

Zurich Chess Club

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Zurich Chess Challenge 2016: promotion of a new time control

From 12 to 15 February 2016 the world chess elite will arrive again in Zurich for the fifth edition of the Zurich Chess Challenge at the Hotel Savoy Baur en Ville.

The oldest chess club in the world and its honorable member Oleg Skvortsov suggest a most important innovation for the future of new classical chess with a new time control of 40 minutes per game with additional 10 seconds for each move. We think that in the future classical chess could pass to 1 hour control for each player. We have come to the conclusion that the game needs to become faster. We preserve the Zurich system of point control but for another format. There are 2 points for a victory, 1 point for a draw in new classical chess and 1 point for a victory and 0.5 points for a draw in a blitz. All games of our tournament will be commented live and broadcast worldwide live via Internet on www.zurich-cc.com.

Participants: Viswanathan **Anand** (India), Vladimir **Kramnik** (Russia), Hikaru **Nakamura** (USA), Levon **Aronian** (Armenia), Anish **Giri** (Netherlands), Alexei **Shirov** (Latvia).

Schedule: Friday, February 12th, 6 p.m. Opening Ceremony with a concert of the world renowned cellist Boris Andrianov (the first russian cellist to become a laureate at the 6th international Rostopovich competition in Paris). Also invited is the russian classical guitarist Dimitry Illarionov and one of the most bright violinists Alena Baeva. A blitz tournament (not counted) will then determine the colors distribution of the new classical games. Saturday, February 13th, 3 pm first round, 6 pm second round. Sunday, February 14th, 3 pm third round, 6 pm. fourth round. Monday February 15th, 3 pm. fifth round, 6 pm. blitz tournament with inverted colors of the new classical games, 8 pm. Closing Ceremony. **Spectators are welcome, entry free.**

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