

TORUNAMENT REGULATIONS

Children's Rapid chess Tournament "Ardino to move"

1. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The tournament is organized on the occasion of International Children's Day with the aim of:

- Popularization and development of the game of chess among children and youth.
- Providing an opportunity for performance and increasing competitive experience.
- Validation of the achieved results for the international rapid chess rating (FIDE Rapid Rating).
- Establishing the city of Ardino as a center for children's sports and chess culture.

2. ORGANIZERS AND ARBITERS

- **Organizers:** Chess Club "Arda" and Community Center "Rhodopska Iskra".
- **Venue:** Ardino, Yunak Sports Hall.
- **Tournament Director:** Dr. Nedim Ismailov
- **Refereeing:** Licensed Arbiter`s team. The decisions of the head Arbiter are final and can be appealed in written format within the tournament.

Chief Arbiter: **Kamran Bilyal** 2935236

3. RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE

are under **the age of 16 as of May 31, 2026** can participate in the tournament .

- All participants must have a **FIDE ID** number. Bulgarian competitors without one will be registered in the FIDE database.
- Paid organizational fee: **15 euros** .

4. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

- **System:** Swiss system in **7 rounds** .

- **Pairings:** FIDE endorsed software.
- **Game control:** 15 minutes per player for the entire game with an added time of 5 seconds for each move, starting from the first.
- **Waiting time:** The waiting time for a player is **10 minutes** from the announced starting time of the respective round. A player who does not appear at the chessboard within the specified waiting time shall forfeit the game, unless the arbiter decides otherwise in good faith. If both players have not appeared at the start of the game, the time of the player with the white pieces shall begin to run from the announced starting time of the round, in accordance with the applicable rules.
- **Validity:** The tournament will be registered for international rating in the FIDE Rapid Chess Rankings.

5. RANKING AND ADDITIONAL TIE-BREAKS

Ranking is based on the number of points earned (1 for a win, 0.5 for a draw, 0 for a loss). In the event of a tie in points, the following additional indicators are applied in descending order:

1. Result in the direct games (if everyone in the group has played each other);
2. Buchholz (-1) – the sum of the opponents' points, excluding the worst result;
3. Buchholz (full);
4. A greater number of victories;
5. Sonneborn-Berger.

6. PRIZE FUND

The organizers provide cups, medals, prizes and cash prizes for the following categories:

- **General ranking:** I, II and III place (Cups, medals, prizes and cash prizes).
- **Age groups (boys and girls)**

Awards

Prize pool: 1000 euros , distributed in **the general standings** as follows:

- 🥇 1st place – **300 €**
- 🥈 2nd place – **200 €**
- 🥉 3rd place – **150 €**

Awards by age group

For each age group **U8, U10, U12, U14 and U16** the following are awarded:

- 🥇 1st place – **30 €**
- 🥈 2nd place – **20 €**
- 🥉 3rd place – **10 €**

Additional conditions:

A competitor is entitled to only one cash prize.

If qualifying for more than one prize, the participant receives **the highest value** .

- **Special Awards:** The organizers reserve the right to award additional consolation prizes. **Note: The general restriction is under **16 years of age on the day of the tournament.***

7. SCHEDULE (May 31, 2026)

Hour	Event
08:30 – 09:30	Registration confirmation and fee payment
09:45	Technical conference and official opening
10:00	First round
11:00 – 17:30	Rounds II – VII (according to schedule announced on site)
18:00 (approx.)	Official awards and closing ceremony

8. REGISTRATION

Applications for participation are accepted until **31.05.2026** at the following contacts:

- **Email:** k.bilyal@outlook.com

- **Phone:** +359 895474730 in written format via Viber or WhatsApp
- **Required data:** Three names, date of birth, and/or FIDE ID (if available).

9. ETHICS AND DISCIPLINE

- Each participant is obliged to comply with the rules of chess, good manners, sportsmanlike behavior and the instructions of the referee team and the organizers.
- **The use of mobile phones, smart watches, headphones and any other electronic devices** is strictly prohibited during a game . Violations are sanctioned according to FIDE rules and the instructions of the head arbiter.
- The tournament will be governed by the **FIDE Fair Play Rules** . Any action that violates the principles of fair play, as well as any unsportsmanlike conduct, may result in a warning, loss of game or **disqualification** , at the discretion of the refereeing team.
- During a game, **the presence of parents, coaches, chaperones and other outsiders in the playing area is prohibited** , unless expressly permitted by the organizers or the head referee.
- Competitors who have finished their game are considered spectators and must **immediately leave the playing area** . They are not allowed to linger around the tables, comment on games or interfere with other competitors.
- By participating in the tournament, **the competitors and their parents/guardians** declare that they are familiar with these regulations and agree to the taking of photographs and video materials during the event, which may be used by Each competitor participates in the tournament at their own risk and with the knowledge and consent of a parent/guardian.
- **Parents/guardians** are responsible for the participant's health and declare that the child has no medical contraindications to participating in a chess competition.
- **Each** participant must have valid medical insurance or health insurance, in accordance with applicable requirements and the personal judgment of the parent/guardian.
- **The organizers** are not responsible for health problems occurring as a result of pre-existing illnesses or conditions that were not previously reported.
- If necessary, the organizers will assist in providing first aid and/or contacting emergency medical services.
- **Parents/guardians** are required to notify the organizers in advance if there are any specific health conditions, allergies, chronic illnesses or other circumstances that may be relevant to the participant's safety.

- **The organizers** are not responsible for lost, damaged or unattended personal belongings of participants, companions and guests.
- **Participants and companions** are required to comply with safety rules, public order and the instructions of the organizers in the sports hall.
- In the event of **force majeure** circumstances or a situation threatening the safety of the participants, the organizers have the right to change the program, temporarily interrupt or terminate the tournament.

10. Tournament Committee

a Tournament Committee is established , which assists the organizers and the referee team in resolving organizational and procedural issues.

The tournament committee is approved before the start of the first round and is announced at the technical conference or in another appropriate manner to the participants and their companions.

The Tournament Committee may include representatives of the organizers, judges, coaches, club leaders or other competent persons who are relevant to the conduct of the competition.

the age of 21 can be a member of the Tournament Committee .

The Tournament Committee shall consider any issues, complaints or cases that arise that are not explicitly regulated in these regulations, when they are of an organizational or procedural nature.

The Tournament Committee does not override the authority of the Chief Arbiter in matters relating to the application of the Laws of Chess during a game. The Chief Arbiter's decisions on game situations are made in accordance with the current FIDE Laws.

If necessary, the Tournament Committee may meet with at least three members. Decisions are made by a simple majority of the members present.

In the event of a conflict of interest, a member of the Tournament Committee is not entitled to participate in the consideration and decision-making on the specific case.

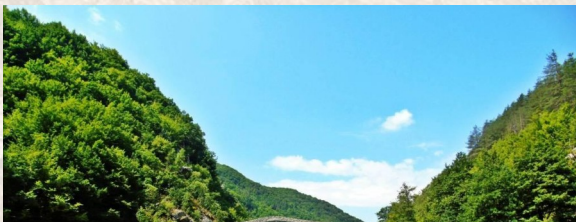
Complaints and objections are submitted in writing to the head judge or to the Tournament Committee within a deadline set by the organizers, which is within **10** minutes after the end of the respective round.

The decisions of the Tournament Committee are announced in a timely manner and are binding on the participants, their companions and all persons associated with the tournament.

These regulations enter into force from the date of their publication and are mandatory for all participants and persons related to the holding of the tournament.

Organizing Committee: "Arda" Chess club & Community Center / "Rhodopska Iskra"

Ardino and attractions in the area:



The Devil's Bridge is the emblem of the Ardino municipality and one of the most famous monuments of Rhodope architectural art; according to the municipality's website, its construction was completed at the beginning of the 16th century.




Orlovi Skali is a Thracian sanctuary near Ardino, known for its rock niches. Various tourist sources describe it as a site about 1.5–2 km from the town.

The town of **Ardino** and its surroundings offer participants, parents and guests the opportunity to combine the chess festival with a short walk among some of the most beautiful places in the Eastern Rhodopes.



Among the most popular landmarks in the area are the **Devil's Bridge** , **Eagle Rocks** , the **"White Birches"** tourist complex , as well as the beautiful natural views along the Arda River.

The background features a large, faint illustration of a chess knight and a king piece on a checkered board. In the background, there is a landscape with a stone bridge over a river, rolling hills, and trees. The entire scene is framed by a decorative border with floral motifs in the corners.

11. Accommodation and hotel conditions

Note: The information provided is for informational purposes only. Participants and guests should contact the selected venue in advance to confirm availability, current prices and accommodation conditions.

Accommodation	Address / area	Phone
Accommodation rooms	Katino village, Borovitsa village, Ardino municipality	0878 702444
Asara Family Hotel	TC "White Birches", Ardino	0887 723998

Accommodation	Address / area	Phone
Guest apartment	9 Ivan Vazov Street, entrance B, Ardino	0895 077253
Guest Rooms "Konak"	4, Beli Brezi Street, Ardino	0899 891921
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Mountain View Hotel	Yabalkovets village, Ardino municipality	0897 920666
Family hotel	50 "Beli Brezi" Street, Ardino	0887 241359
Guest rooms	25 Ivan Vazov Street, Ardino	0876 257646
Family Hotel "Emona"	Municipal market, sector "G", town of Ardino	0894 215582
Benelux Guest Apartment	10A Sofia Street, Ardino	0886 904887
Guest rooms	1 Georgitsa Karastoyanova Street, Ardino	0888 422061
Guest house	Borovitsa village, Ardino municipality	0879 939392
Cozy Guest Room	"Zavet" district No. 244, Ardino town	—
Guest house	village of Garbishte No. 120, Ardino municipality	0888 149209
Guest Rooms "Ardino"	13A Targovska Street, Ardino	03651 4175
Family Hotel "Detelina"	"Beli Brezi" district No. 1, Ardino town	0899 892064