

## Nordic Youth Chess Championship 9.2.-11.2.2018

### Tournament Regulations

1. The tournament is played in five age groups as 6-round Swiss tournaments. Pairing is done with Swiss-Manager using the FIDE Dutch system. The initial ranking is first by FIDE ratings, then by national ratings, if available.
2. The rate of play is 1h30min + 30sec/move.
3. The results will be sent to FIDE for rating.
4. The games are played according to FIDE Laws of Chess, the version valid from January 2018.  
Special remarks:
  - The allowed time for being late is 15 minutes.
  - Phones and other communication devices are not allowed in the playing hall.
5. The standings are decided by
  - a) points
  - b) Buchholz Cut-1 (= without the opponent with the lowest score)
  - c) full Buchholz
  - d) Sonneborn-Berger
  - e) game(s) between the tied players
  - f) if players are still tied, the positions are shared, and the prizes divided equally, if possible.
  - g) undivisible prizes are decided by drawing of lots
6. The unofficial team competition is decided by the sum of points of up to two players in each group. In case of a tie, the sum of placings of the same players is decisive (the lower the better).
7. The tournament director is Aleksi Olander. The arbiters are IA Jouni Lehtivaara (Chief Arbiter), NA Pekka Pietinen (Deputy Chief Arbiter) and NA Leo Peltola. Assistant persons may be used. The decisions of the arbiters are final.
8. The following rules of behavior apply:
  - Smoking is only allowed at a designated place.
  - Disturbing behavior under the influence of alcohol is strictly forbidden.
  - A player is not allowed to talk to anybody during the game, other than what is allowed in the FIDE Laws of Chess. If a player needs to talk to the captain, he/she must talk under the presence of an arbiter. Only English and Swedish language is allowed. A draw offer cannot be discussed with the captain, as this is not a team event.