



REGULATIONS
of the INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN 10x10 DRAUGHTS
MIAMI OPEN – 2027

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1. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1.1. Development of international draughts in the USA and on the American continent;
- 1.2. Involvement of children and youth in draughts as an intellectual sport in the USA;
- 1.3. Cooperation with FMJD in development of draughts throughout the world.
- 1.4.** Promotion of draughts through modern media: online streaming, digital platforms, social media, and engagement of a broad audience;
- 1.5.** Establishment of a positive image of Miami as a center for intellectual sports and international competitions;
- 1.6.** Ensuring transparency, fair play, and compliance with international standards for the organization of competitions.
- 1.7. Strengthening friendship between people from different countries and different faiths.

2. TOURNAMENT ORGANIZERS

The organizers of the MIAMI OPEN 2025 tournament are the National Draught Federation of the USA (NDF of the USA).. We will strive to develop this tournament, make it more numerous every year, with accommodation in comfortable hotels in one of the most prestigious areas of Miami. We strive to create excellent conditions for the participants to play and rest on the shores of the year-round warm Atlantic Ocean. In the coming years, simultaneously with the tournament for adults, we plan to hold the Miami OPEN for children and youth. They will be able to come with their parents and not only rest by the sea, but also compete with their peers in an interesting tournament.

3. TOURNAMENT LOCATION

The official hotel of the tournament is **Residence Inn by Marriott Miami Sunny Isles Beach**

Address & contact information:

17700 Collins Ave, Sunny Isles Beach, FL 33160

Tel.: +1 (305) 933-5224

The hotel is located in one of the most expensive and prestigious areas of Miami with well-developed infrastructure. Just 50 meters from the hotel, across the street, there is the world-famous Miami Riviera beach on the shore of the warm Atlantic Ocean, washed by the waters of the Gulf Stream.

Near the hotel there is a large number of restaurants and cafés where you can try cuisine from almost any country in the world.

The hotel offers comfortable double rooms with a full kitchen, refrigerator, shower, television, air conditioning, telephone, safe, microwave, coffee machine, and high-speed internet. On the hotel premises, you can also use the outdoor pool and fitness club.

Participants of the tournament are provided with parking at a special rate of \$15 per day (standard price is \$37).

The National Draught Federation of the USA (NDF of the USA) provides participants with bottled water during the rounds.

Distance from the hotel to airports:

- Fort Lauderdale International Airport (FLL): 8 miles (about 15 minutes by car);
- Miami International Airport (MIA): 14 miles (about 25 minutes by car).

We recommend using Fort Lauderdale International Airport (FLL), as flights through this airport are usually cheaper, and getting to the hotel is faster and more economical.

4. TOURNAMENT DATES

The tournament will be held from September 4 to September 12, 2027.

The tournament will be played in 9 rounds.

- September 4, 2027 – arrival day. Check-in from 4:00. Registration of participants.

Technical meeting at 19:00.

- September 5, 2027. At 10:00 the opening ceremony. At 11:00 the first round.

- September 6, 2027. At 9:00 the second round. At 16:00 the third round.

- September 7, 2027. At 9:00 the fourth round.

- September 8, 2027. At 9:00 the fifth round. At 16:00 the sixth round.

-September 9, 2027. At 9:00 the round 7.

-September 10, 2027. At 9:00 the round 8. At 16:00 the round 9.

-September 11, 2027. At 9:00 – Blitz. Closing ceremony at 14:00.

Departure. September 12, Hotel check-out at 11:00.

Time controls and system:

Classic tournament: according to the FMJD rules, 9 rounds.

- FMJD Swiss on truncated Solkoff *;
- Time control: 1 hour and 20 min + 1 min per move (Fisher system).

Blitz tournament: according to the FMJD rules, 9 rounds.

- FMJD Swiss on truncated Solkoff *;
- Time control: 5 min + 3 sec per move (Fisher system);

* The final order between players with the same score is decided by 3.1d: Full truncated Solkoff.

Full Truncated Solkoff is the sum of scores of all opponents minus the lowest score; if this is equal - then the sum of all opponents minus the 2 lowest scores, if this is equal - then the sum of all opponents minus the 3 lowest scores and so on up to the defining of the better score.

5. PRIZES.

Tournament Prize Fund - \$15, 000.

CLASSICAL TOURNAMENT :

First place in MIAMI OPEN – 2027 - \$4,000 + trophy + Certificate;

Second place in MIAMI OPEN - 2027 - \$3,200 + trophy + Certificate;

Third place in MIAMI OPEN – 2027 - \$2,300 + trophy + Certificate;

Fourth place in MIAMI OPEN -2027 - \$1,500;

Fifth place in MIAMI OPEN – 2027 - \$1,000;

Sixth place in MIAMI OPEN – 2027 - \$700;

Seventh place in MIAMI OPEN -2027 - \$500;

Eighth place in MIAMI OPEN – 2027 = \$300;

TOTAL - **\$13,500;**

BLITZ:

First place in MIAMI OPEN – 2027 - \$800 + trophy + Certificate;

Second place in MIAMI OPEN - 2027 - \$ 500 + trophy + Certificate;

Third place in MIAMI OPEN – 2027 - \$200 + trophy + Certificate;

TOTAL - **\$1,500;**

6. TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS

Considering that the international tournament MIAMI OPEN – 2027 is a private tournament of the non-profit organization “The NDF of the USA” and that the capacity of the rented playing hall is limited to 80 participants, the following priority system for confirming participation in the tournament is established:

1. NDF Members.

The priority application deadline is February 19, 2027. By this date, membership dues for 2027 in the amount of \$50 (fifty) and the tournament fee in the amount of \$100 must be paid, and if a participant wishes to take part in the blitz tournament, the fee is \$30. After this date, a place in the tournament for an NDF member is not guaranteed. In the event that an NDF member is traveling from another city or state within the United States, they must, by February 19, pay a deposit for accommodation in the official hotel for three nights in the amount of \$225 for one place in a double room. If a player wishes to rent the entire room, the deposit is \$450 for three nights. If staying outside the official hotel, the participant must pay a tournament fee increased by 50%, that is \$150, and if participating in the blitz tournament, the fee will also be increased by 50%, that is \$45, due to organizational expenses and the organizers’ obligations to the hotel.

In the event of withdrawal from participation in the competition:

1. Membership dues are non-refundable.
2. The tournament fee is non-refundable after August 2, 2027.
3. The deposit for three nights is refunded:
 - o in full — if the player withdraws before August 24, 2027;

- o for 2 nights — if the withdrawal is made on August 24;
- o for 1 night — if the withdrawal is made on August 25;
- o non-refundable — if the withdrawal is made after August 25.

2. **Foreign Participants.**

Players from other countries invited and approved by the Board of Directors of the NDF of the USA.

The deadline for payment of the tournament fee and the deposit for three nights is set as August 2, 2027.

Priority participation in the tournament is granted to players who first confirm their participation, pay the tournament fee, and submit a deposit for hotel accommodation for three nights in the amount of \$225 for one place in a double room or \$450 if the player rents the entire room.

Those wishing to participate in the tournament but who do not make it into the main list will be placed on a waiting list. In the event of withdrawals from the main list, participants from the waiting list will be moved to the main list and will be given the opportunity to pay the tournament fee, the deposit, and participate in the tournament.

The tournament fee for this group is \$120 and for the blitz tournament — \$30.

If staying outside the official hotel, the participant must pay a tournament fee increased by 50%, that is \$180, and if participating in the blitz tournament, the fee will also be increased by 50%, that is \$45, due to organizational expenses and the organizers' obligations to the hotel.

In the event of withdrawal from participation in the competition:

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 - o in full — if the player withdraws before August 24, 2027;
 - o for 2 nights — if the withdrawal is made on August 24;
 - o for 1 night — if the withdrawal is made on August 25;
 - o non-refundable — if the withdrawal is made after August 25.

3. **Players from the USA who are not NDF members.**

Applications from this group of players must also be approved by the Board of Directors of the NDF of the USA.

The tournament fee for this group is \$120. The fee for participation in the blitz tournament is \$30.

In addition to the tournament fee in the amount of \$120, an administrative fee in the amount of \$60 must be paid.

The deadline for payment of the tournament fee, administrative fee, and the deposit for three nights is set as August 2, 2027.

Priority participation in the tournament is granted to players who first confirm their participation, pay the tournament fee, and submit a deposit for hotel accommodation for three nights in the amount of \$225 for one place in a double room or \$450 if the player rents the entire room.

Those wishing to participate in the tournament but who do not make it into the main list will be placed on a waiting list. In the event of withdrawals from the main list, participants from the waiting list will be moved to the main list and will be given the opportunity to pay the tournament fee, the deposit, and participate in the tournament.

If staying outside the official hotel, the participant must pay a tournament fee increased by 50%, that is \$180, and if participating in the blitz tournament, the fee will also be increased by 50%, that is \$45, due to organizational expenses and the organizers' obligations to the hotel.

In the event of withdrawal from participation in the competition:

1. The tournament fee and administrative fee are non-refundable after August 2, 2027.
2. The deposit for three nights is refunded:
 - o in full — if the player withdraws before August 24, 2027;
 - o for 2 nights — if the withdrawal is made on August 24;
 - o for 1 night — if the withdrawal is made on August 25;
 - o non-refundable — if the withdrawal is made after August 25.

The organizers reserve the right to refuse participation to a person if, based on publicly available information, it is established that such person has engaged in actions or made public statements that contradict the principles of fair sporting competition, international law, or are aimed at discrediting participants or organizations, including support for internationally recognized acts of aggression.

Tournament fees are structured based on categories of participation and tournament policy.

The basic tournament fee for participation in the tournament is \$120.

Players from the USA who are not members of NDF, in addition to the basic tournament fee, pay an additional administrative fee in the amount of \$60 associated with organizational tournament expenses for participants who are not part of the NDF membership system.

Members of the NDF of the USA participate in the tournament under preferential conditions and pay a reduced tournament fee in the amount of \$100.

Foreign participants take part in the tournament as invited players. In order to develop international sporting relations, ensure international representation, enhance the competitive level of the tournament, and promote the international activities of the NDF of the USA, foreign participants are exempt from the additional administrative fee.

Participation in the tournament does not require withdrawal from membership in other organizations or federations.

If you require visa support, you must contact the Vice President of the NDF of the USA for technical matters, Alex Akselrud (Email: aakselrud@aol.com, Tel.: +1 (847) 420-4007).

A copy of the request must also be sent to the following addresses:

- Official email of the NDF of the USA: ndfederation.usa@gmail.com
 - First Vice President of the NDF of the USA Alexander Rudnitsky: alexrud41948@gmail.com
- The visa request must include: full name (as in the passport), date of birth, passport details (passport number, date of issue and expiration date, place of issue), citizenship, and residential address.

7. PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT FOR ACCOMMODATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT

Payment must be made in advance by transferring money to the NDF of the USA bank account. A copy of the payment order must be sent to the following three email addresses:

- First Vice President of the NDF of the USA Alexander Rudnitsky: alexrud41948@gmail.com
- Official email of the NDF of the USA: ndfederation.usa@gmail.com
- Treasurer of the NDF of the USA Tigran Harutyunyan: tharutyunyan1992@gmail.com

Payment for the blitz tournament may be made either by bank wire or through Zelle simultaneously with payment for the classic tournament and hotel accommodation, or in cash during the classic tournament. Considering that we have received significant discounts on accommodation from the hotel, and that the NDF of the USA is a non-profit organization and is exempt from paying taxes, we are able to offer reasonable prices for accommodation. Therefore, participants staying at the official hotel must make accommodation payments to the NDF of the USA bank account. Please note that if you are not staying at the official hotel, you will need to reserve accommodation yourself and pay all taxes and fees independently.

Invited participants who are not members of the NDF of the USA and who are not staying at the official hotel are required to pay 150% of the tournament fee for participation in the classic and blitz tournaments.

Participants pay the tournament fee and accommodation fee to the NDF of the USA bank account in the following ways:

Option 1. Bank Wire

a) INTERNATIONAL WIRES. Please provide the following:

*SWIFT BIC code: WFBIUS6S

*Bank name: Wells Fargo Bank, NA

*Bank address: 420 Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA 94104 (regardless of account location)

*Account Name: The National Draughts Federation of the USA Inc;

*Beneficiary Account Number: 8161925824;

*Beneficiary address: 2739 NW 54th Ave., Margate, FL 33063

b) DOMESTIC U.S. DOLLAR WIRES. Please provide the following:

Routing Transit Number (RTN/ABA): 121000248

*Bank name: Wells Fargo Bank, NA

*Bank address: 420 Montgomery St., San Francisco, CA 94104 (regardless of account location)

*Account Name: The National Draughts Federation of the USA Inc;

*Beneficiary Account Number: 8161925824;

*Beneficiary address: 2739 NW 54th Ave., Margate, FL 33063

If you use Option 1, please add \$15 (bank transfer fee).

IMPORTANT!

- Use USD as the transfer currency to avoid conversion fees.
- When making a transfer, specify the exact amount only in U.S. dollars (USD), which must be received by the Organizers.
- Specify that you will cover all transfer fees.

Option 2. PayPal.**IMPORTANT!**

- Use USD as the transfer currency to avoid conversion fees.
- When making a transfer, specify the exact amount only in U.S. dollars (USD), which must be received by the Organizers, and add 3.7% (PayPal will deduct these 3.7% from the amount of your transfer as its service fee).

Receiver's address: ndfederation.usa@gmail.com

Receiver's name: The National Draughts Federation of the USA

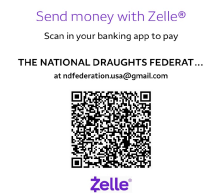
**Option 3. Zelle**

(Convenient for the USA and some North American banks)

Transfer to: ndfederation.usa@gmail.com

Receiver's name: The National Draughts Federation of the USA

When using this option, there is no need to add the additional \$15.



To participate in the tournament, you must submit an application to the following email addresses:

- aakselrud@aol.com (Alex Akselrud) and copies to:
- ndfederation.usa@gmail.com — official email of the NDF of the USA;
- alexrud41948@gmail.com — Vice President of the NDF of the USA Alexander Rudnitsky;

Only after receiving confirmation from the NDF of the USA that you are included in the main list of players may you proceed with payment.

You must pay the tournament fee for participation in the classic tournament and the reservation cost for the official hotel for three nights in one transfer.

If you wish to stay in a room by yourself or with your family members, you must indicate this in your application and pay the tournament fee of \$120 plus \$450 for three nights of accommodation.

If you have agreed to share a room with one of the players, you must indicate the name of this player and pay \$240 (\$120x2) as the tournament fee and \$450 for the hotel room reservation.

If you would like to stay with another player but have not yet found a roommate, you may pay the \$120 tournament fee and \$225 (\$75 x 3) for one person in a double room. In this case, the tournament organizers reserve the right to accommodate a second participant in the same room at their discretion.

If you wish to choose your own roommate but do not yet have one at the time of payment, you must transfer \$450 for the room reservation. In this case, your roommate may reimburse half of the amount to you upon check-in.

Do not forget to add \$15 to the transfer amount when paying by bank wire — this is the bank transfer fee.

After receiving confirmation from the NDF-US regarding your inclusion in the main list, you must make the above payments within 30 calendar days, but the funds must be received no later than August 2, 2027. In this case, hotel accommodation and participation in the tournament are guaranteed.

Those wishing to participate in the tournament but not included in the main list will be placed on a waiting list and notified by email.

If for any reason you fail to make payment within 30 calendar days, the tournament organizers reserve the right to transfer you from the main list to the waiting list, which will be notified by email. If a place in the main list later becomes available, you may again receive an invitation to participate in the tournament and will be able to make payment.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

If you have made a payment but for any reason cannot participate in the competition, you must notify us by the three above-mentioned email addresses before August 2, 2027. In this case, you will be refunded the full amount transferred for the tournament fee and hotel accommodation minus the bank transfer fee.

If you withdraw from participation in the competition after August 2, 2027, you will lose the tournament fee. The hotel payment will be refunded minus the bank transfer fee.

The refund policy for hotel accommodation is described above.

Participants are required to pay the remaining balance for the reserved accommodation nights before checking into the hotel, no later than August 25, 2027, by bank transfer. As an exception, upon prior agreement, payment of the remaining amount in cash in U.S. dollars on the day of arrival, September 4, 2027, before hotel registration, is permitted. If a participant refuses to make payment, he/she will not be accommodated at the hotel and will not be accepted to participate in the tournament. This person will also lose all prepayments.

Registration in the tournament and payment of the tournament fee constitute confirmation of your agreement with the Rules and Regulations of Miami Open-2027.

8. JUDGING, APPEALS

The Main Referee of MIAMI OPEN 2027 will be IR Andriy Shcherbatyuk;

Assistant Main Referee – Alex Akselrud;

The Appeal Jury will consist of three people and will be announced before the start of the Event. Those wishing to appeal must do so in writing within 20 minutes after the end of the game. They must also post a \$100 deposit. If the appeal is upheld, the deposit will be refunded.

9. REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Participants are not allowed to talk in the playing hall.

Players are not allowed to use any electronic devices during their games. If a phone rings during a game or if a participant is seen using a phone in any function after the start of the round, the game of that player will be considered lost.

Participants must arrive at the playing hall in advance, at least 5 minutes before the start of the round. If a participant is 30 minutes late, that participant's game will be considered lost.

All participants are required to attend the opening and closing ceremonies. In the event of absence, the organizers reserve the right not to invite such players to future MIAMI OPEN tournaments.

Participants are admitted to the playing hall and allowed to play only in compliance with the dress code.

The following are NOT permitted for players, coaches, and heads of delegations in the tournament hall: beachwear, profanity and nude or semi-nude images printed on shirts, clothing exposing the body, shorts, torn pants or jeans, noticeably dirty clothing, sunglasses, and sports caps.

Participants who do not comply with these rules will not be allowed to play in the current round.

10. ORGANIZERS CONTACTS

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