

Rules and information for Kvibergspelen Grandprix 20190927-20190929

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1. Kvibergspelen is part of the Swedish Grandprix circuit of competitions. [Swedish chess federation GP webpage](#)

2. At the same time as Kvibergspelen a separate tournament for U1600 Elo players is organised called Lilla Kvibergspelen. Format and regulations for this tournament are in most regards the same as the ones for Kvibergspelen presented below. See Lilla Kvibergspelen invitation and the Swedish GP website above for specifics.

3. The [FIDE Laws of Chess](#) apply. The [FIDE competition rules](#) also apply. [Swedish competition rules](#) (in Swedish) as well.

4. The time controls are:

Games 1-4 (rapid rated) 15min+5s/move (no recording of moves necessary)

Note: To claim 50-move draws or repetitions it is still sometimes advisable to start noting moves.

Games 5-8 (longplay) 90min+30s/move

Note: With this time control there is no extra time at move 40.

In games 5-8 the moves must be recorded throughout the entire game. After the game score sheets are kept by the players unless something else is explicitly said.

5. The pairing system used is Fide Swiss (Dutch system). Pairings are done using the Swedish chess federation website and can be found [here](#). The program that has been built in to that site to handle the pairing is [JaVaFo](#) and this is supposed to follow the [Fide Swiss rules \(Dutch\) system](#) to the letter.

6. Any player who arrives at the chessboard more than half an hour after the scheduled start of the game (i.e. regardless of when the clock in that particular game was started) shall lose the game unless the arbiter decides otherwise. Forfeiting a game like this leads to the player not being included in the pairing for subsequent rounds unless the pairings official decides otherwise. Players missing a round for whatever reason are advised to contact the pairings official or chief organiser.

7. During a game, a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone, electronic means of communication (like smart watches) or any device capable of suggesting chess moves on their person in the playing venue. However, it is allowed to store such devices in a player's bag, as long as the device is completely switched off. A player is forbidden to carry a bag holding such a device, without permission of the arbiter. If it is evident that a player has such a device on their person in the playing venue, the player shall lose the game unless the arbiter decides otherwise. Mobile phones cannot be stored at the tournament office. If a spectator's mobile phone rings, he or she will be expelled from the venue. Suspected cases of cheating are handled with full collaboration from and utilizing the full resources of the Swedish chess federation.

8. Spectators are allowed inside the playing area (defined as any room where play is going on and areas immediately outside) as long as they do not interfere and don't use electronic devices. Note: Players who have finished their games shall be considered to be spectators and are subject to these rules.

9. Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is only allowed outside, directly in front of the arena main entrance, during play. Alcohol is not allowed in the playing area and consumption is to take place before or after rounds – not during. Other forms of drugs and stimuli are banned.

10. Analysis is not allowed in the playing area unless a playing room is completely finished. Please use designated analysis areas instead. Chess boards, pieces, clocks, furniture, etc. may not be removed from the playing areas, even for analysis purposes.

11. The score of the games are to be recorded on a list at the secretariat. Both players are equally responsible for making sure the result of the game is reported. In case of wrong inputs swiftly contact the pairings official or chief organiser.

12. Prizes (excluding rating- and special prizes – see below) are divided according to the Hort-System. This dictates that in a group of players with equal score half the sum of all the prizes won by the players in question are split completely evenly, while half are distributed unevenly according to tiebreak. Tiebreaks are in order:

1. Median Bucholz (lowest scoring opponent not included, bye counting as a fictitious opponent with the same score as the player when the bye takes place that afterwards draws all remaining games) 2. Results of players in the same point group (head-to-head) 3. Most wins 4. Most games as black 5. drawing of lots but with evenly split prizes between participants of the lot-drawing.

For Kvibergspelen players finishing 9th and lower and for Lilla Kvibergspelen players finishing 6th and lower are not included in the Hort-splits. This is to prevent very large splits and indirectly splits where very small sums go to the players with the lowest tiebreaks.

Rating group prizes and "special prizes", meaning U20, U16, 65+ and best female player are not split. Only players below E2300 can win special prizes. The same player can't win more than one special prize. In cases where someone wins more than one group the prize they would forfeit is in order (from left to right) U20, U16, 65+, best female player. This prize would instead go to the second placed player in that group.

All prizes are paid via bank-account. Preliminary taxes of (in most cases) 30% are deducted. Prize-winners will be asked to fill in a form with their account details and, in case of Swedish players, social security number. The form can be found at the secretariat (or send account details by email to info@ssmanhem.se). This because of excessively strict rules from Skatteverket - the Swedish tax authority. Effectively chess has been deemed to be neither a sport or hobby, but a serious occupation and way to earn money even for casual players. Somewhat absurdly this has also held up in court on two occasions. GP rules state prizes not claimed for 1 month after the tournament are forfeit.

13. Decisions made by the arbiters can be brought before the appeals committee. This consists of three persons, two of them being representatives of the players. In case of a protest to the appeals committee a signed message, at least briefly detailing what is wrong, is to be handed in along with a deposition fee of 200SEK (or 400SEK if the protest is from a third party). All or some of this deposition fee may be returned if the protest is deemed reasonable. Protest are to be handed in Sunday 29/9, 19.00 at the latest yet can under some circumstances be processed after this time as well.

14. Rating for the competition will be calculated for the 1/11 list. This because Kvibergspelen is situated very near the end of the month. Possibly the rapid games could be included on the 1/10 list.

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