







Niðurstöður skoðannakönnunar þátttakenda Reykjavík Open 2014










Geographic background

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Icelandic		18.9%	25
European		56.1%	74
North America		14.4%	19
Other		10.6%	14
		Total Responses	132






Gender

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Male		85.6%	113
Female		14.4%	19
		Total Responses	132





ELO Rating

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
2500 +		7.6%	10
2301 - 2500		19.7%	26
2101 - 2300		24.2%	32
1901 - 2100		29.5%	39
1701 - 1900		13.6%	18
1501 - 1700		3.0%	4
1500 or less		2.3%	3
		Total Responses	132







Age

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
20 or younger		11.4%	15
21- 40		45.5%	60
41 - 50		13.6%	18
51- 60		18.2%	24
61 +		11.4%	15
		Total Responses	132






Previous participation

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
1		64.6%	84
2		16.9%	22
3		7.7%	10
more		10.8%	14
		Total Responses	130

How did you learn about the 2014 tournament

Response	Chart	Count
From our website		43
From other internet based sources		43
From a friend		48
From us contacting you		8
From a chess journal		7
Other		16
Total Responses		132




Lodging – where did you stay during the tournament

Response	Chart	Count
Hotel arranged/recommended by the organizers		48
Other hotel		16
Guesthouse		28
Hostel		4
Other		40
Total Responses		130

What was the biggest influence in your decision to participate in the tournament

	Major influence	Somewhat	No influence	Total Responses
The actual chess tournament	102 (79.1%)	23 (17.8%)	4 (3.1%)	129
Side events	12 (9.5%)	47 (37.3%)	67 (53.2%)	126
Visit Iceland	67 (51.9%)	36 (27.9%)	26 (20.2%)	129
The playinghall	32 (25.0%)	59 (46.1%)	37 (28.9%)	128
Opportunity to play with stronger players	76 (58.0%)	48 (36.6%)	7 (5.3%)	131
The general mode/atmosphere	76 (58.9%)	47 (36.4%)	6 (4.7%)	129
Prize money	4 (3.1%)	37 (28.9%)	87 (68.0%)	128




Would you prefer that the rounds would begin at 15:00 rather than 16:30

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		46.2%	61
No		34.1%	45
Don't care		19.7%	26
		Total Responses	132

How satisfied were you with the playing conditions and the paying hall (scale of 1-100)

	Mean	Std. Dev.
How satisfied were you with the playing conditions and the p...	85.2	15.2
Average Values	85.15	15.24




Would you prefer that the tournament remains in an open format or would you prefer two or more rating based groups

Response	Chart	%	Count
Rating based groups		33.3%	44
Open format		56.8%	75
Don't care		9.8%	13
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Negative influence		34.8%	46
Don't care		31.1%	41
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Positive influence	6 60.0%	18 69.2%	15 46.9%	4 10.3%	2 11.1%	0 0%	0 0%	<i>Total:</i> 45
Negative influence	0 0%	3 11.5%	8 25.0%	22 56.4%	10 55.6%	2 50.0%	1 33.3%	<i>Total:</i> 46
Don't care	4 40.0%	5 19.2%	9 28.1%	13 33.3%	6 33.3%	2 50.0%	2 66.7%	<i>Total:</i> 41

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Should the tournament format be changed with a rating minimum group and an open group for others what rating should be used as a cut-off


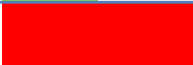





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Are you contemplating participating in Reykjavik Open 2015 in March next year

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes		56.1%	74
No		10.6%	14
Don't know		33.3%	44
		Total Responses	132

Any comments you may have would be highly appreciated

Response	Chart	Percentages	Count
Format		19%	13
General		42%	29
Playing Hall		27%	19
Side events		1%	1
Timing of rounds		13%	9
Tournament		1%	1
Tournament Organization		14%	10

Comments

1. A nice country, and I would love to visit it again - yet an expensive undertaking as well. It would be much easier for me to make up my mind if my title had some significance, and I were invited rather than to have to pay for all my expenses :-)
2. An earlier start of the rounds gives more time in the evenings to visit different restaurants in the Reykjavik area but less time to visit different museums. If I have to choose, I would personally prefer a good meal in 3frakkar at baldursgata
3. Best tournament location I've been to!
4. Dont change the format.
5. Excellent tournament. Keep it as it is.
6. For sure I will play the tournament once more! I like Iceland and the organisation of the tournament was really great! I enjoyed the time a lot! A liittle bit negative was the music in the in the playing hall. Maybe I would prefer starting at 15:30 or 16:00.
7. Good luck for the 2015 tournament
8. Great event. Keep up the good work Gunnar, Ingvar and everyone :) I plan to be back in 2015!
9. Hi! In my opinion, diving the tournament into rating groups would turn it less appealing to players like me. I mean, one of the major attractions of the tournament is the possibly to face legends over the board im an actual competition. To me this is thrilling even if I end up losing! One suggestion: if the tournament does get to be divided into rating clusters, there should be an open one as well without rating restrictions in the same event, so that those who dream of facing stronger opponents should get a chance to do so. I think this way is more democratic. And in order to enter the open group, if you are not rated high enough, then you could be charged a little bit more to enter. More suggestions: it was amazing to see Garry Kasparov; however, if on the next occasion there should a celebrity of his calibre, it would be even better if he or she gave a simultaneous exhibition to us mere mortals; secondly. I don't if everyone would agree, but since Reykjavik is such an interesting and beautiful location, I think it would be nice if we had at least one resting day in order for us to enjoy the trip to the Golden Circle not so hurriedly and have to come back to the playing hall. In sum, I have nothing whatsoever to complaint about the way the tournament unfolded, and I must say that I enjoyed the reception I got. You Icelanders are even warmer than us here in Brazil. I surely intend to return and play better!
Thank you!

Comments

10. Hope that golden circle be in a rest day ! Blitz tournament back as old days with good prizes and FIDE rated !
11. I & my family have become ambassadors for Iceland since Reykjavik Open 2014. I and my dad have been talking to every one possible in the US to go to the Reykjavik Open.
12. I enjoyed the tournament a lot. The only thing that I didn't like was that during the first few rounds, there was sometimes loud music playing in the background. I think that is something that would be important to fix but otherwise the playing hall is beautiful and the overall experience is very good.
13. I enjoyed the tournament very much, but the weather is a challenge
14. I had a fantastic time at the tournament and would love to come again, but from the west coast of Canada it's a little cost prohibitive for me unfortunately!
15. I have always had a great time at Reykjavik Open and it will be fun to play there again.
16. I hope I'll be better next time
17. I overall enjoyed the Reykjavik Open 2014 very much. I had read reports on it from previous editions and it provided a great excuse to visit a new and interesting country. I was not disappointed, but as someone not seeking norms or prize monies, I will likely visit other new countries before returning to Iceland. Thank you guys for the fantastic experience and keep it up! Whereas I may not return so soon, I definitely recommend going to Reykjavik Open to all my chess friends who like to travel.
18. I think the tournament should be open for all.
19. I would like see the prizes get higher, I would also like to see press conference after each round, at last I would like to see 300+ players :-) And very last but not least REY-OPEN is a great tournament and should stay OPEN :)
20. I would like the rounds to start earlier, like 12 or 13!

Comments

21. I would not change a thing as I found the tournament very good as it is.
22. Iceland is the best chess country in the world :-)
23. If possible, I would prefer an even earlier start. 1 pm for example
24. If possible, it would be nice if there were no music played in the harpa during the rounds.
25. If rounds are to begin at 15:00, it will almost totally eliminate normal Icelandic players with normal jobs, me included!
26. In 2014, there was one major improvement over 2013: the screens were lowered as soon as the sun came out, so players could see the boards normally. For 2015, I hope to see one more improvement over 2014: no concert music at the same time as the games are played! In the earlier rounds of the 2014 event, the music was very noticeable and it is a distracting factor during the games. Also, if possible, to make the starting times of the rounds as similar as possible. So, for example, 9 days at 4:30 and last day at 1 PM, or something like that. It is difficult to play at 4:30, PM, 9:30 AM, different times on the weekends etc. Almost half the tournament is played at a time different than the 'usual' 4:30, so its hard to know what kind of schedule to get on. If the tournament is split into two sections, 9 rounds should be enough so there is no need for a double round. Perhaps more of a selection of restaurants where the coupons could be used? :) Before, there was the Indian one and the one close to it for dinner, but in 2014 it seemed like the dinner options were very limited. However, the lunch place was great (can't remember what it's called), generous amount of food and delicious, so definitely keep that one! Thank you to the organizing committee for their efforts!
27. It could be interesting to have 2 groups, 2000 + and one from 0 to 2200.
28. It may provide some kind of souvenir of the tournament participants who come from further afield.
29. It was a fantastic tournament with excellent conditions in any case!
30. It would be appreciate if the local players could have a free parking in Harpa during the tournament.

Comments

31. I'd like to meet more tourists and visitors to Iceland as a preparation for this tournament.
32. Keep up the good work
33. Outstanding tournament (excellent location, organization, atmosphere; sympathetic chess friends, great chess nation, breath-taking nature. Best tournament ever I participated. Sorry for late response, just returned from holidays.
34. Really enjoyed the 2014 tournament which was well organised and sociable. 16:30 is a great start time. Prefer to avoid two games per day. There are two main arguments for having a floor for ratings a) ensuring players get tough opposition every round minimising spread in rating and b) providing good norm opportunities by ensuring the average rating is high enough. From this point of view the cut-off should be 2050 as this means that even a win against the lowest rated player contributes towards a norm unlike wins against much lower rated players. Need stricter approach to spectators using mobile phones/letting phone ring in hall. Hoping to return to Iceland in 2015 but hoping for Euro Team rather than the Open (unable to play in both).
35. So, my decision to participate doesn't depend on the format, however, I like the 'one group'. As an amateur and long-time friend of Iceland(ers) I will continue to try to come. The atmosphere is great. The only thing is that it must fit in my working schedule.

Comments

36. Thank you for having this tournament!
37. The music during the rounds was a bit annoying. This was the only downside of the playing hall.
38. The only drawback I see right now is the noise in the tournament hall. And yet, I am personally not disturbed by it all, I don't hear a thing when I'm playing. But for other players with more delicate ears this could be a small problem, especially when they lose:)
39. The playing hall as such is splendid. The varying light depending on where you sit is a little annoying. Especially when players start moving tables in the middle of the round. The spectators that talk, quite loudly or are on their phone are very annoying.
40. The playing venue is great, however sometimes the loud music is hard to bare for a Chess player
41. The question about the impact of introducing rating restrictions is difficult to answer for me since it depends on the way you would do it, as I would take the efforts for participation only if I could play the strongest group. So, if the cut-off would still allow me to participate in the strongest group, I wouldn't care. For next year our group has decided to participate in Gibraltar. However, our memory concerning the 2 visits in Iceland are very vivid and pleasant, so that another participation will be in question year by year. Personally I will never forget your humorous speech at the prizegiving what was pure fun. So I would highly appreciate to return to Reykjavík some day!

Any comments you may have would be highly appreciated

42. The style and prestige of playing in the concert hall was worth the unfortunate disruption that occasionally occurred, but working to prevent these (loudspeaker announcements/ false fire alarm) would make it even better. Thanks to the organisers for a very memorable tournament indeed.
43. The tournament dates are important for me personally since week 8 is holiday in my profession, though I understand this is different for other players;-)
44. The tournament in 2014 was a great experience and I would like to thank the organizers. Nevertheless, the music during some of the rounds was a bit disturbing.
45. The tournament is organized at the highest level. Meeting with Kasparov was also a pleasant surprise. My wife and I would like to come next year, if we will have such opportunity,
46. The venue is first rate but perhaps the problem with the rehearsal noise in the early rounds should have been anticipated
47. There were music during several rounds in 2014. Its very bad. Everything else was excellent. Thanks
48. Too much noise from other concerts!
49. Very nice open...please do not change too much!
50. Very well organised tournament and extremely helpful organisers.
51. Væri stíghærri núna ef það væri flokkaskipt.
52. Was a superb tournament :D
53. While I prefer later start of the round, I even more prefer no noise during the round, so if that would be achieved by earlier round, I am fine with 3 pm rounds :)
54. Wonderful healthy experience, but prizes at top need to be bigger and 20 prizes total! Also a Senior prize for 50yr on up! Perhaps a prize for "Best game" and hardest fighter--I nly had 2 draws both and fought

Any comments you may have would be highly appreciated

55. Will be returning at some point , excellent event all round .
56. Playing hall was perfect except for noise and fire alarm issues. Otherwise had an outstanding time and hope to attend again in the future.
57. Incredible, first-class tournament. My largest concern would just be to confirm that there are no bands practicing or performing during tournament hours.
58. Your calculation of the rating performance (which is used for some prizes) seems to be flawed. A performance shouldn't drop after a win against a weaker player. If a 2100 player beats a grandmaster and a 1200 player, that's clearly a higher achievement than beating a 2100 and a 1600 player. So significantly lower rated opponents should be lifted to a lower threshold rating like "rating - 400". Otherwise the performance depends too much on the luck of not playing against players who wreck your opponents average rating.
59. i am so happy to participate in ryk tournaments in iceland and it take a big part from my heart and hope come again next year
60. i hope the playing hall have the hot water:),because i want to drink the chinese tea:).everything is perfectkeep up the good work; I hope to return at some point, but can't participate every year for financial reasons

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61. the noise/music during the round was a bit disturbing
62. very family and friendly atmosphere
63. very well run, enjoyed it a lot. may go back in a few years. weather was my main issue, later in the year would be more enticing
64. ég er soldið slakkur í ensku sumar spurningar skildi ég ekki
65. I would like to see at least 3 rating groups: for kids 1400 and under, 1400-1800, 1800- 2200, and over 2200. Tournament would become more interesting for all players.
66. Avoid Saturdays! :)