
CZECH OPEN 2026

37th International Chess and Games Festival

part of CZECH TOUR 2026 Series

16th July – 2nd August 2026, Pardubice, Czech Republic

Place: enteria arena (ice hockey stadium), Sukova trida 1735, Pardubice

Organizer: AVE CHESS z.s.

Festival director: IO Jan Mazuch

ANNOUNCED TOURNAMENTS

- A) 24 July – 1 August: Open grandmaster tournament – GM and IM norms
- ELO FIDE \geq 2150, rating for FIDE and DWZ
 - 9 rounds by Swiss system, 2x 1,5 h/40 +30 min + 30s/move, waiting time 1 hour
- B) 25 July – 1 August: Open rating tournament
- ELO FIDE 1750–2199, rating for FIDE and DWZ
 - 9 rounds by Swiss system, 2x 1,5 h/40 +30 min + 30s/move, waiting time 1 hour
- C) 25 July – 1 August: Open rating tournament
- ELO FIDE $<$ 1800, rating for FIDE and DWZ
 - 9 rounds by Swiss system, 2x 1,5 h/40 +30 min + 30s/move, waiting time 1 hour
- 30+) 24 July – 1 August: Open rating tournament
- players born in 1996 and older, rating for FIDE and DWZ
 - 9 rounds by Swiss system, 2x 1,5 h/40 +30 min + 30s/move, waiting time 1 hour
- E) 16–19 July: Open championship of the Czech Republic of 4-member team tournament – Svatoslav Zahorovsky` s memorial tournament
- without limitations, rating for FIDE and DWZ, max. 2 substitutes
 - 7 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 1,5h + 30s/move, waiting time 1 hour
- F) 24 July: Open 4-member team tournament of youngsters up to 16 years of age
- players born in 2010 and younger, 7 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 15 min + 5 s/move

G1) 22–23 July: Open championship of the Czech Republic in rapid chess

- without limitations, rating for rapid ELO FIDE
- 9 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 20 min. + 10 s/move

G2) 22–23 July: Open rapid tournament

- without limitations, rating for rapid ELO FIDE
- rapid ELO FIDE < 2000 (or ELO FIDE < 2000 for those, who do not have rapid ELO FIDE) or without ELO FIDE
- 9 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 20 min. + 10 s/move

H) 20–21 July: Open championship of the Czech Republic in blitz marathon – Otto Gutdeutsch` s memorial tournament

- without limitations
- each with each (max. 24 hours) + possibly finals according to the number of participants, 2x 5 min

I) 27 July: Open blitz KO tournament

- without limitations, rating for blitz ELO FIDE (except KO)
- 11 rounds by Swiss system + KO, 2 x 3 min.+2s/move

L) 25 July: Open championship of the Czech Republic in bughouse

- pairs of players without limitations
- playing system according to the number of participants, 2x 2 min + 2 s/move (so-called Bronstein system)

M) 21 July: Open championship of the Czech Republic in Fischerandom chess - Vladimir Novak` s memorial tournament

- without limitations
- 7 rounds by Swiss system, 2x 20 min + 10 s/move

N) 22 July: Open super blitz tournament

- without limitations
- 13 double rounds by Swiss system, 2x 3 min

O) 20 July: Open pairs tournament in rapid chess

- pairs of players without limitations
- 7 rounds by Swiss system, 2x 10 min + 5 s/move

Q1–3) 28–30 July: Open blitz tournament series

- 3 separate tournaments, without limitations, rating for blitz ELO FIDE
- 11 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 3 min.+2s/move

R) 31 July: Open 4-member team blitz tournament

- without limitations

- playing system according to the number of participants, 2x 5 min

S) 1 August: open tournament in Raindropchess

- without limitations
- 7 rounds by Swiss system, 2x 15 min

STARTING FEE

(for all tournaments given in EUR):

GM, IM, WGM and WIM have free start in tournaments A, G1, H, L and M

IM with ELO FIDE \geq 2450 and GM conditions upon agreement in A tournament

A (open grandmaster tournament – GM and IM norms)

ELO FIDE	Players accommodated through the organizer	Other players
\geq 2350	64	85
2250–2349	76.5	98
2150–2249	106.5	127.5
2000–2149	* 213	* 234

***Exception:** The organizer reserves the right to accept a player whose ELO does not meet requirements of the tournament.

B (open rating tournament)

ELO FIDE	Players accommodated through the organizer	Other players
2050–2199	64	85
1900–2049	76.5	98
1750–1899	85	106.5
< 1750	* 170	* 191.5

***Exception:** The organizer reserves the right to accept a player whose ELO does not meet requirements of the tournament.

C (open rating tournament)

ELO FIDE	Players accommodated through the organizer	Other players
1600–1799	64	85
< 1600 and without ELO FIDE	85	106.5

30+ (open rating tournament)

Players accommodated through the organizer	Other players
85	106.5

E (4-member team tournament)

starting fee for a team	85
team whose list of players contains only players with GM, IM, WGM and WIM titles or with ELO FIDE \geq 2400	0
starting fee for a player	21.5
starting fee for a player with GM, IM, WGM or WIM title or with ELO FIDE \geq 2400	0

G1 (rapid)

ELO FIDE	starting fee for a player
ELO FIDE \geq 2200	13
ELO FIDE 2000–2200	17
ELO FIDE < 2000	25.5

G2 (rapid) starting fee for a player 17

F (youth teams) starting fee for a team 17

H (marathon) starting fee for a player 21

		refundable deposit	10
I	(blitz + KO)	starting fee for a player	7
L	(Bughouse)	starting fee for a pair	9
M	(Fischer random chess)	starting fee for a player	9
N	(super blitz)	starting fee for a player	7
O	(rapid pairs)	starting fee for a pair	9
Q	(blitz)	starting fee for a player	7
R	(blitz teams)	starting fee for a team	17
S	(raindropchess)	starting fee for a player	5

Discounts: seniors over 65 years of age and women players have in tournaments A, B, C, 30+, G, H, L and M 25% discount, these discounts are not added up and do not refer to additional charge for late registration and exception in the tournament.

Fees for rating of the tournament results for ELO in A, B, C, 30+ (2.5 EUR per player), G, I, Q (0.5 EUR per player) and E (10.5 EUR for a team) charged according to the economic directive of the Chess Federation of the Czech Republic, **are included in the starting fee.**

Late registrations: Those players (or teams) whose application will be registered after 30th of June 2026 will pay additional charge of 13 EUR in A, B, C, 30+ and E tournaments and 4 EUR in G and H tournaments. Applications for other tournaments are not registered and it is possible to register for them only on the day of the launching of the tournament.

Membership in TOP CLUB CZECH OPEN: players who participate in at least five CZECH OPEN chess festivals are becoming members of TOP CLUB CZECH OPEN (by participation for this purpose is meant starting in the main 9-round tournaments for individuals)

Discount on corresponding starting fee in tournaments A, B, C and 30+:

TOP club "35"	TOP club "30"	TOP club "25"	TOP club "20"	TOP club "15"	TOP club "10"	TOP club "5"
35 %	30 %	25 %	20 %	15 %	10 %	5 %

FINANCIAL PRIZES

in thousands CZK (including special financial prizes and prizes for the best players from the Czech Republic, payment in EUR possible, 15% tax will be deducted from prizes in excess of 50 000 CZK):

Tournament	Total	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
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A	250	70	50	40	30	20	15	10	7	5	3
B	40	12	10	7	5	2	2	1	1		
C	30	10	7	5	3	2	1	1	1		
30+	30	10	7	5	3	2	1	1	1		
E	102	25	20	15	10	6	4	2	2		
G1	75	15	10	8	6	4	2	1	1		
G2	5	2	1.5	1	0.5						
H	20	7	5	3	2	1					
I	5	2	1.5	1	0.5						
M	3	1.5	1	0.5							
Q1-3	3	1.5	1	0.5							

Notice: prizes are awarded only during solemn presentation of results

Special financial prizes (CZK)

E – best teams with average ELO 2000–2199, 1800–1999, 1600–1799 and < 1600 (average ELO is counted according to ELO 4 best rated players) will obtain in each of these categories 2 000

G1 – best players with ELO < 2200: 1 500, 1 000, 500

H – best woman: 2 000

Criteria used for ranking and prizes distribution

- **open individual tournaments:** 1. number of points, 2. Buchholz Cut 1, 3. Buchholz, 4. Sonnenborn-Berger, 5. greater number of games played with black (for N tournament greater number of wins).

Financial prizes in tournaments A, B, C, 30+ and G1 are distributed according to Hort system among such number of players which corresponds to the number of advertised prizes in overall ranking.

- **open team tournaments:**

1. number of the match points (win = 2 points, draw 1 point, defeat 0 points), 2. number of game points (score), 3. sum of the board points of all team's opponents, 4. sum of the board points of all opponents defeated plus one half of the board points of all the opponents with which a tied result was achieved, 5. sum of the board points of all the team's opponents, excluding the opponent who scored the highest number of board points and the opponent who scored the lowest number of board points.

By the unpaired lot a team will obtain 2 match points and 50 % of points to the score. If an opponent does not come out, a team will obtain 2 match points and 100 % of points to the score.

Financial prizes for teams, which have the same number of match and game points, are distributed according to Hort system (among such number of players corresponding to number of advertised prizes)

- **blitz marathon H:** 1. number of points, 2. number of wins, 3. mutual match, 4. S.-B., 5. Lot.
- **open pairs tournament O:**
- 1. total of points gained on individual chessboards (so called olympic system), 2. Buchholz Cut 1, 3. Buchholz, 4. Sonnenborn-Berger.

SCHEDULE

Playing days, registration and accommodation times

	THU 16 July	FRI 17 July	SAT 18 July	SUN 19 July	MON 20 July	TUE 21 July	WED 22 July		THU 23 July
Registration	11.00				8.30	8.00	9.00	14.00	14.00
and	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
accommodation	15.30				10.00	8.45	9.45	17.00	20.00
E	1	2, 3	4, 5	6, 7					
G1, G2								1–3	4–9
H					x	x			
M						x			
N							x		
O					x				

	FRI 24 July	SAT 25 July	SUN 26 July	MON 27 July	TUE 28 July	WED 29 July	THU 30 July	FRI 31 July	SAT 1 Aug.
Registration	9.00	9.00		8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.30	8.15
and	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
accommodation	20.00	13.00		8.45	9.45	9.45	9.45	9.00	8.45
A, 30+	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
B, C		1	2, 3	4	5	6	7	8	9

F	X								
I				x					
L		x							
Q1-3					x	x	x		
R								x	
S									x

Playing schedule, results announcement

Tournament	Registration deadline		Playing time	Results announcement	
A, 30+ *	24 July	13.00	24–31 July from 15.00 + 1 Aug. from 13.00	1 Aug.	10.00
B, C *	25 July	13.00	24–31 July from 15.00 + 26 July from 9.00 + 1 Aug. from 13.00	1 Aug.	10.00
E	16 July	15.30	16 July from 17.00, 17–19 July from 9.00 and 15.00	19 July	20.00
F	24 July	9.30	24 July 10.00–16.30	24 July	17.00
G1, G2	22 July	17.00	22 July 17.30–21.30, 23 July 9.00–17.00	23 July	17.45
H	20 July	10.00	20 July 11.00 – 21 July 11.00	21 July	11.30
I	27 July	8.45	27 July 9.00–13.30	27 July	14.00
L	25 July	9.45	25 July 10.00–13.30	25 July	14.00
M	21 July	8.45	21 July 9.00–17.30	21 July	18.00
N	22 July	9.45	22 July 10.00–14.00	22 July	14.30
O	20 July	9.45	20 July 10.00–14.00	20 July	14.30
Q1-3	28–30 July	9.45	28–30 July 10.00–13.00	28–30 July	13.30
R	31 July	9.00	31 July 9.30–13.00	31 July	13.30
S	1 Aug.	8.45	1 Aug. 9.00–12.30	1 Aug.	13.00

* Registration for tournaments A, B, C and 30+ will be possible from 22 July.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation facilities (everywhere Wi-Fi free of charge)	distance from the playing hall	shower + WC	Reception	price for 1 night
			Breakfast	
Dukla youth home ** (from 23 July) 1-bed rooms 2-bed rooms	2 km	on the floor on the floor	Nonstop	32 EUR / room 19 EUR / bed
			no no	
University of Pardubice Dormitory ** 1-bed rooms classic * - block A, B 2-bed rooms classic * - block A, B 1-bed rooms units ** - block A, B 1-bed apartments with a kitchenette ** - block C 2-bed apartments with a kitchenette ** - block C	1.2 km	on the floor on the floor	till 22.00	34 EUR / room 19 EUR / bed
			no no	
		for 2 rooms	no	40.5 EUR / room 51 EUR / room
			yes	
		yes	no	60 EUR / room
		yes	no	
Hurka hotel ** 1-bed rooms with a kitchenette for 2 rooms 2,3-bed rooms with a kitchenette for 2 rooms	4 km	for 2 rooms for 2 rooms	nonstop	32 EUR / room 21.5 EUR / bed
			no no	
Kristl hotel ** garni (from 19 July) 1-bed rooms 2,3-bed rooms	1.8 km	for 2 rooms for 2 rooms	till 20.00	38.5 EUR / room 27.5 EUR / bed
			no no	
Trim hotel *** 1-bed rooms 2-bed rooms 1-bed rooms 2-bed rooms 3-bed rooms	3.3 km	yes yes	nonstop	51 EUR / room 85 EUR / room
			no no	
		for 2 rooms for 2 rooms	no	42.5 EUR / room 55.5 EUR / room
			no	
		for 2 rooms	no	72.5 EUR / room
Senk guest house *** (from 23 July) 1-bed rooms 2-bed rooms 3-bed rooms 3-bed apartments 4-bed apartments	2.8 km	yes yes yes yes yes	till 22.00	55.5 EUR / room 72.5 EUR / room 98 EUR / room 115 EUR / room 127.5 EUR / room
			yes yes yes yes yes	
Arnost hotel *** garni 1-bed rooms with a kitchenette 2-bed rooms with a kitchenette or a balcony 3-bed rooms with a kitchenette 4-bed apartments with a kitchenette	1 km	yes yes yes yes	nonstop	55.5 EUR / room 72.5 EUR / room 98 EUR / room 127.5 EUR / room
			no no no no	
Zlata stika hotel *** 1-bed rooms	1.2 km	yes	nonstop	68 EUR / room
			yes	

2-bed rooms		yes	yes	85 EUR / room
3-bed rooms		yes	yes	119 EUR / room
Labe hotel ***	300 m		nonstop	
1-bed rooms		yes	yes	59.5 EUR / room
2-bed rooms		yes	yes	68 EUR / room
3-bed rooms		yes	yes	85 EUR / room
1-bed rooms new ***+		yes	yes	70 EUR / room
2-bed rooms new ***+		yes	yes	78.5 EUR / room
Stare casy hotel ****+	1 km		till 22.00	
1-bed rooms		yes	yes	68 EUR / room
2-bed rooms		yes	yes	85 EUR / room
1-bed rooms with air-conditioning		yes	yes	81 EUR / room
2-bed rooms with air-conditioning		yes	yes	98 EUR / room
Austria guest house ****+	800 m		till 22.00	
1-bed rooms with air-conditioning		yes	yes	76.5 EUR / room
2-bed rooms with air-conditioning		yes	yes	93.5 EUR / room
3-bed rooms with air-conditioning		yes	yes	119 EUR / room
2-bed apartments with air-conditioning		yes	yes	106.5 EUR / room
3-bed apartments with air-conditioning		yes	yes	132 EUR / room
4-bed apartments with air-conditioning		yes	yes	161.5 EUR / room
Euro hotel ****	1.4 km		nonstop	
1-bed rooms with air-conditioning		yes	yes	106.5 EUR / room
2-bed rooms with air-conditioning		yes	yes	119 EUR / room
3-bed rooms with air-conditioning		yes	yes	149 EUR / room

Accommodated persons over the age of 18 pay the municipal fee in the amount of 30 CZK / night (~ 1.25 EUR) upon arrival at the reception.

OTHER INFORMATION

Complete on-line your obligatory applications together with accommodation orders by 30th June 2026 on <https://www.czechopen.net/en/information/applications> or send them by e-mail to office@avechess.cz.

All foreign players must have an assigned FIDE identification number (abbreviation FIDE ID or FID) at the time of the submission of the application form. If they do not have it, they have to apply their national chess federation for it.

Starting fee and accommodation payments will be collected during the registration in cash in EUR (at the amount given in these regulations), **CZK** (in the rate 23.5:1 compared to prices given in these regulations) **or USD or by debit and credit cards:** Eurocard/Master Card, Maestro, VISA, VISA Electron, JCB or Diners Club. The organizer can ask for the advance payment with some kinds of accommodation.

Attending the registration is mandatory for all participants.

Discount on starting fee and accommodation price - 5% discount in 2nd start in the tournament held within the frame of this year CZECH TOUR Series, or 10% in 3rd start, 15% in 4th start etc. (only starts from all tournaments for individuals played with rating min. 2 x 1,5h + 30s/move are counted).

Playing halls, place of registration, accommodation and secretariat: enteria arena (ice hockey stadium), Sukova trida 1735, Pardubice

Transport: connection from the railway station by trolleybus no. 3 or bus no. 10, 16, 17 (4th stop).

Refreshments: festival party tent

Internet: during the whole festival wireless Internet access available free of charge

Chess equipment distribution in premises of the festival is allowed only **after previous written agreement**.

Tournaments in bridge, go, draughts, backgammon, gomoku and other games will take place within the frame of the festival.

More detailed information at the internet festival web site www.czechopen.net/en

On-line broadcast: www.czechopen.net/en/live-games

Interesting things: Facebook – [AVE CHESS](#), [Czech Open EN](#), Instagram – [AVE CHESS](#)

By participating in the tournament, the player gives the organizer the right to take photos and videos with his person and to use them.

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