**Modalities BK 2024 at Lier**

1. **General info:**
   1. dates : from Saturday 6 July to Sunday 14 July 2024
   2. playing venue: St Gummarus College, Kanunnik Davidlaan 10, 2500 Lier.
   3. start of games: every day at 2pm, except the last game, which starts at 10am.
2. **Subscription modalities:**
   1. Until 24 June, one can pre-register via the website and pay 35 euros. Entries and payments after 24 June (and on site on the first day of play) can only be made if sufficient space is available and at a cost of 50 euros. Entries on site can only be made in cash.
   2. **Registration & sign-in on the first day:** every pre-registered player must sign in at the playing hall before 13h00 (can also be done via whatsapp). On-site registration by non-pre-registered players is possible only until 12h00.
   3. **Eligibility to play:** participants in the expert series are designated by the KBSB. The open tournament is open to any player affiliated to one of the three cultural federations and who is not entitled to participate in the expert series. Players not affiliated to KBSB through a club can therefore not participate.
3. **Match rules:**
   1. **System of ranking at the start of the tournament:** the pairings of the open series will be made on the basis of ELO (Swiss on Rating) with the FIDE ELO taking precedence over the national ELO (likewise so for category ranking). The ranking of 1 July 2024 will be used.

**Sending the results:** the results of the open will be sent for both FIDE and Belgian elver processing.

* 1. **Rules of play:** The latest version of the FIDE rules will apply.
  2. **Tempo of play**: the Fischer tempo of 40 moves in 1h30', then 30' for the rest of the game with an increment of 30" per move from move one.
  3. **Separation points when points are equal: separation** points in the experts are as follows: mutual match - Sonneborn-Berger - Koya - advance; and in the open series: mutual match - Bucholz cut 1 - Bucholz - Sonneborn-Berger - advance.
  4. **Announced absence:** in the open series, a player may be absent for one or more rounds. This player is then not paired and receives no points. Absences should be announced to an arbiter and noted and signed on the list of absences on the arbiter's table. This should be done at the latest before the end of the round preceding the one for which one is absent.
  5. **Mating:** the pairings of the expert series will be announced in advance. The matings in the open series will be done using the latest version of the mating programme SWAR.
  6. **BYE:** If a player is bye, he should not attend that round. He gets one point for this. Each player should check for himself whether he is bye or not. The organisation will not inform players of this personally.
  7. **Forfait:** players who forfait a round without notifying one of the contact persons will not be paired again for subsequent rounds. Irresponsible forfaiting will also be reported to the KBSB, which may take further sanctions.
  8. **Contact:** if a player has to forfeit a round due to force majeure or unexpected circumstances, this should be reported as soon as possible to tournament director Bart Van Tichelen (tel. 0499 80 24 87).
  9. **GSM/electronic device** : according to the new FIDE rules, it is forbidden to bring a mobile phone or any other electronic communication device into the players' area (i.e. everything in the building: the playing room, the toilets, the bar, the analysis room, the smoking area). But the KBSB's guidelines are more lenient. During his match, a player is not allowed to have a mobile phone (or any other electronic communication device) on him. If he is found to have such a device on him anyway, he loses the game and his opponent wins. Consequently, players are asked to leave their mobile phones at home or at their lodgings or in their cars on their own responsibility, either to leave them switched off next to the board or to hand them over to the referee's table . Also, a player entering the playing hall when the round is already in progress is allowed to make a rule regarding his mobile phone before making his first move. The same applies to the use of all types of watches, even mechanical ones.
  10. **Behaviour:**
      + It is forbidden to disturb the opponent in any way.
      + Analyses and quick chess in the playing room are not allowed.
      + Each player must sign both scoresheets after the end of the game. The winner (or, in the case of a draw, the white player) shall bring the original of the scoresheets to the arbiter's table.
      + Each player is jointly responsible for keeping the tournament venue orderly. Rubbish shall be deposited in the provided places.
      + Smoking is prohibited throughout the tournament venue. The organisers will designate an area where smoking is allowed.
  11. **Appeals Committee:**
* Before the start of the first round, an appeals committee will be constituted. Its composition will then also be displayed in the tournament hall.
* If a player does not agree with the head umpire's decision, he may appeal in writing. This appeal must be delivered to the head umpire within half an hour of the end of the game in question. In addition to this appeal, a deposit of EUR 100 must also be issued.
* If the appeal committee finds that the appeal is fully or partially founded, the deposit will be refunded in full. Otherwise, the organisation will transfer the deposit to the KBSB account.
  1. **Prizes:** the prize distribution of the open will be communicated at the latest before the fourth round. Expert prizes and classification prizes in the open series will be shared, all other prizes will not be shared. All prizes are not cumulative. A player receives the best price for him/her. If a player has won prizes of the same amount and since he can only get one prize, the order of determining which prize he/she has won is the ranking prize – the rating prize.
  2. **Prize-giving ceremony**: the prize-giving ceremony on Sunday 14 July is scheduled at 17h00. Compulsory attendance is required to be entitled to the prizes. Except in cases of force majeure left to the discretion of the organisers, an absent player may not be represented and thereby waives his prize.
  3. **Arbitration team:**
     + Chief arbiter: IA Sylvin De Vet
     + Arbitraters: IA Luc Cornet, NA Patrick Van de Perre, NA Tobias Verhulst, NA Bart Van der Avort

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**On behalf of the organisation:**

**Bart Van Tichelen, tournament director** Sylvin De Vet, Chief Arbiter