

REM3V 2025 – FIDE Tournament Regulations

1. Organisation

1.1. Announcement & Venue

The 2025 Three Valleys Tournament (REM3V 2025) will take place over seven rounds spread across five days, from Friday, November 7 to Tuesday, November 11. The rounds will be held in the main hall of the CAF in Tihange, located at Rue de la Neuville No. 1, 4500 Tihange (Huy).

It is open to any player affiliated with a Belgian club or with an active FIDE rating for the 2025-2026 season.

Anything not specified in these rules shall follow the official rules of arbitration issued by FIDE.

1.2. Official recognition

The Three Valleys Tournament is approved for Belgian Elo and FIDE Elo ratings.

The games will count towards Belgian Elo ratings from January 1, 2026, and FIDE Elo ratings from December 1, 2025.

2. Registration

The registration fee is €35 before October 31 and €40 thereafter. Registration is free for titled players.

Pre-registration can be done via the tournament page on the Royal Echiquier Mosan website (<https://echiquiermosan.be/tournois/tournoi-des-trois-vallees-2025/>), by email at echiquiermosanasbl@gmail.com, or by phone to Mr. Claude Bikady, president, at 0499/05.59.41.

The list of pre-registered players can be viewed on the tournament page and on the FRBE SWAR website (<https://frbe-kbsb.be/sites/manager/Swar/SwarResults/618/251107-0005e478-%7Bd320e64b-4701-4d18-8817-57ac80f4a6d7%7D.html>).

The registration fee can be paid by bank transfer to the Royal Echiquier Mosan bank account: BE49 0012 9674 1971 or in cash before the first round of the tournament at the referee's table.

3. Rules

The FIDE arbitration rules apply. Any exceptions to these rules are specified in these regulations.

3.1. Time control

The time control is 90 minutes + 30 seconds per move from the first move, with an additional 30 minutes from the 40th move onwards (interclub time control). It is therefore mandatory to record the game from the first move to the last (no time pressure).

3.2. Schedule

Registration closes on Friday, November 7 at 7 p.m.

First round pairings on Friday, November 7 at 7 p.m.

Round 1: Friday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m.
Round 2: Saturday, November 8 at 10 a.m.
Round 3: Saturday, November 8 at 4 p.m.
Round 4: Sunday, November 9 at 10 a.m.
Round 5: Sunday, November 9 at 4 p.m.
Round 6: Monday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m.
Round 7: Tuesday, November 11 at 10 a.m.

The awards ceremony will take place no later than one hour after the end of the last round on Tuesday, November 11.

3.3. Pairing

Pairings are made according to the Swiss system and using the latest version of the SWAR software dated November 7, 2025. They are established by the arbitrator no later than 30 minutes after the end of the previous round and are not modified after publication (except in cases of force majeure left to the discretion of the arbitrator).

The Elo rating taken into account is the FIDE Elo rating for slow games as of November 1, 2025.

If there are more than 80 participants, the organizer and the arbitrator reserve the right to apply an accelerated system with fictitious points for the first two rounds.

The pairings will be posted near the playing hall, on the tournament's SWAR page, and on the dedicated page of the Royal Echiquier Mosan website.

3.4. Pairing of the first Round

For the first round of the Tournament, the following players will be paired:

- Players who are registered and have confirmed their attendance with the referees by 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 7.
- Players who are registered but absent at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 7, but who have notified the referees of their delay.

3.5. Absence & bye

Players may, with the exception of rounds 6 and 7, and only once during the entire tournament, decide not to participate in a round and still be awarded half a point for a bye. Beyond one absence, or for rounds 6 and 7, absent players will not receive any points for the overall ranking.

Absences and requests for byes must be reported:

- For round 1: No earlier than registration and no later than 7 p.m. on Friday, September 7, by email to echiquiermosanasbl@gmail.com or via the form provided for this purpose at the referee's table.
- For subsequent rounds: No earlier than registration and no later than the end of the last game of the previous round by email to echiquiermosanasbl@gmail.com or via the form provided for this purpose at the referee's table.

3.6. Tiebreaker

The tiebreaker system for the overall ranking in the event of a tie is, in order, as follows: individual

result, Bucholz Cut 1, number of wins, Sonneborn-berger, cumulative.

3.7.Clocks

The clocks will be positioned and set to the correct time before the start of the rounds and cannot be moved once the round has begun. Only the player with black pieces has the right to change the clock on their side of the chessboard before the start of the round.

3.8.Results

The result of the game will be recorded on the score sheet. This must be signed by both players. The score sheet must then be handed in to the referee's table by the winner or, in the event of a draw, by the player with the white pieces.

Any errors in recording the results must be reported before the start of the next round. If the error is noticed and reported after the pairings for the next round have been made, the correction will be taken into account, but the pairings will not be changed.

3.9.Forfeit

Any player who has not played their first move within one hour of the start of the game (as recorded by the clock) will be declared to have forfeited the game. In the event of a second forfeit, the player will be disqualified from the entire tournament.

4. Arbitration

The Three Valleys Tournament is refereed by FEFB referee and FIDE tournament certified referee Timothé Scaillet.

An appeals committee of three people will be formed before the start of the first round, primarily consisting of players with a referee's license.

All decisions made by the referee are final.

Any disputes must be submitted in writing to the referee no later than 15 minutes after the end of the round. The committee will then be called upon to rule on the final decision. Until the committee has ruled, the referee's initial decision remains in force.

5. Playing area rules

5.1.General

The playing area includes the tournament hall (the large CAF hall), the bar, the restrooms and their access points, the analysis rooms, and the smoking area outside the tournament hall.

Throughout the entire playing area, players and spectators are prohibited from talking about or analysing a game that is still in progress.

A player who has finished their game is considered a spectator.

Silence is required in the playing hall. All unnecessary communication is prohibited.

5.2.Smartphones, mobile phones & wristwatches

Players may bring their cell phones into the playing room, but they must turn them off before the start of play. Cell phones must be turned off and placed on the table next to the chessboard or stored

in a bag. At no time may a player have their cell phone on their person, even if it is turned off, until their game is over.

Any ringing of a phone will result in immediate loss of the game.

As long as at least one game is in progress, no switched-on phones are allowed in the playing hall (for players or spectators).

Electronic watches follow the same rules as cell phones. No watch, even if it is not connected, may be worn by a player while they are playing.

5.3. Fair-play

All participants, whether players or spectators, agree to abide by the rules of fair play, which we hope are self-evident.

For example, and without limitation, it is forbidden to distract your opponent or any other player, to challenge your opponent during their thinking time, to offer a draw during your opponent's thinking time, to move one of your pieces before your opponent has finished pressing the clock, to eat at the game table, etc.

Any breach of these rules of fair play, respect, and good manners may be subject to sanctions by the referee.

6. Prizes

The organizer, Royal Echiquier Mosan, guarantees a minimum total prize fund of €2,400, distributed as follows for the overall ranking:

- 1st place: €800
- 2nd place: €500
- 3rd place: €350
- 4th place: €250
- 5th place: €150

Category prizes will also be awarded. Categories will be divided according to the number of participants and their strengths. This will be communicated and displayed before the start of the third round on Saturday, November 8.

The overall and category rankings will be determined according to the tiebreaker system as defined in section 3.6.

Prizes are not cumulative. A player eligible for multiple prizes will be awarded the highest prize, while the other prize(s) will be awarded to the next player in the order of the ranking.

Except in exceptional circumstances and after notifying the referees, players who are absent during the prize-giving ceremony will not be able to receive their prizes. The prize-giving ceremony will take place no later than one hour after the end of the last round on Tuesday, November 11.

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