



REGULATIONS FOR AN OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT IN CLASSICAL CHESS

Venue: Naim Suleymanoglu Sports Complex Momchilgrad

Dates: March 13, 14 and 15, 2026

1. Organization and objectives

- Promotion of the chess game in Kardzhali region.
- Improving sportsmanship and the ability to cover/change the ELO rating in standard chess.
- Validity: The tournament is valid for an International Standard Chess Rating (FIDE).

2. Place and eligibility

- **Venue:** The tournament will be held in the halls of **the Naim Suleymanoglu Sports Complex**.
- **Eligibility:** The competitors without restriction of gender or age, who have submitted an application on time, who have paid the tournament fee and international ELO <2400, have the right to participate in the tournament.
- **Registration:**
 - The deadline for registration is one day before the start of the tournament (March 12).
 - When requesting, it is mandatory to indicate the **FIDE ID**.
 - For competitors without a FIDE ID, the following are required: **Three names (in Latin on the ID card) and full date of birth**.

3. System of conduct and rules of the game

3.1. System of conduct:

- The tournament is held according to the Swiss system in 7 rounds.
- For the draw, a computer program Swiss Manager (latest version) is used, applying an official FIDE draw module (Dutch System).
- The draw for each round is final and is not subject to change, except in cases of a technical error in entering the results, found before the start of the round.

3.2. Time control:

- 60 minutes for the whole game with the addition of 30 seconds per turn for each player, starting from the first move.
- Time is measured with electronic clocks.

3.3. Rules and Validity:

- The FIDE Laws of Chess rules, which came into force on 01.01.2023, are valid.
- The tournament is valid for the FIDE International Classical Chess Rating (ELO).
- Default time: 30 minutes after the announced actual start time of the round. If a competitor does not appear in front of the board by the expiration of this time, he loses the game ex officio (0 points).

3.4. Recording moves:

- According to Art. 8.1 of the FIDE Rules, the recording of moves is mandatory throughout the game, regardless of the remaining time on the clock.
- The competitor is not allowed to record his move in advance.

3.5. Draw proposals:

- In accordance with FIDE rules, players are not allowed to negotiate a draw before **playing Black's 30th move.**
The tournament is conducted in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess (FIDE Laws of Chess), applying the restrictions under Art. 9.1.1.

A draw before this move can be awarded by the referee only in the event of:

- Triple repetition of the position.
- Pat.
- Position where checkmate is impossible (dead position).
- If a player offers a draw before the control move, the opponent is obliged to refuse or call a referee, and the opponent can be punished with a reprimand, adding time for the

opponent or other.

3.6 Special Tournament Regulations and Anti-Cheat Measures

3.6.1. Electronic devices and mobile phones:

- During the game, it is strictly forbidden for competitors to carry mobile phones, smart watches or other electronic means of communication in the playing area (gaming room, toilets, smoking area), unless they are completely turned off and stowed away in a bag/backpack.
- If it is obvious that a player carries such a device in his pocket (even turned off) or if the device makes a sound during a game, the competitor is immediately awarded **a service loss (0 points)** and his opponent – a profit, provided that there is a theoretical possibility of checkmate.

3.6.2. Anti-cheat control:

- The chief referee and/or arbitrators have the right to carry out checks on competitors in case of doubt, observing ethical norms.

3.6.3. Tournament Committee and Contests:

- Before the start of the 1st round, a Tournament Committee (Jury) will be elected consisting of: Chairman + 2 members and 2 reserves (from the participants).
- The decisions of the Chief Referee can be appealed to the Tournament Committee.
- A contest is submitted in writing within **5 minutes** after the completion of the respective game, accompanied by a deposit of **50 €**.
- If the appeal is upheld, the deposit is returned. If it is rejected, the amount remains in favor of the organizer. The Committee's decision is final.

3.6.4. Conduct and etiquette:

- **Recording moves:** According to FIDE rules, the competitor is obliged to record the moves (his own and the opponent's) on the form move by move, clearly and legibly. The forms are the property of the organizers and are handed over to the referee after the end of the game.
- **Dress code:** It is recommended that the competitors wear clothing that corresponds to the etiquette of the chess game (no flip-flops, tank tops, etc., undermining the prestige of the event, obscene symbols and signs on the clothes).
- Smoking and alcohol consumption in the gaming hall are prohibited.

3.6.5. Personal data and media coverage:

- By participating in the tournament, the competitors give their consent to be photographed, and their names and results to be published in the ranking, the media and the Internet (incl. Chess-results.com) for the purposes of covering the event.

3.6.6. Spectators:

- The presence of spectators, parents or coaches on the playing field is prohibited.
- Each competitor who has finished his game is considered a spectator.
- The first boards will broadcast live.

3.6.6. Insurance:

- The organizers are not responsible for the health of the participants and for lost items. It is recommended that competitors have valid medical insurance.

4. Tournament program

| Date | Time | Event |
|----------------------------|---------------|---|
| March 13 (Friday) | 13:00 – 14:30 | Registration and Technical Conference |
| | 15:00 | Round I |
| | 19:00 | Round II |
| March 14 (Saturday) | 09:30 | Round III |
| | 14:00 | Round IV |
| | 18:00 | Round V |
| | 21:00 | BLITZ TOURNAMENT (~30 min after Round 5) |
| March 15 (Sunday) | 09:00 | Round VI |
| | 13:30 | Round VII |
| | 16:00 | Closing and awarding |

5. Financial conditions

- **Tournament fee (Standard Chess): 30 € (EUR).**
- **Tournament fee (Blitz tournament): 15 € (EUR).**
- Travel, daily and overnight stays are at the expense of the participating competitors.

6. Ranking

The ranking is according to the points scored. In the event of a tie, the following additional indicators (tie-break) shall apply in this order:

1. Head-to-head (if they have played each other).
2. Buchholz -1 (middle Buchholz).
3. Buchholz (full).
4. Number of victories.
5. Performance.

7. Prize Pool – Standard Chess (Total 2000 €)

Prizes are not divided. When winning more than one prize, the competitor receives the higher prize.

General Ranking

| Location | Award |
|-----------|-------------|
| I place | 500 € + Cup |
| II place | 400 € |
| III place | 300 € |
| IV place | 150 € |
| V place | 100 € |

Special Prizes

| Category | Award |
|---------------------|-------|
| Best up to 2200 ELO | 80 € |

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| Best up to 2000 ELO | 80 € |
| Best up to 1800 ELO | 80 € |
| Best Woman | 80 € |
| Local competitors (Kardzhali region) | |
| 1st place (local) | 120 € |
| 2nd place (local) | 70 € |
| 3rd place (local) | 40 € |

8. Blitz Tournament (Saturday Night)

- **Date:** March 14 (Saturday)
- **Start:** ~30 minutes after the end of the 5th round of the main tournament (approximately 21:00).
- **Control:** 3 minutes + 2 seconds of addition in 9 rounds
- **Delay time (none)**
- **Validity for rating:** yes
- **FIDE rules for accelerated and blitz chess apply**
- **Additional indicators:**
 - Head-to-head (if they have played each other).
 - Buchholz -1 (middle Buchholz).
 - Buchholz (full).
 - Number of victories.
- **Fee:** 15 €.
- **Prize fund:** 500 €.

Distribution of Blitz prizes :

- 1 place: 200 €

- II place: 120 €
- III place: 80 €
- IV place: 60 €
- V place: 40 €

(Note: The organizers reserve the right to change the distribution of prizes for a smaller number of participants.)

9. Additional information

- The tournament is held in compliance with the hygienic and sanitary requirements, current as of the dates of the tournament.
- Referee: NA Kamran Bilal
- Tournament Director: Ersin Yumer

For contacts and registration:

- Email: k.bilyal@outlook.com

10. Accommodation and hotel conditions

- The organizers provide a list of recommended hotels and guest houses near the game hall of the town Momchilgrad only for informational purposes in order to facilitate the participants.



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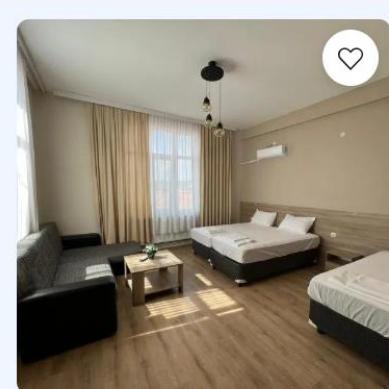
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