

## 6<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CHESS FESTIVAL

# "SERBIA OPEN 2026"

Belgrade, July 13<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.

## TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

### 1. Organizer, date and playing venue

From July 13<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, the Chess Federation of Serbia, under the patronage of the Ministry of Sports, is organizing the 6<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL SUMMER CHESS FESTIVAL called "SERBIA OPEN 2026". The tournament will be held at the "Metropol Palace" hotel (Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra 69).

### 2. Tournaments

#### a) "MASTERS" tournament (6<sup>th</sup> INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP OF SERBIA)

The tournament will be played from July 13<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> (one round each day with one day off).

**The right to participate in the tournament is given to all chess players, regardless of title and rating, who have a minimum standard rating of 2000 on the day of registration.** The organizer reserves the right to accept a maximum of ten female chess players with a rating of 1900 or higher on the day of registration.

The tournament is played in 9 rounds according to the Swiss system and it is rated by FIDE. The rate of play is 90 minutes per player for 40 moves plus 30 minutes until the end of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds for each move played, starting from the first. The tournament provides conditions to acquire norms for all international titles. In the first 6 rounds, it is possible to take a half point bye.

**The organizer foresees special conditions for players with GM (WGM) titles, with appearance fees depending on their rating at the time of registration:**

- GM with rating 2250–2400: €200;
- GM with rating 2401–2450: €250;
- GM with rating 2451–2500: €300;
- GM with rating 2501–2550: €350;
- GM with rating 2551–2600: €500;
- GM with rating 2601–2625: €750;
- GM with rating 2626–2650: €1,000;
- GM with rating 2650+: €1,500.

The same conditions apply to female chess players with IM or WGM titles, with a rating reduction of 150 points. The number of these places is limited.

**Prizes: the total fund amounts to €20,500 (15 regular and 8 special prizes)**

**REGULAR PRIZES: €17,000**

1 <sup>st</sup> prize: €5,000	5 <sup>th</sup> prize: €1,200	9 <sup>th</sup> prize: €500	13 <sup>th</sup> prize: €200
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize: €3,000	6 <sup>th</sup> prize: €900	10 <sup>th</sup> prize: €400	14 <sup>th</sup> prize: €200
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize: €2,000	7 <sup>th</sup> prize: €750	11 <sup>th</sup> prize: €300	15 <sup>th</sup> prize: €200
4 <sup>th</sup> prize: €1,500	8 <sup>th</sup> prize: €600	12 <sup>th</sup> prize: €250	

**SPECIAL PRIZES: € 3,500**

**WOMEN: €2,900**

1 <sup>st</sup> prize: €1,000	4 <sup>th</sup> prize: €350
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize: €750	5 <sup>th</sup> prize: €250
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize: €550	

**VETERANS: €600**

1 <sup>st</sup> prize: €250
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize: €200
3 <sup>rd</sup> prize: €150

**Registration fees:**

Categories of participants	Accommodated through the organizer	Not accommodated through the organizer
GM, WGM	€0	€0
IM, 2450+	€30	€80
2200+	€60	€110
2100+	€80	€130
2000+	€ 120	€ 170

**b) "CHALLENGERS" tournament**

The tournament will be played from July 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> (two days double round).

Chess players with a rating **between 1700 and 2300** at the time of registration (no exceptions) have the right to participate in the tournament.

The tournament is played according to the Swiss system in **9 rounds** and is rated by FIDE. The rate of play is 60 minutes for each player with an additional 30 seconds for each move, counting from the first one. In the first 6 rounds, it is possible to take a half point bye.

**PRIZES €3,000; (10 regular and 6 special prizes):**

**REGULAR** (€2,460): 700, 500, 350, 250, 200, 150, 100, 80, 70, 60 €

**RATING TO 1900** (€270): 120, 100, 50

**WOMEN** (€270): 120, 100, 50

**Registration fee:** €40 for all participants (€65 for participants who are not accommodated through the organizer).

**c) "AMATEURS" tournament**

The tournament will be played from July 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> (two days double round).

Chess players with a **maximum rating of 1800** at the time of registration and payment of the registration fee have the right to participate in the tournament.

The tournament is played according to the Swiss system in **9 rounds** and is rated by FIDE. The rate of play is 60 minutes for each player with an additional 30 seconds for each move, counting from the first one. In the first 6 rounds, it is possible to take a half point bye.

**PRIZES** (€1,000; 9 prizes): €250, €200, €150, €100, €80, €70, €60, €50, €40

**Registration fee:** €25 for all participants (€35 for participants who are not accommodated through the organizer).

**d) Rating tournament – 6 rounds**

The tournament will be played from July 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> (two days double round).

Chess players with a **maximum rating of 2300** at the time of registration have the right to participate in the tournament. In the first 4 rounds, it is possible to take a half point bye.

The tournament is played according to the Swiss system in 6 rounds and is rated by FIDE. The rate of play is 60 minutes for each player with an additional 30 seconds for each move, counting from the first one.

**PRIZES €2,000; (8 regular and 6 special prizes):**

**REGULAR (€1,700):** 500, 350, 250, 200, 150, 150, 100, 100 €

**RATING UP TO 1800 (€300):** €150, 100, 50

**RATING UP TO 2100 (€300):** €150, 100, 50

**Registration fee:** €30 for all participants

#### f) Qualifying blitz tournaments

Six tournaments are played every evening (9:00 p.m.) from July 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, except on July 18<sup>th</sup> (11 rounds, 3 min. + 2 sec. per game).

Registration fee: RSD 600

Prize fund: 100% of the registration fee

The five first-place finishers from each tournament (who did not previously qualify) advance to the final tournament. The organizer delegates two players of their choice to the final tournament.

#### g) Final blitz tournament

The tournament will be played **on July 21<sup>st</sup>** at 9:00 p.m.

32 players are participating (30 from the qualifiers and 2 at the invitation of the organizers).

Matches are played in two games (3 min + 2 sec), in case of a 1:1 result, "Armageddon" is played (3/2). A player leaves the tournament when he loses 2 matches.

**Prize fund (€1,800):** 1st prize €500; 2. €300; 3 – 6. €100; 7 – 10. €75; 11 – 16. €50;

#### h) Rapid tournament

The tournament will be played **on July 18<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 p.m. (Swiss system, 9 rounds at a rate of play 10 min + 5 sec).

**PRIZES (€2,000; 12 PRIZES):** 500, 400, 300, 200, 150, 120, 100, 80, 60, 40, 30, 20 €.

Registration fee: €15 for all participants.

### 3. Schedule of all tournaments

	13.07.	14.07.	15.07.	16.07.	17.07.	18.07.	19.07.	20.07.	21.07.	22.07.
<b>Masters</b>	1 r. (16,00)	2 r. (16,00)	3 r. (16,00)	4 r. (16,00)	5 r. (16,00)		6 r. (16,00)	7 r. (16,00)	8 r. (16,00)	9 r. (10,00)
<b>Challengers</b>	1 r. (16,00)	2 r. (10,00)	4 r. (16,00)	5 r. (16,00)	6 r. (10,00)	8 r. (10,00)	9 r. (10,00)			
		3 r. (16,00)			7 r. (16,00)					
<b>Amateurs</b>	1 r. (16,00)	2 r. (10,00)	4 r. (16,00)	5 r. (16,00)	6 r. (10,00)	8 r. (10,00)	9 r. (10,00)			
		3 r. (16,00)			7 r. (16,00)					
<b>Rating</b>							1 r. (16,00)	2 r. (10,00)	4 r. (10,00)	6 r. (10,00)
							3 r. (16,00)	5 r. (16,00)		
<b>Blitz qual.</b>		21,00	21,00	21,00	21,00		21,00	21,00		
<b>Rapid</b>						16,30				
<b>Blitz fin.</b>									21,00	

#### 4. Accommodation

The displayed prices of the proposed hotels do not include the tourist tax, which amounts to RSD 160 per person per day and is paid directly at the hotel.

After making the reservation through the organizer, the participant will receive a pro-forma invoice with instructions for hotel payment. Tourist tax in the amount of €1.35 per person per day is paid directly at the hotel reception upon check-in.

##### Suggested hotels

a) "METROPOL PALACE" 5\* (the hotel where the tournament is played, Kralja Aleksandra Blv. 69)

[www.metropolpalace.com](http://www.metropolpalace.com)

Price of overnight stay with breakfast:

**Single room: €120**

**Double room: €65 per person per day**

The price includes: free high-speed internet, free use of the swimming pool, fitness and spa center.

b) "NOBEL PALACE HOTEL" 4\* (Ruzveltova str. 23, 600 m or 6 minutes on foot from the hotel "Metropol Palace") - <https://nobelpalace.rs/>

Price of overnight stay with breakfast:

**Single room: €85**

**Double room: €49 per person per day**

b) "KOD VUKA HOSTEL" (Kralja Aleksandra Blv. 75, 600 m or 6 minutes on foot from the hotel "Metropol Palace")

All rooms have a toilet, air conditioning, Wi-Fi internet, and a TV. Meals are also available at a price of €8 per meal.

Price of overnight stay with breakfast:

**Single room: €44**

**Double room: €29 per person per day**

#### 5. Transfer

The price of a vehicle (1-3 persons) from the airport to the hotel is 30 Euros, and the same applies for the return trip. For specific rides, we provide the offer upon request.

#### 6. Payments

All entry fee payments should be made through bank accounts of the Chess Federation of Serbia.

**Account owner:** Chess Federation of Serbia, Nušićeva 25/II, 11000 Belgrade (Serbia)

**Name and address of the bank:** Banca Intesa AD, Milentija Popovica 7B, Belgrade (Serbia)

**Swift the code banks (BIC):** DBDBRSBG

**IBAN:** RS35160005080003775935

**Bank commission costs are borne by the person making the payment!**

#### 7. Information, applications and accommodation reservations

Zvaničan sajt turnira: <https://serbiachessopen.com/>

All information can be obtained via the tournament's official email:

[serbiaopen@serbiachess.org](mailto:serbiaopen@serbiachess.org)

**Applications and accommodation reservations are received no later than Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.**

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