



**REGULATIONS**  
of the **INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN 10x10 DRAUGHTS**  
**MIAMI OPEN – 2025**

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**1. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

- 1.1. Development of international draughts in the USA and on the American continent;
- 1.2. Involvement of children and youth in draughts as an intellectual sport in the USA;
- 1.3. Cooperation with FMJD in development of draughts throughout the world.
- 1.4. Strengthening friendship between people from different countries and different faiths.

**2. TOURNAMENT ORGANIZERS**

The organizers of the MIAMI OPEN 2025 tournament are the National Draught Federation of the USA (NDF of the USA). The Federation intends to hold the MIAMI OPEN tournament annually in September. We will strive to develop this tournament, make it more numerous every year, with accommodation in comfortable hotels in one of the most prestigious areas of Miami. We strive to create excellent conditions for the participants to play and rest on the shores of the year-round warm Atlantic Ocean. In the coming years, simultaneously with the tournament for adults, we plan to hold the Miami OPEN for children and youth. They will be able to come with

their parents and not only rest by the sea, but also compete with their peers in an interesting tournament.

### **3. TOURNAMENT LOCATION**

The official hotel of the tournament is ALOFT Miami Aventura (Marriott BonVoy) ([website](#))

Located in: Aventura ParkSquare.

Address: 2910 NE 207th St Aventura, FL 33180. ([google map](#))

The hotel has the following facilities in double rooms: Air Conditioning, Coffeemaker, bathroom/shower, Fitness Equipment, Iron/ironing Board, telephone, refrigerator, safe, television, Internet, health club, outdoor pool. Breakfast is not included.

Daytime parking is free. Overnight parking is \$30 per night.

NDF of the USA provides water and coffee during the rounds.

Distance from the Hotel to some places of interest and airports:

Public Beach, Aventure, or Sunny Isles Beach: 3 mi, (13 minutes of drive);

Aventura Mall: 0.7 mi (10 minutes of walk);

Fort Lauderdale International Airport (FLL): 8 mi;

Miami International Airport (MIA): 14 mi;

We recommend the Fort Lauderdale International Airport. Flights through this airport are generally less expensive and getting to the hotel is easier and cheaper.

### **4. TOURNAMENT DATES**

The tournament will be held from September 7 to September 13, 2025.

The tournament will be played in 7 rounds.

- September 7, 2025 – arrival day. Check-in from 3:00. Registration of participants.

Technical meeting at 19:00.

- September 8, 2025. At 10:00 the opening ceremony. At 11:00 the first round.

- September 9, 2025. At 9:00 the second round. At 16:00 the third round.

- September 10, 2025. At 9:00 the fourth round.

- September 11, 2025. At 9:00 the fifth round. At 16:00 the sixth round.

-September 12, 2025. Round 7 at 9:00. Blitz at 15:00. Closing ceremony at 19:00.

-September 13, 2025. Departure. Hotel check-out at 11:00.

***Time controls and system:***

***Classic tournament:*** according to the FMJD rules, 7 rounds.

- FMJD Swiss on truncated Solkoff \*;
- Time control: 1 hour and 20 min + 1 min per move (Fisher system).

***Blitz tournament:*** according to the FMJD rules, 9 rounds.

- FMJD Swiss on truncated Solkoff \*;
- Time control: 5 min + 3 sec per move (Fisher system);

\* The final order between players with the same score is decided by 3.1d: Full truncated Solkoff.

Full Truncated Solkoff is the sum of scores of all opponents minus the lowest score; if this is equal - then the sum of all opponents minus the 2 lowest scores, if this is equal - then the sum of all opponents minus the 3 lowest scores and so on up to the defining of the better score.

## **5. PRIZES**

First place in MIAMI OPEN – 2025 - \$2,500 + trophy + Certificate;

Second place in MIAMI OPEN - 2025 - \$1,500 + trophy + Certificate;

Third place in MIAMI OPEN – 2025 - \$1,000 + trophy + Certificate;

Fourth place in MIAMI OPEN -2025 - \$700;

Fifth place in MIAMI OPEN – 2025 - \$500;

Sixth place in MIAMI OPEN – 2025 - \$300;

TOTAL - \$6,500;

In blitz, the first three places will be awarded prizes and trophies. The amount of the prizes will be determined depending on the number of blitz participants.

## **6. TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS**

Due to the size of the rented hall for the game, the number of participants in the MIAMI OPEN – 2025 tournament is limited to 50 players.

Therefore members of the NDF of the USA who have paid their membership fees and tournament fees on time, as well as players from other countries invited and confirmed by the Board of Directors of the NDF of the USA are accepted to participate in the tournament. Priority for participation in the tournament is given to players who first confirmed their participation and paid the tournament fee and made a security deposit for hotel accommodation. Those who wish

to play in the tournament, but were late to get into the main list, will be included in the waiting list. And in case when the players from the main list refuse from the tournament, the players from the waiting list will be moved to the main list and able to pay a tournament fee, security deposit and take part in the tournament.

The organizers reserve the right to refuse a potential participant if it is recognized from publicly available information that this person publicly supported the aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

If you need visa support, you should contact the Vice President of the NDF of the USA for technical issues Alex Akselrud (Email: [aakselrud@aol.com](mailto:aakselrud@aol.com), tel: +(1)847 420-4007).

You should also send a copy of the request to:

- Official Email of the NDF of the USA : [ndfederation.usa@gmail.com](mailto:ndfederation.usa@gmail.com)
- Vice President of the NDF of the USA Alex Rudnitsky : [alexrud41948@gmail.com](mailto:alexrud41948@gmail.com)

In the visa request you must indicate: Your exact First and Last Name according to your tourist passport, Date of birth, Passport data: passport number, date of issue and expiration date of the passport, place of issue, nationality, address.

## **7. PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT FOR ACCOMMODATION AND PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT**

The tournament fee is \$120 for participation in the classic tournament.

Payment must be made in advance by transferring money to the NDF of the USA bank account. A copy of the payment order must be sent to the three above-mentioned Emails.

NDF of the USA members pay \$100 for the tournament fee.

The tournament fee for participation in the blitz is \$30. Payment can be made either by bank wire or Zelle at the same time with the classic tournament fee or in cash during the classic tournament.

Considering that we have received significant discounts on accommodation from the hotel, and that NDF of the USA is a non-profit organization and is exempt from paying taxes, we are able to offer reasonable prices for accommodation. For that, participants of the competition who will be staying at the official hotel will have to make payments for accommodation to the NDF of the USA bank account. Please note that if you are not staying at the official hotel, you will have to reserve it yourself, as well as pay all taxes and fees.

Invited participants who are not members of the NDF of the USA and who are not staying at an official hotel will be required to pay 150% the tournament fee for participation in the classic and blitz tournaments (\$180 and \$45, respectively).

Participants in the competition pay the tournament fee and accommodation fee to the NDF of the USA bank account in the following ways:

**Option 1. Bank wire**

a) **INTERNATIONAL WIRES.** Provide the following:

\***SWIFT BIC code:** WFBIUS6S

\***Bank name:** Wells Fargo Bank, NA

\***Bank address:** 420 Montgomery St., San Francisco,  
CA 94104 (regardless of account location)

\***Account Name:** The National Draughts Federation of the USA Inc;

\***Beneficiary Account Number:** 8161925824;

\***Beneficiary address:** 2739 NW 54<sup>th</sup> Ave., Margate, FL 33063

b) **DOMESTIC U.S. dollar Wires.** Provide the following:

Routing Transit Number (RTN/ABA): 121000248

\***Bank name:** Wells Fargo Bank, NA

\***Bank address:** 420 Montgomery St., San Francisco,  
CA 94104 (regardless of account location)

\***Account Name:** The National Draughts Federation of the USA Inc;

\***Beneficiary Account Number:** 8161925824;

\***Beneficiary address:** 2739 NW 54<sup>th</sup> Ave., Margate, FL 33063

If you use this option 1, please **add \$15** (the bank charges).

**IMPORTANT!**

- Use USD as currency of transfer to avoid commission for conversion.
- When making a transfer please specify the exact amount only in US dollars (USD), which must be received by the Organizers.
- Specify that you cover the transfer costs.

**Option 2. Paypal.****IMPORTANT!**

- Use USD as currency of transfer to avoid commission for conversion.
- When making a transfer please specify the exact amount only in US dollars (USD), which must be received by the Organizers and add 3.7% (PayPal will deduct these 3.7% from the amount of your transfer as the fee for its services).

receiver's address: [ndfederation.usa@gmail.com](mailto:ndfederation.usa@gmail.com)

receiver's name: The National Draughts Federation of the USA

**Option 3. Zelle**

**(Convenient for the USA and some other banks of the countries of the North America)**

transfer to the address [ndfederation.usa@gmail.com](mailto:ndfederation.usa@gmail.com)

receiver's name: The National Draughts Federation of the USA

When transferring, you don't need to add extra \$15.

To participate in the tournament, you must submit an application to emails:

- [aakselrud@aol.com](mailto:aakselrud@aol.com) (Alex Akselrud) and copies to:
- [ndfederation.usa@gmail.com](mailto:ndfederation.usa@gmail.com) - official Email of NDF of the USA;
- [alexrud41948@gmail.com](mailto:alexrud41948@gmail.com) - Vice President of NDF of the USA Alex Rudnitsky;

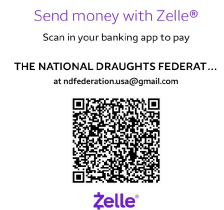
Only after receiving confirmation from NDF of the USA that you are included in the main list of players can you proceed with payments.

You must pay the tournament fee for participation in the classic tournament and for your official hotel reservation in the amount of three nights in one transfer.

If you want to stay in a room yourself or with your family members, you must indicate this in the application and pay \$120 tournament fee plus \$378 for three nights.

If you have agreed to share a room with any of the players, you must indicate the Name of this player and pay \$240 (\$120x2) tournament fee and \$378 for a hotel room reservation.

If you would like to share a room with another player, but have not yet found a roommate, you can pay \$120 tournament fee and \$189 (\$63 x 3) for one person in a double room. In this case, the tournament organizers reserve the right to accommodate a second participant in the same room at their discretion.



If you want to choose your own roommate, but do not have one at the time of payment, you must transfer \$378 for a room reservation. In this case, your partner can return half of the amount to you upon check-in.

Do not forget to add \$15 to the transfer amount when paying by Bank Wire - the bank fee for the transfer.

Upon receipt of confirmation from the NDF-US about your inclusion in the main list, you must make the above payments within 30 calendar days. In this case the accommodation in the hotel and participation in the tournament are guaranteed to you.

Those who wish to participate in the tournament but are not included in the main list will be included in the waiting list, which will be notified by email.

If for some reason you do not have time to make a payment within 30 calendar days, the tournament organizers reserve the right to transfer you from the main list to the waiting list, which will be notified by email. In the future, if a place in the main list becomes available, you may again be sent a request for participation in the tournament and you will be able to make a payment.

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY:**

If you have made a payment, but for some reason cannot take part in the competition, you must inform us about it by the above three emails before July 4, 2025. In this case, you will be refunded the entire amount of your transfer minus the cost of the transfer.

If you refuse to participate in the competition before August 5, 2025, you will be refunded the amount of the transfer minus the cost of one night and the cost of the bank transfer.

If you refuse after August 5, you lose the payment for 3 nights. You will be refunded only the tournament fee minus the bank transfer.

Participants have to pay for the remaining three nights of accommodation before checking into the hotel: either in advance, before arriving to Miami (before September 7, 2025) by bank transfer to the organization's account, or in cash in USD on the official day of arrival before registering at the hotel. If the participant refuses to pay, he/she will not be accommodated at the hotel and will not be accepted to participate in the tournament. This person will also lose all prepayment.

Registration in the tournament and payment of the tournament fee is a confirmation of your compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Miami Open-2025.

#### **8. JUDGING, APPEAL**

Main Referee of the MIAMI OPEN 2025 will be IR Andriy Shcherbatyuk;

Main Referee Assistant – Alex Akselrud;

The Appeal Jury will consist of three people and will be announced before the start of the Event. Those wishing to appeal must do so in writing within 20 minutes after the end of the game. They must also post a \$100 deposit. If their appeal is upheld, the deposit will be returned to them.

## 9. REQUIREMENTS TO PARTICIPANTS

Participants are not allowed to talk in the game room.

Anti-Electronic Doping Rules apply. Players are not allowed to use any kind of electronic devices during their games. If a phone rings during a game, or if a participant is seen using a phone in any of its functions after the start of the round, the game of this player will be considered lost.

Participants must arrive at the game room in advance, at least 5 minutes before the start of the round. If the participant is 30 minutes late, the game of this participant will be considered a loss.

All participants must attend the opening and closing ceremonies. In their absence, the organizers reserve the right not to invite such players to subsequent MIAMI OPEN Events.

Participants are allowed into the game room and to play according to the dress code.

The following is NOT acceptable for players, coaches and heads of delegations in the tournament hall: beachwear slips, profanity and nude or semi-nude pictures printed on shirts, clothes that expose the body, shorts, torn pants or jeans, noticeably unclean clothing, sun glasses, sport caps.

Participants who do not comply with these rules will not be accepted to the game in current round.

## 10. ORGANIZERS CONTACTS

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