

V INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL
„GEORGI RAKOVSKI”
(KOTEL 01.07 – 05.07. 2026)

Playing Venue: The town of Kotel, Sports facility of MS „Georgi Stoykov Rakovski“, „Atanas Belopahov - uchitel“ street №1

Organizers: Municipality of Kotel

Competition system and Rights of Participation: The tournament will be held in 9 rounds according to the Swiss System. All Bulgarians and all outlanders with a FIDE STANDARD Rating not bigger than 2399 (<2400) who are approved by the organizers will have the right to participate in the tournament.

Time-control: 60 minutes for game + 30 seconds increment from move 1

Tournament fee:

40 EURO for everyone else who wishes to participate

Prizes:

The prize fund is guaranteed!

MAIN PRIZES:

1st Place – 1000 EURO
2nd Place – 700 EURO
3rd Place – 500 EURO
4th Place – 400 EURO
5th Place – 300 EURO
6th Place – 250 EURO
7th Place – 200 EURO
8th Place – 200 EURO

SPECIAL PRIZES:

CATEGORY	I PRICE	II PRICE
Seniors over 60 years old	120 EURO	100 EURO
Woman	100 EURO	100 euro voucher for Modern chess
FIDE STANDARD RATING from 0 to 1800	100 EURO	100 euro voucher for Modern chess
FIDE STANDARD RATING from 1801 to 2000	100 EURO	100 euro voucher for Modern chess
FIDE STANDARD RATING from 2001 to 2200	100 EURO	100 euro voucher for Modern chess
Male or Female teenager under 18 years old	100 EURO	100 euro voucher for Modern chess
Children under 14 years old	100 EURO	100 euro voucher for Modern chess
Local player	50 EURO	-

The prize winners in the age categories under 8, under 10 and under 12 years old will be awarded medals!

PROGRAMME OF THE TOURNAMENT

DATE	TIME	ROUND
01.07.2026 (wednesday)	From 10:00 to 12:00 12:30 13:00 16:30	Registration of the participants. Technical Conference First round Second round
02.07.2026 (thursday)	10:00 13:30 17:00	Third round Fourth round BLITZ TOURNAMENT
03.07.2026 (friday)	10:00 15:00	Fifth round Sixth round
04.07.2026 (saturday)	10:00 15:00	Seventh round Eighth round
05.07.2026 (sunday)	10:00 15:00	Ninth round Closing ceremony and awarding of prizes

In between the chess festival Blitz tournament will be organized.

On 2 July Blitz tournament with time-control 3 minutes for game + 2 seconds increment from move 1. The right to participate have all chess players who have paid the entry fee of **15 EURO!**

Prizes: I – 120 EURO, II – 100 EURO, III – 70 EURO, IV – 60 EURO, V – 50 EURO, VI – 50 EURO, VII – 40 EURO, VIII – 30 EURO.

Applications for participation in the chess festival will be accepted no later than 28 June 2026 e-mail: miroslav_mitev90@abv.bg

Organizers retain the right to make any kind of changes in the regulations!