can be obtained from the Internet site www.natochess.com

(Limited) internet access (WIFI) will be available at MEA. Delegations are advised to look into private mobile hotspots. Further information to follow.