

Dear friends,

Sadly, big international life solving tournaments are still impossible. The Belarusian and Swiss Championships, and the traditional Henk Hagedoorn in the Netherlands were the last in a long line of cancelled tournaments. However, the selection of the problems of the latter was already made. After some discussion, Axel and I decided to use those problems for another tournament.

Therefore, we invite you to participate at the Second Lockdown Solving Tournament.

The rules are more or less the same as the first Lockdown Solving Tournament in May or the in situ-tournaments so well organized by our Slovak friends (don't forget: they start a new "season" next week!). The most important difference is that we will only have one time-frame.

In attachment are all the rules. Here are some details.

- Date: Saturday 5 December 2020 at 10.00 CET (= London 09.00; Brussels 10.00; Moscow 12.00, Tokyo 18.00)
- System: 8 problems in 2 hours. No #2s of any kind; only #3, #n, study, H# and S#. The level of difficulty will be comparable with the First Lockdown Tournament.
- Registration is open till Friday 4 December 2020 at 20.00 CET.

Are allowed to participate:

- All the participants of the First Lockdown Tournament
- Everybody who has or had at least 2200 elo
- Solvers who have less then 2200 elo and who are regular competitors at the international solving tournaments are also welcome. There is a maximum of 100 participants.

Tournament Director are Axel Steinbrink and Luc Palmans. Please send all your e-mails to both of us: [axel.steinbrink@gmx.de](mailto:axel.steinbrink@gmx.de) and [palmans.luc@skynet.be](mailto:palmans.luc@skynet.be).

# 2nd Lockdown Solving Tournament

## Introduction

1. This solving tournament is a special event, organised at a period when the traditional live solving tournaments can't be held because of the worldwide pandemic of the Coronavirus in 2020. There are no prizes. It doesn't count for rating. It is not possible to make norms or win titles.

2. Tournament directors are Axel Steinbrink (axel.steinbrink@gmx.de) and Luc Palmans (palmans.luc@skynet.be).

3. The solvers receive the diagrams by e-mail and must solve the problems immediately at home.

4. After finishing their session, the solvers mail their solutions immediately to both the tournament directors. Complete results will be published as soon as possible.

## Registration

1. Are invited: all the participants of the first Lockdown Tournament, and all the solvers who have or had more than 2200 elo. Solvers who never had 2200 elo and who are regular competitors at the international tournaments are also welcome. For practical reasons there is a maximum of 100 participants. Announcements will be made public by personal invitation and on the websites of WFCC and MatPlus.

2. The solver must be registered before the tournament starts. He informs both the tournament directors Axel Steinbrink and Luc Palmans. *Closing date of registration is Friday 4 December 2020 at 20.00 GMT.*

3. When the registration is finalized, all the participants receive a document with an overview of all participants. They receive also a pdf and Word-document which they can use to write down their solutions.

## Organization

The tournament takes place on *Saturday 5 December 2020 at 10.00 CET* (= London 09.00; Brussels 10.00; Moscow 12.00; Tokyo 18.00)

## Selection

There will be 1 session with 8 problems/studies. Time: 120 minutes (2 hours). There are no twomovers of any kind. There are no fairies. The selection consists of #3, #n, study(ies), H# and S#.

## Tournament

1. 15 minutes before their session starts the solvers receive an e-mail from the directors. The solvers must confirm the reception of this e-mail.

2. 15 minutes later the solvers receive the diagrams of the problems (in pdf), and they can start solving. They don't have to confirm the reception of this e-mail. If they didn't receive this document, they must inform immediately the tournament directors.

3. After 2 hours the solvers receive an e-mail from the directors indicating the session is finished. The solver has 5 minutes time to forward his solutions to the directors. A solver can of course forward his solutions before the end of his session.

4. Almost all methods are acceptable for transmitting the solutions. Probably most simple is to send a photo with the solution sheet. If the solver has no printer, he can write the solution down on a paper and take a picture or scan. He can also write the solution in an e-mail or a Word-document, etc.

5. After 15 minutes the solvers receive the solutions from the directors.

6. Points distribution, writing of the solutions, etc. are all according to the rules of WCSC and rated tournaments.

### **After the tournament**

1. The tournaments directors will mark immediately the solution sheets, and publish the preliminary results as soon as possible (probably in the early evening).

Because the solver has still his own solving sheet and the document with the solutions, he can easily check himself how many points he has. If he is not sure about something, he can always ask the directors for clarification.

3. After handling possible protests or errors, the final results will be published on Sunday.

4. As soon as possible a full report (diagrams, solutions, results) will be published on the website of WFCC. This will enable other solvers to also have a try at the problems.

### **Fair-play**

The directors trusts all players that they will not use any helping devices (computer, books,...) while solving. This *can not* and *will not* be checked by the directors. The directors believe in the honesty of all the participants and that they will show respect for the other competitors by adhere strictly to this rule.

The purpose of this tournament is to provide the solvers with an interesting competition at a moment when live solving tournaments are impossible. At best, consider it as a good training session where you can compete with other solvers in a direct confrontation. *Take it seriously, but don't take it too seriously!*

### **A small remark**

We hope to illustrate the report of the tournament with some pictures of the solvers "in action" at their location. It would be nice if you could provide us with such pictures. You can take one f.e. before starting solving.

### **Finally**

All unforeseen events (undelivered mails, etc.) will be handled by the tournament directors with common sense.

All e-mails must be send to *both* tournament directors:

Axel Steinbrink: axel.steinbrink@gmx.de

Luc Palmans: palmans.luc@skynet.be