

TOURNAMENT RULES:

1^a Players will compete in *XII "Ciudad de Alfaro" Open International Chess Tournament, Silver Stork Trophy* with Swiss system fixed to 7 rounds and the chess pairing programmes will be Swiss Manager or Vega Programmes.

2^a The time control will be 90 minutes for each player with an increment of 30 seconds per move.

3^a The tournament venue will be *Sala de Exposiciones del Antiguo Ayuntamiento*, at number 1, España Place, days and schedules as indicated in the programme. The maximum delay allowed for any player will be 30 minutes for any round and one hour just for the first round.

4^a Tiebreaker systems: Particular result, Buchholz minus one with FIDE adjustment of "virtual opponent", Buchholz total, Number of victories, Sonnebon-Berger. This will be the order of systems, no raffle at the end of the tournament will be applied.

5^a In order to facilitate the participation of the players and to avoid undesired nonappearances, each player can enjoy up to two "byes" with a bonus of 0.5 points for each "bye". This bonus will not be applied to the last three rounds of the tournament.

6^a Any player who does not appear without justification to two rounds or does not pay the registration fee before starting the second round will be immediately disqualified.

7^a Any claim before a referee decision will be settled by a Competition Committee constituted of two members of the Organizing Committee, two players of the tournament and a representative of Club Ajedrez Alfaro Board of Directors who will also be the Competition Committee President."

8^a Tournament **eligible for ELO FIDE, FEDA. It is compulsory to have a valid federative license for any player playing under the Spanish flag.**

9^a The tournament referee will be:

Main Referee: (IA) Diego Lorente Peñalva

Second Referee: Francisco Ródenas García

10^a A drawn cannot be agreed before move 30. In the event of triple replay, the referee will decide if it has taken place, authorising the tie.

11^a The tournament players, or their legal guardians in the case of minors, authorise the publication of their personal data in different media that the Tournament Organization considers desirable for better publicity of the event (ranking lists, tournament ranking, players list, rounds, photographs of the tournament, etc.).

12^a The Tournament Organization reserve the right to refuse admission to the Tournament.

13^a The Tournament Organization reserve the right to modify or add more rules if needed in order to guarantee the smooth running of the tournament.

14^a Chess laws published by FIDE will be applied in any matter not established by these tournament rules.

15^a Participation in the tournament implies acceptance of these tournament rules.