World Senior Team Chess Championship has started!

More than 500 chess players from 28 chess federations have come to the capital city of the Czech Republic, Prague, to play the Game of Kings. The tournament is divided into two categories: <u>Open 50+</u> and <u>Open 65+</u>. The time control is 90 minutes/40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game + 30 seconds for each move from the first move. The event is being organized by AVE CHESS in cooperation with the Czech Republic Chess Federation and the International Chess Federation (FIDE). You can find the full regulations <u>here.</u>

More than 200 titled players have come to represent their clubs and countries. Among them are 49 grandmasters, including such legends of the game as Adams, Jussupow, Nunn, Knaak, Andersson, Ehlvest, Aagaard, and many others.



Artur Jussupow is playing on board two for Lasker Schachstiftung GK.

The opening ceremony started with the Czech National Anthem, followed by the FIDE Anthem. Fide Tournament Director, Ozgur Solakoglu, reminisced about the 2020 World Senior Team Chess Championship, which was held in Prague and, due to COVID, finished only after seven rounds. He wished the organizers better luck this time, to hopefully end the tournament with nine rounds. The Chairman of the Czech Chess Federation, GM Martin Petr, wished everyone great games. One minute of silence was held for the late Stewart Reuben. After that, the Chief Arbiter, Tania Karali gave the green light to start the event.



FIDE Tournament Director Solakoglu Ozgur and the Chairman of the Czech Chess Federation GM Martin Petr

Due to very strict anti-cheating measures, access to both playing areas is forbidden for spectators. However, chess fans are able to follow the championship via online broadcast, which provides <u>50 chessboards</u> in each category with a 15-minute delay.

You can find more information about the event on our official <u>website</u>. Photos will be gradually updated into the photo <u>gallery</u>. For additional information, follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

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