



# LAKE QUEEN WINTER CHESS FESTIVAL 2025

Youth Chess School Struga is organizing a Youth Rapid Chess Tournament.  
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1. Lake Queen Winter Youth Chess Festival 2025 will be held at the Drim Hotel in Struga on **December 28, 2025 (Sunday)**, organized by the Youth Chess School Struga.

2. All young chess players born in 2009 or later are eligible to participate, grouped into 4 age categories:

- **A1** - Players aged up to **16 years** ( born in 2009 and younger)
- **A2** - Players aged up to **12 years** ( born in 2013 and younger)
- **A3** - Players aged up to **10 years** ( born in 2015 and younger)
- **A4** - Players aged up to **8 years** ( born in 2017 and younger)

**The boys and girls will play together.**

3. The FIDE Rapid Chess Rules apply, and tournaments **A1 and A2 will be rated.**

The tournament results will be published on the website <http://chess-results.com>.

4. It will be played using the Swiss system with 6 rounds and a time control of **10 + 5**.

## 5. Schedule of activities

Date	Activities	Time
28.12.2025	Participant Registration	9:30
28.12.2025	Opening of the Tournament	10:00
28.12.2025	Rounds 1 – 3	10:00 – 11:30
28.12.2025	Lunch Break	11:30 – 12:00
28.12.2025	Rounds 4 – 6	12:00 – 13:00
28.12.2025	Closing of the Tournament	13:30

**The organizer reserves the right to modify the competition system, the round schedule, as well as the time control depending on the number of registered participants. Competitors will be informed in a timely manner about any possible changes.**

6. Applications to participate in the Lake Queen Winter Youth Chess Festival 2025 including full name, date of birth, FIDE ID, and the tournament they are registering for – must be sent to the email address: [kgjoko@yahoo.com](mailto:kgjoko@yahoo.com) no later than **26.12.2025 (Friday)**.

Only registered participants who confirm their participation in the tournament in the playing hall and pay the entry fee by **09:30 on 28.12.2025 (Sunday)** will be paired.

Players registered in a specific category cannot change their category on the day of the tournament, except in the case of a technical error by the organizer.

7. The tournament entry fee is **700 denars**.

8. The organizer provides:

- Trophies for the winners of all 4 tournaments.
- Medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in both the categories.
- Certificates of participation for all tournament participants.
- Refreshments, sandwiches, and New Year gift packs.

9. In case of a tie in points, the following will decide:

- Direct Encounter
- Buchholz – 1
- Buchholz
- Greater number of wins

10. The referees of the tournament are **NA Gjoko Koteski and NA Boris Lusheski**.