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1st World Championship of Italian Checkers

Rules and Regulations

Game formula

The 1st World Championship of Italian Checkers will be played by 12 players, with 11 rounds of round-trip, each player will play against all the other ones (that is 22 games for each) with five and a half days of actual play. As a rule, a maximum of four games per day will be played, equal to two rounds of play

Logistics

All 12 players will be hosted for free, both accommodation (room and board); All players will receive a contribution to cover the normal travel expenses.

Participants

Participants will be selected as follows:

- 2 players from the Americas;
- 2 players from Europe (excluding Italy);
- 2 players from Africa;
- 2 players from Asia and Oceania;
- 2 players from Italy;
- 2 players from a "WC Qualifying Tournament"

The last two places will be selected through a "WC Qualifying Tournament".

The "WC Qualifying Tournament" will be opened to each player who will wish, and will be held in Italy, in the previous weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of the beginning of WC. The players who will take part to the "WC Selection Tournament" will have to pay by themselves the costs for accommodation and travel. However, the two qualified players will be reimbursed of the travel expenses, as for all other 10 players before selected, and also of the costs of accommodation (room and board) incurred for the "WC Qualifying Tournament", as will be indicated in the announcement of the tournament.

Technical Regulations of the World Championship of Italian Checkers

1. There will be played rounds with round trip games, with the same Italian "opening" (first three moves of Italian Checker Board) in reversed color, for each round.
2. The openings will be drawn among those allowed of the "Italian General Openings Table". (*see Annex 1 - Openings World Championship 2024*)
3. For each round there will be 4 points up for grabs, two for each game. 2 points will be awarded for each game won, 1 point for each game draw and 0 points for each game lost.
4. At each round a different opening will be drawn for each table (for each match).
5. It will be possible to extract the same opening in different turns, but not for the same player, that means each player will always play different openings.
6. The couplings will be set according by the Technical Regulations of the Italian Draughts Federation (FID TR). The player which will be given the color "White" will play the first game with the white pieces.
7. For players of the same nationality will be adopted the preferential coupling criteria of the FID TR, according to which players of the same nationality will match in the first round (if only two) or in the beginning rounds (if more than two players of the same nationality).
8. It will only be possible to propose a draw (a tie) exclusively if both players will have no more than six pieces (per each) on the checker board.
9. If two or more players end with equal points, the classification will be determined by the "technical playoff score" called "Quotient" (in the FID TR), giving to each player, for each game, twice of the points

achieved by the opponents with which they have won, the points achieved by the opponents with which they have drawn (tied) and zero points by the opponents with whom they have lost.

10. The World Champion Title will be awarded to the best ranked player based on the total score, and in case of equal points, the player with the best Quotient. In case of equal points and Quotient, it will be played a play-off matches with reduced time, according to a method that will be defined later.

11. In order to determine the other ranking positions will be always used the score obtained and, if necessary, the Quotient. However, in case of equal points and quotient, the players will be considered "ex-aequo" (dead heat) and the divisible prizes will be divided and the indivisible prizes will be awarded by drawing lots.

12. The Fischer system will be used for the reflection time, with an initial time of 1h and a recharge of 30 seconds.

13. Each player must transcript its whole game (move by move) during the game, during every match.

14. For everything that is not included in this regulation, it will be apply the FID Technical Regulations.

Arbitrage

FID arbitration rules will be applied.

In the World Championship there will be two referees, one of whom not Italian.

In the WC Qualifying Tournament, more referees will be present, one of whom is not Italian.

The WC Tournament Director, in consultation with the Organizing Committee, can make changes to the present regulation if they assume that change most appropriate for the success of the event.

WC Qualifying Tournament regulations

The players already qualified to WC can not take part to the WC Qualifying Tournament.

To take part to the WC QT, the foreigner players (not Italian Players) will have to be indicated/authorized by their respective federations or directly by FID.

All Italian players regularly registered for the year 2020 can participate to the WC QT.

The QT will have the "open" formula provide for in the FID Technical Regulations.

The games of WC QT will be played, using Italian General Openings - "Table B".

The first two classified will qualify for the World Championship of Italian Checkers.

In case of equal points and Quotient, the qualified players will be determined by playing play-off matches with reduced time, according to a method that will be defined later.

Logistic details of the WC Qualifying Tournament (whose scheme will follow that one announced for 2020 and postponed due to Covid) will be announced by December 15, 2023.

Qualifications of Italian Players

1. For the 2024 World Championship two Italians will be qualified by right as in the following points.

2. The Italian (Absolute) Champion 2023 will be qualified by right.

3. It will be drawn up a list by the "FID Master Slam", thath will take into the best six scores obtained by players in the Italian Tournaments valid for the Italian Cup FID in 2023, according to the criteria for the awarding score of the Italian Cup FID. In case of same score, it will be considered the seventh best result and so on. If there aren't any other tournaments to be considered, in case of further equality, it will be considered the best rating ELO for the year 2023.

4. The winner of the "FID Master Slam 2023" will be qualified by right.

5. In case the Italian Champion 2023 and the winner of the "FID Master Slam 2023" were the same person, the second of the "FID Master Slam 2023" will be qualified.

6. In case of renunciation of the Italian Champion 2023, the Italian Vice-Championship will be qualified. The general criteria provides to have a qualified player from the Italian Championship and a player qualified by the "FID Master Slam 2023". In case of ambiguous situations, not foreseeable at the moment, the choice of the qualified will be at the charge of the National Technical Director FID.

Selections of the foreigner players

At the moment, creating continental selection tournaments is not planned.

Foreigner players must indicate their will to participate by November 30, 2023.

The names must be indicated by the Federations of belonging (where existing).

Exceptionally, individual players may be considered if there is no federation to which they belong. If the Continental requests are more than the available places, the two players from each Continent will be chosen according to the following criteria:

- World Champions in office (FMJD and WCDF)
- The best WCDF rating order at 31st December 2023 or, then the best Volmac of the FMJD, and then the international and national titles won;
- The second player of the Continent will be selected by evaluating the best rating order Volmac FMJD at 30th April 2019, then the best WCDF rating, and the international and national titles won, but favoring a player of different continent / nationality from that already represented (as first Continental player chosen).

Reserves of foreigner players

If an already selected player would have to renounce to the participation by 31st December 2024 will be replaced according to the continental availability.

Any renunciations subsequent to the 29th February, 2024 may also be replaced also by the lists of other continents, preferably in the European area, if time allows that.

In case of last-minute renunciations, the substitution criteria will be established which will be defined later.

Registrations

After the FID will have the names of the aspirants to participate in the World Championship, the FID Federal Technical Commission will make the choices, according to the criteria previously described, and will communicate to the players and federations concerned the names of the players qualified for the World Championship.

The cost of registration is € 100.

The registration will be considered completed only with the presentation of a copy of the air ticket or other means of transport or other official procedure that the FID will consider useful to ensure the effective will of the player to participate to the World Championship.

Basic program

On Saturday and on Sunday before the week of the WC the Qualifying Tournament will be played (that means the players arrival on Friday). The already selected players of the World Championship are waited for Sunday evening.

Opening ceremony will take place on Monday morning.

On Monday afternoons the World Championship begins and ending on following Saturday.

Saturday afternoon/night is reserved for any play-offs.

On Sunday morning will be held the award ceremony.

Departure on Sunday evening or Monday morning.

Money Prize (> € 5,500)

1st place: € 1,500

2nd place: € 1,000

3rd place: € 750

4th place: € 500

5th place: € 400

6th place: € 300

7th place: € 250

8th place: € 200

9th place: € 150

10th place: € 150

11th place: € 150

12th place: € 150

To the foreigner player best classified will be guaranteed a minimum prize of € 1,000.