



4th INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL "VOJVODINA OPEN 2026"

Novi Sad, June 25 - July 2, 2026

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. Organizer, Date, and Venue

The Chess Federation of Vojvodina, under the patronage of the Provincial Secretariat for Sports and Youth, organizes the 4th International Chess Festival "VOJVODINA OPEN 2026" from June 25 to July 2, 2026.

The tournament will be held in the Ceremonial Hall on the 1st floor of SPC Vojvodina ("SPENS") in Novi Sad (Sutjeska 2 Street).

2. Eligibility

All chess players, regardless of title or rating, are eligible to participate. The tournament consists of two groups:

- Group A: Players with a minimum standard rating of 2000.
 - Group B: Players with a maximum standard rating of 2100.
- Players rated between 2000 and 2100 may choose their group.

The valid rating is the one on the registration/payment date. Players who pay the entry fee will not be affected by rating changes before the tournament.

The organizer reserves the right to allow 15 players (1901–1999 rating) in Group A, prioritized by the date of entry fee payment.

3. Tournament System, Time Control, Norms, and Rating

Both groups will play a 9-round Swiss system.

Group A: Time control: 90 minutes for 40 moves + 15 minutes for the rest of the game, with a 30-second increment per move from move 1.

Group B: Time control: 90 minutes for the entire game + 30-second increment per move from move 1.

In both groups, players may request one bye (0.5 points) in the first six rounds if announced in advance. Group A offers norms for all FIDE titles. Both tournaments are FIDE-rated.

4. Schedule

Thursday, June 25	15:00 – Deadline for mandatory confirmation 17:00 – Opening ceremony Round 1 (after opening)
Friday, June 26	10:00 – Rapid tournament (first 4 rounds) 17:00 – Round 2
Saturday, June 27	10:00 – Rapid tournament (final 3 rounds) 17:00 – Round 3
Sunday, June 28	10:00 – Round 4 17:00 – Round 5
Monday, June 29	10:00 – Blitz tournament (9 rounds) 17:00 – Round 6
Tuesday, June 30	17:00 – Round 7
Wednesday, July 1	17:00 – Round 8
Thursday, July 2	10:00 – Round 9 15:30 – Closing ceremony & prize distribution

5. Prizes

Total prize fund: €7,000 (32 prizes).

Group A Prizes (10 regular + 4 special prizes): €5,150

1st: €1,000; 2nd: €800; 3rd: €700; 4th: €600; 5th: €500; 6th: €400; 7th: €300; 8th: €200; 9th: €150; 10th: €100

Special Prizes (Group A): Best women: €150, €100

Best veterans (born 1960 or earlier): €100, €50

Group B Prizes (10 regular + 8 special prizes): €1,850

1st: €400; 2nd: €300; 3rd: €200; 4th: €150; 5th: €150; 6th: €100; 7th: €80; 8th: €70; 9th: €60; 10th: €50

Special Prizes (Group B): Best U1650: €50, €30

Best 1651–1900: €50, €30

Best veterans (born 1960 or earlier): €50, €30

Best cadets (born 2007 or later): €30, €20

The player can win only one prize and the highest in terms of money. Suppose the player acquires the right to two equal cash prizes. In that case, he/she will win the one listed according to the order in the Tournament regulations.

In a case of a tie, prizes for participants that won 7 or more points in the "A" group will be divided according to the "Hort" principle. In contrast, other prizes will be divided according to additional criteria defined in the Tournament Rules.

6. Registration fees

"A" tournament:

Category	Accommodated in the hotel:	Not accommodated in a hotel:
GM, WGM	0 €	0€
IM, WIM, 2450+	30 €	60 €
2200+	50 €	80 €
2100+	60 €	90 €
2000+	90 €	120 €
1900+ (15only!)	120 €	150 €

"B" tournament:

All participants 30 € 60 €

7. Accommodation

All players must book accommodation through the organizer. Those arranging their own lodging pay an additional €30 entry fee. **Special conditions for GMs (2400+) – limited availability.**

Hotel "Putnik" (3*) – 750m from venue (10 min walk)

Single room: €49/night (breakfast included)

Double room: €34/person/night

Lunch/dinner supplement: €10/meal

8. Transfers

Airport transfers (Belgrade to hotel):

1–3 persons: €70 (one way) / €120 (round trip)

Larger groups: Price on request.

9. Payment security and anti-cheating measures

Anti-cheating measures will be fully and thoroughly implemented at the tournament, in accordance with the FIDE rules. All measures will be elaborated in more detail in the rules of the competition.

In case of cancellation, the money paid for the hotel will be returned with the attached documentation as proof of the reason for the cancellation, while the money paid for the registration fee is non-refundable.

10. Other competitions

As can be seen from the Schedule (item 4), the rapid tournament and blitz tournament will be held during the festival. Regulations for those competitions will be published later in separate documents.

11. Payments

All payments for accommodation and registration fees are made through the account of the Chess Federation of Vojvodina:

BENEFICIARY:

IBAN: RS35340000001100859429

NAME: ŠAHOVSKI SAVEZ VOJVODINE, MASARIKOVA 25, NOVI SAD

ACCOUNT OF THE BENEFICIARY WITH:

ERSTE BANK a.d. NOVI SAD (SRB), BULEVAR OSLOBODJENJA 7

SWIFT CODE: GIBARS22

IMPORTANT NOTICE: ALL THE TRANSFER FEES AND PROVISIONS ARE IN CHARGE OF THE PAYER!

12. Information, registration and reservations

Applications and accommodation reservations must be received no later than **Monday, June 22nd**. All information about the tournament can be obtained via the CF Vojvodina website:

www.vojvodinachess.net

Tournament director: **Danko Bokan**, secretary of the CFV

Additional information, registration and accommodation reservation:

vojvodinachessopen@gmail.com

Tournament office (weekdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.):

Phone (Viber/whatsapp): **+381 64 16 48 180** (contact person: **IA Jasna Šakotić**)