



Tatrafest 2025

Tatra Cup: 05.10. – 12.10.2025

TatraBlitz: 09.10.2025

71th Tatra Cup

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Hotel SOREA Hutník***, Tatranské Matliare, Slovak Republic

Tournament director

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Organizer

OBLs Ltd. in cooperation with ŠK Dúbravan

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1. Basic information

- 1.1. Date: 5. October 2025 – 12. October 2025
- 1.2. Total prize fund: 2.500€
- 1.3. Rounds: 9
- 1.4. Time control: 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.
- 1.5. Venue: Hotel SOREA Hutník***
Tatranské Matliare, Vysoké Tatry, Slovakia
www.sorea.sk/vysoke-tatry/hotel-sorea-hutnik-i
49° 10' 36" N
20° 17' 8.5" E

2. Participation

- 2.1. Entry fee:
 - 0 € - GM and WGM
 - 20 € - IM and WIM (0 EUR in case of accommodation via www.tatrafest.sk)
 - 35 € - juniors (born 2007 and younger); seniors (born 1960 and older)
 - 50 € - regular fee

Payment must be made until 20. September 2025 by card payment or bank transfer, the details will be given after the online registration.

For payments later than 20. September 2025 a 15 € surplus is applied.
- 2.3. Registration: Every player, who paid the entry fee, must be personally presented prior the tournament during the Attendance control (see 4.2.). Each attended player must have a FIDE ID. Not presented player during the Attendance control can join the tournament from the round specified by the Chief arbiter.
- 2.4. Cancellation policy: The registration fee will be refunded (with a deduction of 10 € to cover the handling costs) when participation is withdrawn in a written form by e-mail: at info@tatrafest.sk before September 20, 2025. No refund will be granted after this date.

3. Prizes

The prize fund is 2.500 € as outline below:

- 3.1. **Seven main prizes:**
 - 1. Rank: 500€,**
 - 2. Rank: 400€, 3. Rank: 300€, 4. Rank: 200€, 5. Rank: 150€, Ranks 6.-7.: 100€.
- 3.2. Twelve special prizes in following categories: 1. female players, 2. Juniors (born 2007 and younger), 3. Seniors (born 1960 and older), 4. players with ELO < 2000 (October 2025).
Prizes in categories: 1. Rank: 100 €, 2. Rank: 60 €, 3. Rank: 40€.
Category prizes will be only if the category is attended by at least 10 participants.
- 3.3. **A player can get several prizes listed in 3.1, 3.2.**
- 3.4. The requirement for getting any prize is the attendance at the Prize Awards ceremony and photo shoot of winners. Financial prizes will be paid by bank transfer to a bank account, which the awarded participant declared the organizer in written form at the Prize Awards Ceremony, or to a bank account, from which the awarded participant has paid the entry fee.
- 3.5. Prices are not taxed according to taxation law of Slovak Republic no. 595/2003 Z. z. „o dani z príjmov v znení neskorších predpisov” while the winner will tax the price.
- 3.6. The organizer can proportionally reduce the prize fund and financial prizes in the case if the total amount of the paid entry fee will not cover the amount of financial prizes. While the total amount of financial prizes will not be lower than the total amount of the paid entry fee and the first-place award will not be reduced.

4. System of play

- 4.1. Open FIDE rated tournament for players with a FIDE-ID.
- 4.2. Tournament schedule:
 - 5.10.2025 (Sunday): 16:00 – 17:00 Attendance control; 18:00 Opening ceremony and round 1
 - 6.10.2025: 18:00 Round 2
 - 7.10.2025 (Tuesday): 09:00 Round 3, 18:00 Round 4
 - 8.10.2025: 18:00 Round 5
 - 8.10.2025: 14:00 Round 6**
 - 10.-11.10.2025: 18:00 Rounds 7.-8.
 - 12.10.2025 (Sunday): 09:00 Round 9., 14:15 Prize Awards ceremony

Accompanying events:

- 6.10. (Tuesday) 17:55 Group photo session
 - 9.10. (Thursday) 9:00 Chess tournament TatraBlitz
 - 9.10. (Thursday) 19:00 Unofficial social evening
- 4.3. The tournament will be played in 9 rounds, Swiss system, Swiss-Manager will be used for pairings.
 - 4.4. The playing time will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.
 - 4.5. Digital chess clocks will be used.
 - 4.6. Live broadcast of the first 8 boards at www.chess.sk.
 - 4.7. The tournament will be played according to the FIDE laws of chess.
 - 4.8. Default time is 30 minutes after the start of each round.
 - 4.9. In the playing area is forbidden eating, smoking and the consumption of alcohol and other narcotic psychotropic substances. Smoking is permitted only in the section of the venue designated by the hotel, where the tournament takes place.
 - 4.10. The players are allowed to have electronic devices, which are switched off, in the playing area according to 11.3.2.1 FIDE laws of chess.
 - 4.11. Players, arbiters and everyone in the playing area have to follow the appropriate dress code, while the clothing must not promote violence or any other kind of publicly disproportionate behavior.
 - 4.12. The chief arbiter can impose a fine in amount of 30 € for every kind of interference of the third-party in the game.
 - 4.13. At the beginning of the competition, the tournament director will nominate an Appeals committee according to Competition rules of Slovak chess federation. The player can lodge the appeal in accordance with Competition rules of Slovak chess federation. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 20 €; otherwise, the committee will not take review the protest. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.
 - 4.14. Criteria determining the final ranking (Tie-breaks): 1. Score; 2. Buchholz (Cut 1); 3. The greatest number of wins; 4. Mutual game; 5. The greater average of ratings of the opponents, 6. Lot (in case of a financial prize)
 - 4.15. A player can bypass a round scoring ½ point, if the player informs the chief arbiter about his demand before pairings for that round is made. This opportunity does not apply to the last 2 rounds.
 - 4.16. The tournament director is obliged to take all necessary measures for the smooth running of the tournament.

5. Safety and hygienical requirements

- 5.1. The tournament will be held in accordance with current and local regulations of the authorities.
- 5.2. In case the organizer has an opportunity to decide on some concrete safety or hygienical related regulations, the right to decide on this regulation has the Tournament director, with respect to the requirements designated by the hotel, where the tournament takes place.

6. Registration

- 6.1. Registration for the tournament is done electronically on the website www.tatrafest.sk, where accommodation and meals at Hotel SOREA Hutník*** can also be booked. Registration will open no later than 15.6.2025.
- 6.2. The organizer has secured accommodation and meals for players and their accompanying persons in cooperation with Hotel SOREA Hutník***. The organizer facilitates accommodation only until the capacity of Hotel SOREA Hutník*** is reached. More information can be found on the website www.tatrafest.sk.