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## **International Team Rapid Championships 2026**

### **1. Announcement and Participation Rights**

This is the official invitation to all participants of the FIDE World Cadet and Youth & Blitz Chess Championships to take part in the **Team Rapid Championships 2026**, which will be organized in 3 (three) groups:

**Team Rapid U10:** (Open & Girls), player's date of birth: **January 1<sup>st</sup> 2016** and after

**Team Rapid U14:** (Open & Girls), player's date of birth: **January 1<sup>st</sup> 2012** and after

**Team Rapid U18:** (Open & Girls), player's date of birth: **January 1<sup>st</sup> 2008** and after

In total, 6 (six) championship titles will be awarded in all categories:

**Team Rapid U10:** U10 (Open), U10 (Girls)

**Team Rapid U14:** U14 (Open), U14 (Girls)

**Team Rapid U18:** U18 (Open), U18 (Girls)

### **2. Venue & Date**

The championships will be held in Hotel "Zepter" in Vrnjacka Banja, on April 18<sup>th</sup> under the auspices of the Serbian Chess Federation. The playing venue will be Hotel Zepter Conference Hall.

### **3. Schedule**

Saturday	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	Round 1
Saturday	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	11:15	Round 2
Saturday	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	12:00	Round 3
Saturday	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	12:45	Round 4
Saturday	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	13:30	Round 5
Saturday	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	14:00	Lunch break
Saturday	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	16:00	Round 6
Saturday	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	16:45	Round 7
Monday	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	21:00	Awarding ceremony

### **4. Technical Regulations**

3.1. Teams can be created without any restrictions based on rating and title, but all must belong to the same chess federation.

3.2. Teams in Open sections consists of 4 (four) members + maximum 2 (two) reserves. Teams in Girls sections consists of 2 (two) members + maximum 1 (one) reserve.

3.3. Time control is 10 minutes + 5 seconds increment, starting from move one and 7 rounds Swiss system will be played in all groups. Organizers reserves the right to change the system of play and number of rounds if number of registered teams require such an action. Tournament will not be FIDE rated.

3.4. The team who wins match will receive two Match Points. If the result is a tie, both teams will receive one Match Point. The team who loses the match will receive zero Match Points.

3.5. In a case that two or more teams have the same number of Match Points, the following tie-break criteria will be applied:

1. Number of Game Points
2. Direct encounter (if applicable)
3. Extended Soneborn-Berger counted on Match Points (EMMSB)

## **6. Prizes**

6.1 Titles and Prizes for teams and team members of each Playing Group (Open and Girls)

- a) Cup for the team + Gold Medals and Award Certificates for all team members (1st place).
- b) Cup for the team + Silver Medals and Award Certificates for all team members (2nd place).
- c) Cup for the team + Bronze medals and Award Certificates for all team members (3rd place).

## **7. Registration and Registration Fees**

Registration for this event is possible to be done exclusively in the tournament office at the following hours:

Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> 18:00-20:00

Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> 09:00-11:00 and 16:00-20:00

Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00-12:00

Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00-12:00 and 16:00-20:00

Registration Fee is 10€ per participant and is supposed to be paid in cash at the moment of registration.

## **8. Contact Information**

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