

3rd Agios Nikolaos (Crete) International chess tournament, 26th August to 2nd September 2019

ORGANIZERS: AO Lato Agios Nikolaos, Heraklio OAA, Leon Candia Chess Club, Heraklion Chess Club.

Co-Organizers: Municipality of Agios Nikolaos, Administration of Crete.

MODE: 2 Groups Swiss FIDE system 9 (nine) rounds:

- **Group A:** Open section
- **Group B:** Up to 14 years old and with no more than 1100 rating

Playing venue: Hermes Hotel (****) Avra Hotel Collection Agios Nikolaos, Crete- Greece

Situated on the coastal line of Mirabello bay, in Agios Nikolaos gives you the opportunity to enjoy endless views of the Cretan Sea and swim in its crystal blue waters. Just a heartbeat from the popular city of Agios Nikolaos, it is your ideal starting point to discover the island of Crete. An island rich in history, traditions & breathtaking landscapes.

HOW TO ARRIVE:

The central and normally the easiest airport is Heraklion (HER) which is 65 Km away from Agios Nikolaos. Sitia airport (JSH) is also in a similar distance (70Km) although normally with less options and flights than Heraklion while Chania airport (CHQ) in the west side of the island is not to be recommended for reaching Agios Nikolaos since it is quite faraway (258 km).

SCHEDULE

Confirmation of participation	Monday, 26-8-2019	
Pairings 1 st round	Monday, 26-8-2019	15.00
Opening Ceremony	Monday, 26-8-2019	15.30
Round 1	Monday, 26-8-2019	16.00
Round 2	Tuesday, 27-8-2019	10.00
Round 3	Tuesday, 27-8-2019	16.00
Round 4	Wednesday, 28-8-2019	16.00
Round 5	Thursday, 29-8-2019	16.00
Round 6	Friday, 30-8-2019	16.00
Round 7	Saturday, 31-8-2019	16.00
Round 8	Sunday, 1-9-2019	16.00
Round 9	Monday, 2-9-2019	10.00
Closing Ceremony	Monday, 2-9-2019	16.00

TIME CONTROL: 90 min for 40 moves + 30min + 30sec per move from the first move. It is obligatory writing down the moves during the entire duration of the game. Players arriving 30 minutes or more after the start of a round shall be forfeited.

PARTICIPATION & FEES: Entry fees should be given in cash by latest 26th of August or can be earlier deposited to the following bank account:

Piraeus Bank, IBAN: GR96 0172 7510 0057 5109 1778 649

Account Holder: Leon Candia Chess Club

SWIFT-BIC CODE: PIRBGRAA

25th August str., No 39, Heraklion 712 02

GROUP A: General entry fee 100€. For players of Greek Chess Federation the entry fee is 50€, For players of the Cretan Chess Clubs the entry fee is 40€. For Players carrying the titles of GM, WGM, IM, WIM no entry fee is required.

GROUP B (under 14 & U1100 rating): Participation Fee 25€.

MONEY PRIZES

Money Prizes	
1 st winner	1000€
2 nd winner	600€
3 rd winner	300€
4 th to 8 th winner	250€ (50€ X 5)
1 st female woman	200€
2 nd female woman	100€
3 rd female woman	50€
1 st < 2000 ELO	250€
1 st < 1600 ELO	250€
Total	3.000€

In case of a tie the prize fund are split equally.
Cups and medals will be given to the first three places in both groups and to all special categories.

TIE BREAKS: For the prize funds in case of a tie the money prizes are split equally. For the rest of the prizes the tie breaks are: 1. Result between tied players (if they have played all with each other) 2. buchholz 3. Number of wins 4. Sonnenborn-berger.

A player qualifying for more than one prize receives the highest.

EXCLUSIONS - APPEALS: Exclusions from a round are allowed with an on time notice to the tournament director (10' after the end of the previous round) and once it can be given half a point if the exclusion is within the first 5 rounds. In case a player doesn't show up on a particular round he/she is forfeited from the tournament. **APPEALS** may be submitted until 10 minutes after the end of the round. A 3-member Appeals Committee will be responsible for their examination. Members of the AC related to the players involved will be exempted. The composition of the AC will be determined before the start of the tournament by the Chief Arbiter. The appeal fee is set at 100€ and may be deposited to the Tournament Director or the Chief Arbiter. Should the appeal be vindicated, the fee shall be returned to the appellant; otherwise it is withheld by the organizers.

ANTI-CHEATING: During the game it is forbidden to carry cell phones and/or any other electronic devices inside the playing venue and the playing hall.

ACCOMODATION: Organizers has managed to secure in the highest touristic period the following prices for the chess players and accompanying persons in this excellent hotel which is situated literary on the coast. Hermes Hotel is a real marvelous hotel, known for its beauty and quality services. These are the prices which are valid for a limited amount of rooms which will be offered in chronological priority:

SPECIAL OFFERS in HERMES **** HOTEL

Room Type	With Breakfast	Half-board	all inclusive
Single Room (city view)	85€	100€	106€
Double Room (city view)	125€	145€	157€
Double Room (sea view)	135€	155€	167€
Triple Room (city view)	175€	205€	223€
Family Room (city view) (4 persons, 2 adults - 2 kids +12)	280€	320€	344€
Family Room (sea view) (4 persons, 2 adults - 2 kids +12)	295€	335€	359€

Reservations are valid upon deposit in the following bank account:

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Live Games: The first 20 boards of the tournament will be transmitted live through tournament's website:
<http://www.cretanchesstour.com>

INFORMATION: For reservations or any additional information and subscription to the tournament you may contact IO Kostas Klokas klokas@heraklionchess.com, +30 6937880733.