

# 2024 Champions Showdown: Chess9LX Regulations

1. **Format:** Champions Showdown: Chess9LX (“the Event”) is a round robin Chess960 (Fischer Random) tournament played at rapid time controls.
2. **Venue:** The Event shall be held at the World Chess Hall of Fame.
3. **Schedule of Events:** See the schedule of events below.
4. **Default:** The default time for the Event shall be 10 minutes.
5. **Pairings & Scoring:**
  - 5.1. Players will draw lots during the players meeting to determine their pairing number.
  - 5.2. Players will be paired based on the standard FIDE Berger tables.
  - 5.3. In each game, a win is worth 1 point, a draw is worth ½ point and a loss is worth 0 points.
  - 5.4. Games will be submitted to the Universal Rating System for rating.
6. **Starting Position**
  - 6.1. The starting position shall be the same for each game in a particular round.
  - 6.2. The starting position will be different for each round.
  - 6.3. If the standard chess position is drawn, then the Chief Arbiter, in conjunction with the Saint Louis Chess Club, will draw a new position.
  - 6.4. If the position from any round is drawn again (including for the playoffs), then the Chief Arbiter, in conjunction with the Saint Louis Chess Club, will draw a new position.
  - 6.5. The Chief Arbiter, in conjunction with the Saint Louis Chess Club, will draw the new positions. The position will be revealed fifteen minutes prior to the start of play.
  - 6.6. Players may independently analyze the position for the time allotted in the schedule of events. Player may not consult any software, chess engines, nor notes. Players may discuss the position with other Players in the event.
7. **Time Control:** The time control shall be twenty (20) minutes per game, with a ten(10)-second increment from move one (G/20+10).

- 8. Prizes:** The total prize fund shall be \$150,000 (One Hundred Fifty Thousand U.S. Dollars), distributed as follows:

Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$30,000	6 <sup>th</sup>	\$10,000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$25,000	7 <sup>th</sup>	\$7,500
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$20,000	8 <sup>th</sup>	\$7,500
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$15,000	9 <sup>th</sup>	\$7,500
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$12,500	10 <sup>th</sup>	\$7,500
Winner's Bonus		\$7,500	
<b>Total Prize Fund: \$150,000</b>			

- 8.1.** Where there is a tie for any position, the Event prize money shall be divided equally amongst all the tied players.

- 9. Tie Breaks:** In the event of a tie for first place in the Event, there shall be no playoff. Instead, the following tie breaks shall be applied to determine the winner, if necessary:

- 9.1.** Direct Encounter
- 9.2.** Most Wins
- 9.3.** Sonneborn–Berger
- 9.4.** Performance Rating
- 9.5.** Flip of a Coin

**10. Arbitration**

- 10.1.** The tournament shall be played according to the FIDE Laws of Chess with insufficient supervision (articles A5 & B3).

- 10.2.** The tournament shall be supervised by the Chief Arbiter (the "CA").

10.2.1. The CA shall be responsible for ensuring fair play and implementing any anti-cheating measures.

10.2.2. If a player wishes to appeal a decision of the CA, they must do so immediately after the game by notifying the CA.

10.2.3. The Chief Organizer (the "CO") shall appoint a three (3)-person appeals committee consisting of at least two (2) arbiters (the "Appeals Committee"). The CO shall be Tony Rich, IA, IO.

10.2.4. Decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

10.3. In the event of an unexpected occurrence, the CA reserves the right to make all decisions in conjunction with or on behalf of the CO.

2024 Champions Showdown: Chess9LX Schedule of Events				
Day	Date	Start Time	End Time	Event
<i>Timing assuming all games last 60 moves</i>				
Friday	10/25/24			Player Arrival
Saturday	10/26/24	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Show Open Taping
		5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Chess9LX Opening Ceremony Conference Closing Ceremony
Sunday	10/27/24	9:30 AM	12:00 PM	Player Headshots & Interviews & Signing of Merch
		12:30 PM	1:00 PM	Players Meeting & Drawing of Lots
		1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Ultimate Moves
Monday	10/28/24	12:30 PM	12:40 PM	Player Arrival
		12:35 PM	12:35 PM	Show Begins Taping
		12:40 PM	12:45 PM	Arbiter Announcements
		12:45 PM	1:00 PM	Reveal Position 1
		12:50 PM	5:30 PM	Show Begins on YouTube (15 minute delay)
		1:00 PM	2:00 PM	<b>Round 1</b>
		2:00 PM	2:15 PM	Break
		2:15 PM	2:30 PM	Reveal Position 2
		2:30 PM	3:30 PM	<b>Round 2</b>
		3:30 PM	3:45 PM	Break
		3:45 PM	4:00 PM	Reveal Position 3
		4:00 PM	5:00 PM	<b>Round 3</b>
		5:00 PM	5:15 PM	Interviews
		5:15 PM	5:15 PM	Show Ends Taping
		5:15 PM	5:15 PM	Commentator Pick Up
5:30 PM	5:30 PM	Show Ends on YouTube (15 minute delay)		
Tuesday	10/29/24	12:30 PM	12:40 PM	Player Arrival
		12:35 PM	12:35 PM	Show Begins Taping
		12:40 PM	12:45 PM	Arbiter Announcements

		12:45 PM	1:00 PM	Reveal Position 1
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