

“MINISTRY OF MACEDONIA - THRACE” 1st INTERNATIONAL OPEN BLITZ TOURNAMENT 10 years Modern Chess



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(ΜΑΚΕΔΟΝΙΑΣ-ΘΡΑΚΗΣ)

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1. ORGANIZATION

The Chess Union of Thessaloniki – Chalkidiki and the Ministry of Macedonia – Thrace, with the support of Modern Chess, co-organize the 1st “Ministry of Macedonia – Thrace” International Open Blitz Tournament.

2. TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

- Giakoustidis Spyridon-Avgerinos (President of Chess Club Union of Thessaloniki -Chalkidiki)
- Poulakas Akis (Representative of Ministry of Macedonia - Thrace)

3. PLAYING VENUE

Courtyard of the Ministry of Macedonia – Thrace

- **Address:** 2 Proxenon Str., 54633 Thessaloniki
- **Google Maps:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/j1fwZ4LXuzkN8HWS7>

4. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

1. 10-round Swiss system – FIDE regulations apply
2. Time control: 3 minutes + 2 seconds per move

5. SCHEDULE

1. The tournament will take place on **Saturday, September 13th, 2025.**

Round 1:	17:00	Round 6:	19:10
Round 2:	17:30	Round 7:	19:30
Round 3:	17:50	Round 8:	19:50
Round 4:	18:10	Round 9:	20:10
Round 5:	18:30	Round 10:	20:30

2. **The 1st round pairing** will be announced at 16:30.
3. The closing ceremony will take place at 21:00.

6. TIE-BREAKS

1. Direct encounter between tied players (if all have played each other).
2. Buchholz cut-1 (sum of opponents' scores excluding the lowest).
3. Buchholz (sum of all opponents' scores)
4. Sonneborn-Berger (sum of defeated opponents' scores + half of drawn opponents' scores).
5. Number of wins.

7. PRIZES

1. Total prize fund: **€1,500**

1 st Overall:	€500	2 nd Overall:	€250	3 rd Overall:	€200
4 th Overall:	€150	5 th Overall:	€100	6 th Overall:	€50
1 st Woman:	€100	1 st U20:	€100	1 st Veteran S50:	€50

2. Prizes are not shared among tied players.
3. If a player finishes in the Top 6 overall, they also receive any special prize they are entitled to. Players absent from the closing ceremony lose their right to the prize.

8. AWARDS

1. Trophies: Top 3 overall, 1st Woman.
2. Medals:
 - 4th – 6th Overall
 - 2nd – 3rd Woman
 - Top 3 + 1st Girls in age categories U08, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18

9. REGISTRATION – CONFIRMATION OF PARTICIPATION

1. **There is no entry fee.**
2. Registrations until **Tuesday, September 9th, 22:00**, via form: <https://forms.gle/qgfVXQSSPZyB3Yg86>
3. During registration, ID numbers of participants (and escorts, if applicable) must be provided. These are mandatory for accreditation at the Ministry entrance.
4. Maximum number of participants: **180** (strict order of registration).
5. Confirmation of participation only at the playing venue between **15:00 – 16:00**.
6. No confirmations will be accepted by phone.

10. ORGANIZING STAFF

1. Chief Arbiter: Mr. Mimikos Stylianos (IA)
2. Deputy Chief Arbiter & Pairings Officer: Mr. Kleon Ballas (IA)
3. Additional arbiters will be appointed by the Local Arbiter Committee and announced later.

11. APPEALS

1. Appeals must be submitted immediately after the game and within 10 minutes.
2. The Appeals Committee must reach a decision before the next round's pairing.
3. The appeal, accompanied by a fee of **€60**, must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter. The fee is refunded if the appeal is accepted, otherwise it is retained by the organizers.
4. The Appeals Committee consists of 5 members (3 regular + 2 alternates), appointed by the organizers before Round 1. Members from clubs involved in the dispute will be excluded and replaced by alternates.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. All participants will receive a **10% discount coupon** for their first purchase at Modern Chess, valid for one year.
2. Photography and video recording are allowed only by authorized photographers. Material may be lawfully used only by Chess Club Union of Thessaloniki – Chalkidiki and the Ministry of Macedonia – Thrace, as well as the authorized persons, for promotion of the tournament.
3. Selected games will be broadcast live on online chess platforms. Live streaming of the playing venue will also be available.
4. Any issue not covered by these regulations or by FIDE regulations will be resolved by the Tournament Directors.

The Board of the Chess Union of Thessaloniki – Chalkidiki



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