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2017 GCT – Final tour participants and event allocations

The Grand Chess Tour is pleased to announce the event allocations for the nine tour participants of the 2017 Grand Chess Tour. All invited players accepted their invitations except for GM Vladimir Kramnik, who has been replaced by GM Levon Aronian.

The 9 tour participants will all compete in the 2017 Sinquefield Cup and the 2017 London Classic where they will be joined by one event level wildcard in each tournament. The nine tour participants have then been allocated as follows between the three rapid and blitz tournaments where they will be joined by four event level wildcards in each tournament.

#	Paris Rapid 21 - 25 June, 2017	YourNextMove Rapid 28 June - 2 July, 2017	St Louis Rapid 13 - 17 August, 2017
1	Magnus Carlsen (NOR)	Magnus Carlsen (NOR)	Hikaru Nakamura (USA)
2	Hikaru Nakamura (USA)	Ian Nepomniachtchi (RUS)	Fabiano Caruana, (USA)
3	Fabiano Caruana, (USA)	Wesley So (USA)	Ian Nepomniachtchi (RUS)
4	Sergey Karjakin, (RUS)	Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (FRA)	Sergey Karjakin, (RUS)
5	Wesley So (USA)	Viswanathan Anand (IND)	Viswanathan Anand (IND)
6	Maxime Vachier-Lagrave (FRA)	Levon Aronian (ARM)	Levon Aronian (ARM)

The event level wildcards for the 2017 Paris Rapid as well as for the 2017 YourNextMove Rapid will be announced as soon as all recipients of event level wildcards have confirmed their participation.

IA David Sedgwick has been reappointed as the GCT Chief Arbiter for 2017.

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About the Grand Chess Tour (<http://grandchesstour.org>)

The Grand Chess Tour is a circuit of international events, each demonstrating the highest level of organization for the world's best players. The Tour was created in partnership between the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis (Sinquefield Cup) and Chess Promotions, Ltd. (London Chess Classic). The legendary Garry Kasparov, one of the world's greatest ambassadors for chess, inspired the Grand Chess Tour and helped solidify the partnership between the organizers.

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