



V PANAMA CHESS OPEN 2026

**Sortis Hotel, Spa & Casino
August 25–30, 2026**

I. INVITATION:

The **Panamanian Chess Federation** cordially invites all chess players, representing either Panama or any other FIDE member federation, to participate in the **V PANAMA CHESS OPEN 2026**, to be held **from August 25 to 30, 2026**, at the **Sortis Hotel, Spa & Casino**, located on 56th and 57th Streets, Obarrio District, Panama City, Republic of Panama.

II. ORGANIZER:

This event is organized by the **Panamanian Chess Federation**.

III. REGISTRATION:

The entry fees are as follows:

USD 100.00 for adults and players in the **U15 category and above**.

USD 50.00 for players born in **2012 or later (U14 category)**.

Players holding the titles of **GM, WGM, MI, WIM** are exempt from the entry fee provided they register no later than **Friday, August 7, 2026**. After this deadline, the corresponding entry fee must be paid.

All participants must have a valid FIDE ID. Players who do not yet have a FIDE ID must obtain one through their club (for Panamanian players) or through their national chess federation (for foreign players).

V PANAMA CHESS OPEN 2026 Registration Form:

<https://5panamachessopen.ajedrez.com.pa/>

Participants must complete all required information in the online registration form and upload the corresponding proof of payment. **Registrations submitted through any means other than the official online registration form will not be accepted.**

Limited Capacity: The **V PANAMA CHESS OPEN 2026** is limited to **300 participants**. All interested players are strongly encouraged to register as early as possible in order to secure their place in the tournament.

Registration will remain open until **Friday, August 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. (Panama Time)**, or until the maximum capacity of 300 participants has been reached, whichever comes first.

For additional information regarding the event, please contact:

- **WhatsApp: (507) 6739-4741** - José Pittí Suárez – **Organizer and Tournament Director**
- **Official e-mail:** vpanamachessopen@gmail.com
- ✓ **Bank Details for Entry Fee Payments (International Players):**

Bank: BANISTMO, S.A.

SWIFT / BIC Code: MIDLPAPAXXX

Bank Address: Torre Banistmo, Calle 50 y 54, Ciudad de Panamá, Panamá.

Beneficiary: José Del Carmen Pittí Suarez

Account Type: Checking Account

Account Number: 0162197256

Intermediary Bank: JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.

Intermediary SWIFT Code: CHASUS33

ABA Routing Number: 021000021

IMPORTANT: Any bank charges, wire transfer fees, or intermediary banking fees must be paid by the sender and shall not be deducted from the entry fee.

- ✓ **Bank Details for Entry Fee Payments (Panamanian Players):**

Bank: Banco Nacional de Panamá

Account Name: Federación de Ajedrez de Panamá

Account Type: Savings Account

Account Number: 40000017757

IV. **VENUE:**



Sortis Hotel, Spa & Casino

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/JgCXoDtxhcpBRVEK8>

V. TIME CONTROL AND PLAYING SYSTEM:

- The tournament shall be played as a **9-round Swiss System** tournament in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess and the FIDE Tournament Regulations.
- The time control shall be **90 minutes with 30 second increment from move 1.**
- The tournament will be submitted to FIDE as an international tournament valid for FIDE Standard Rating and for the achievement of FIDE Title Norms, in accordance with the current FIDE Handbook. All participants shall compete under the same playing conditions, pairing system, and time control.
- Players may obtain results valid for FIDE Title Norms, provided that all requirements established in the current FIDE Handbook are fulfilled.
- **Default Time:** A player who fails to appear at the chessboard within **30 minutes** after the scheduled start of the round shall lose the game by default.

A player who forfeits a game by default shall not be paired for the following round unless they notify the Chief Arbiter of their intention to continue in the tournament before the end of the round in which the default occurred. Neither the arbiters nor the Organizing Committee are under any obligation to contact or locate a player who fails to appear for a scheduled round. It is the sole responsibility of each participant to inform the Chief Arbiter if they are unable to play or expect to arrive late but intend to continue participating in the tournament.

- **Swiss-Manager** pairing software will be used, and the pairings will be published at: <https://chessresults.com/fed.aspx?lan=2&fed=PAN>
- **Round 1** pairings will be published on **Monday, August 24, 2026.**

VI. TIE-BREAK SYSTEM:

- The following **tie-break systems** shall be applied in the order listed below:

- 1- Direct Encounter
- 2- Buchholz Cut 2
- 3- Buchholz Cut 1
- 4- Sonneborn-Berger
- 5- Buchholz
- 6- Greater Number of Wins (including wins by forfeit)

- ❖ In the event that a tie remains only for prize-winning places, the following procedures shall apply:

1. Tie between two (2) players:

A **two-game Blitz Match** shall be played with a time control of **3 minutes with 2 second increment from move 1**. The colors for the first game shall be determined by lot.

If the match remains tied, an **Armageddon Game** shall be played. The right to choose the color shall be determined by lot, with the winner of the drawing choosing the preferred color. The player with the **White pieces** shall receive **6 minutes** and **must win the game**. The player with the **Black pieces** shall receive **5 minutes**; **a draw shall be considered a victory for Black**.

2. Tie among more than two (2) players:

A **Blitz Round-Robin Tournament** shall be played with a **time control of 3 minutes with 2 second increment from move 1**. Should the tie persist, additional Round-Robin tournaments shall be played until a single winner is determined.

VII. HALF-POINT BYES:

Players may request up to **two (2) half-point byes**, each worth $\frac{1}{2}$ **point**, during the **first three rounds** of the tournament. Bye requests must be submitted through the online registration form. Any player requesting a half-point bye shall be ranked behind any other player with the same final score for tie-breaking purposes. Requests for half-point byes submitted after the close of registration shall be subject to the discretion of the Chief Arbiter.

VIII. PRIZE FOUND:

To further establish the **V PANAMA CHESS OPEN 2026** as one of the premier chess tournaments in the region, the Organizing Committee has allocated an **attractive prize fund of USD 21,050**, aimed at rewarding the best performances and encouraging the participation of strong national and international players.

The prize fund shall be distributed as follows:

Place	Prize (USD)
Champion	\$3,500 + Trophy
Runner-up	\$2,500 + Trophy
3rd	\$2,000 + Trophy
4th	\$1,500
5th	\$1,250
6th	\$900
7th	\$650
8th	\$500
9th	\$300
10th	\$250

In addition, the following Special Prizes shall be awarded:

Description	Prize (USD)
Best Female Player	\$2,000 y Trophy
2nd Best Female Player	\$1,500 y Trophy
3rd Best Female Player	\$800 y Trophy
4th Best Female Player	\$400
5th Best Female Player	\$200

Best U2300 Player	\$200 + medal
2nd Best U2300 Player	\$100
3rd Best U2300 Player	\$50
Best U2000 Player	\$200 + medal
2nd Best U2000 Player	\$100
3rd Best U2000 Player	\$50
Best U1800 Player	\$200 + medal
2nd Best U1800 Player	\$100
3rd Best U1800 Player	\$50
Best Senior (50+)	\$200 + medal
2nd Best Senior (50+)	\$100
3rd Best Senior (50+)	\$50
Best U18 Player	\$200 + medal
2nd Best U18 Player	\$100
3rd Best U18 Player	\$50
Best U16 Player	\$200 + medal
2nd Best U16 Player	\$100
3rd Best U16 Player	\$50
Best U14 Player	\$200 + medal
2nd Best U14 Player	\$100
3rd Best U14 Player	\$50
Best U12 Player	\$200 + medal
2nd Best U12 Player	\$100
3rd Best U12 Player	\$50

IMPORTANT: No player may receive more than one cash prize. In the event that a player qualifies for more than one cash prize, only the highest-value prize shall be awarded, according to the following order of priority:

- a) Highest cash prize (USD value).
- b) **Women's Prize** (when applicable).
- c) Rating Category Prize.
- d) Age Category Prize (U18 / U16 / U14 / U12).
- e) Senior (50+) Prize.

IX. V PANAMA CHESS OPEN 2026 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME (PAN)
Opening Ceremony	Tuesday, August 25	9:00 am
Round 1	Tuesday, August 25	10:00 am
Round 2	Tuesday, August 25	5:00 pm
Round 3	Wednesday, August 26	5:00 pm
Round 4	Thursday, August 27	10:00 am
Round 5	Thursday, August 27	5:00 pm
Round 6	Friday, August 28	5:00 pm
Round 7	Saturday, August 29	10:00 am
Round 8	Saturday, August 29	5:00 pm
Round 9	Sunday, August 30	10:00 am
Tie-breaks	Sunday, August 30	4:00 pm
Prize Giving Ceremony & Closing Ceremony	Sunday, August 30	5:00 pm

The Technical Meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 23, 2026, at 9:00 p.m.** (PAN) via Zoom.

The Zoom meeting link is as follows:

<https://zoom.us/j/99766857739?pwd=vHUiAkwJaL6AAS8wbV7qppzv165BLH.1>

Code of Conduct for the Virtual Technical Meeting

In order to ensure a respectful, professional, and orderly environment during the **Virtual Technical Meeting**, all participants shall conduct themselves appropriately and treat the **Organizer, Arbiters, and fellow participants** with courtesy and respect.

Offensive language, disrespectful, abusive, aggressive, or inappropriate behavior, as well as any conduct that disrupts the orderly conduct of the meeting, will not be tolerated.

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to immediately remove from the virtual meeting any participant engaging in such behavior, without prejudice to any additional measures that may be taken in accordance with these Regulations and any other applicable FIDE or tournament regulations.

X. ORGANIZATION:

Organizer: AO José Pittí Suárez – FIDE ID 6600972

Chief Arbiter: IA Yolys Rondón – FIDE ID 3903508

Deputy Chief Arbiter: IA Ismael Soto – FIDE ID 3102254

Match Arbiters and Fair Play Officials: Will be appointed by the Organizing Committee.

XI. FINAL PROVISIONS

- During the Technical Meeting, the Appeals Committee shall be established, consisting of **three main members and two reserve members**.
- Appeals against decisions made by the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in writing, signed, and delivered to the Chief Arbiter by the player (or by their representative in the case of a minor) within 30 (thirty) minutes after the end of the game. The appeal must be accompanied by a **USD 100.00** appeal fee. If the appeal is considered valid, the amount will be refunded. If the appeal is rejected, the amount will be transferred to the Organizing Committee.

- Fair Play measures shall be implemented in accordance with the FIDE Fair Play Commission Guidelines, including, but not limited to, **entrance controls, random checks during games, among others.**
- The Organizing Committee will make every effort to broadcast live the games played on the top boards through DGT electronic boards.
- The selection of the games to be broadcast will be the responsibility of the Organizer and the Chief Arbiter
- Any matters not covered in these Regulations shall be decided by the Chief Arbiter, the Organizer, and the Tournament Director, taking into consideration the current edition of the FIDE Laws of Chess in force..

TOURNAMENT POLICIES

PLAYING HALL

- Players and attendees must maintain silence inside the playing hall.
- Eating is not permitted in the playing area, especially at the chess boards.
- Beverages (water, coffee, juices, and others) must be consumed in the area designated by the Organizer or placed underneath the chess tables. No type of liquid is allowed on the chess tables. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Electronic or digital devices, smart watches, smartphones, PDAs, tablets, iPads, computers, earphones, communication devices, microphones, speakers, among others, **are strictly prohibited in the playing area.** If any electronic device belonging to a player produces a sound during the game, or if it is determined that the player has any electronic device in their possession during the game **(even if it is switched off)**, the penalty for such violation shall be the loss of the game, followed by an immediate investigation into the nature of the device's use in order to determine whether expulsion from the tournament is justified.

- If there is clear and undeniable evidence of cheating of any kind, whether electronic or otherwise, the player shall lose the right to continue participating in the tournament. No refund shall be provided.
- Players whose games have already finished are also not permitted to use or possess mobile phones or other electronic devices in the playing area or in the restrooms. The penalty shall be at the discretion of the Chief Arbiter after an investigation has been conducted and may include the loss of the round.
- **Players shall keep their score sheets visible at all times**, allowing the arbiters to verify the time control and see the last recorded move.

PLAYER CONDUCT

- Players may be subject to screening before entering the playing hall in each round and during their games (random Fair Play checks).
- Players may **only** use the restrooms designated by the Organization for participants who are currently playing their games. Once their games have finished, players may use the restrooms designated for spectators.
- If a player leaves or exits the **playing venue** (playing hall, coffee and water area, or restrooms exclusively designated for players) without the permission of the Chief Arbiter while their game is in progress, the penalty for this violation shall be the loss of the game.
- Players are not allowed to speak with spectators or other players during their games.
- Inappropriate, rude, disrespectful, or improper behavior will not be tolerated. The Organizer reserves the right to deny entry to the tournament.
- Once a game has finished, the player must leave the playing hall, as they become a spectator. **No post-mortem analysis is allowed.**

SPECTATOR RULES

- A **spectator** shall be considered any person who is not directly involved in the tournament during the competition, including, but not limited to: **parents, coaches or instructors, family members, members of the press, and players who have already finished their games.**
- No spectator shall be allowed to enter the area where players are competing unless authorized by the Chief Arbiter of the tournament.
- Spectators shall have a designated waiting area (outside the playing area) where they may wait for the players they represent. **They shall also use the restrooms designated for spectators.**
- Once each round has started, photographs will **only be allowed during the first 5 minutes.** After this time, spectators must leave the playing hall. The Organization will also appoint an official photographer responsible for taking event photographs, which will later be shared with the players through a link.
- During the time allowed for photographs, spectators are not permitted to speak with players, nor are players allowed to speak with spectators, while the games are still in progress.
- If a spectator violates any of these rules, they shall be removed from the tournament and shall not be allowed to return to the playing hall for the following rounds.
- Inappropriate, rude, disrespectful, or improper behavior will not be tolerated. The Tournament Director reserves the right to deny entry to the tournament.
- The Tournament Director reserves the right to remove from the playing hall any spectator who fails to comply with the rules or who disrupts the tournament in any way.

DRESS CODE

With the aim of projecting the best possible image of chess to the public, the Panamanian Chess Federation (FPA) **recommends** that all players attend the event wearing formal or semi-formal attire, such as long trousers or jeans, shirts, polo shirts (collared T-shirts), and/or jackets.

Players wearing sleeveless shirts, shorts, miniskirts, or blouses with a pronounced neckline will not be permitted to participate in games. Likewise, the use of caps, hats, or any other type of head covering will not be allowed inside the playing area, unless prior authorization is granted by the Organization for duly justified medical, religious, or force majeure reasons.

IMAGE AND MEDIA RELEASE POLICY OF THE V PANAMA CHESS OPEN 2026

This is a public event that will be extensively photographed and recorded. Any player, delegate, coach, arbiter, or spectator may be photographed or filmed immediately before, during, and immediately after the event. By participating in the tournament, each individual gives their consent and acknowledges that the **PANAMANIAN CHESS FEDERATION** has the right to use and broadcast their image in connection with the event, related event promotions, on its website, through its social media channels, and through any other media related to the event.

By confirming their participation, **ALL** players, delegates, coaches, clubs, parents, guardians, and legal representatives **accept and acknowledge the regulations and conditions established for this event.**