

TEUTA CHESS FESTIVAL OPEN 2026

Rapid • Blitz • Youth Festival

June 27–28, 2026

Crowne Plaza Durres

INVITATION & TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. INVITATION

The “Teuta Chess Academy” Association, in cooperation with the Albanian Chess Federation, has the pleasure of inviting all national and international chess players to participate in the international event “TEUTA CHESS FESTIVAL OPEN 2026”, which will take place on June 27–28, 2026, at Crowne Plaza Durres.

The festival includes the following events:

- Rapid Open
- Blitz Open
- Chess Festival for Youth U8, U10, U12 & U14

The event aims to promote chess, support the development of chess activities in the city of Durres, encourage the participation of children and young players in quality sporting activities, and create a festive and competitive atmosphere for the Albanian and regional chess community.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1. The tournament is open to all national and international chess players holding a valid FIDE ID.

2.2. The tournaments are valid for FIDE Rapid and FIDE Blitz Rating.

2.3. The Youth Festival is open to the following age categories:

- U8
- U10
- U12
- U14

2.4. The organizers reserve the right to accept late registrations only in exceptional cases.

3. REGISTRATION

3.1. Registration for all festival events (Rapid Open, Blitz Open and Chess Festival for Youth U8, U10, U12 & U14) must be completed no later than June 25, 2026.

3.2. The organizers reserve the right to accept late registrations only in exceptional cases.

4. ENTRY FEES

- Rapid Open – 2,000 ALL
- Blitz Open – 2,000 ALL
- Rapid + Blitz Package – 3,000 ALL

Players holding the titles of Grandmaster (GM) and International Master (IM) are exempt from entry fees.

Youth Festival

- 2,000 ALL per participant

5. VENUE AND SCHEDULE

Venue: Crowne Plaza Durres

June 27, 2026

- 09:30 – Youth Rapid Festival (U8, U10, U12, U14)
- 16:00 – Blitz Open

June 28, 2026

- 10:30 – Rapid Open

6. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM

6.1. All tournaments will be played under the Swiss System.

6.2. Number of Rounds

- Rapid Open – 9 rounds
- Blitz Open – 11 rounds
- Youth Festival – 6 or 7 rounds (depending on the number of participants)

6.3. Time Control

- Rapid Open – 10 minutes + 5 seconds increment per move
- Blitz Open – 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move
- Youth Festival – 10 minutes + 5 seconds increment per move

6.4. Tie-Break Criteria

- a) Buchholz Cut 1
- b) Buchholz
- c) Direct Encounter
- d) Greater Number of Games Played with Black Pieces

7. PRIZE FUND

Total Prize Fund: €2,000

A) RAPID OPEN

- 1st Place – €450
- 2nd Place – €300
- 3rd Place – €150
- 4th Place – €70
- 5th Place – €50
- 6th Place – €30
- Best Player Rated ≤ 2100 – €50
- Best Player Rated ≤ 1900 – €40
- Best Senior 50+ – €40
- Best U18 Player – €40
- Best Player Rated ≤ 1700 – €30

B) BLITZ OPEN

- 1st Place – €250
- 2nd Place – €150
- 3rd Place – €100
- 4th Place – €60
- 5th Place – €40
- Best Senior 50+ – €30

- Best U18 Player – €30
- Best Player Rated ≤ 2100 – €30
- Best Player Rated ≤ 1900 – €30
- Best Player Rated ≤ 1700 – €30

A player may receive only one special prize, namely the highest-value prize for which they qualify.

C) YOUTH FESTIVAL

For each category (U8, U10, U12 and U14), the following awards will be presented:

- Trophy for 1st Place
- Medals for the Top 3 Places
- Participation Certificates
- Gifts

8. BASIC RULES

8.1. The FIDE Laws of Chess shall apply.

8.2. Two illegal moves result in the loss of the game.

8.3. The use of mobile phones or electronic devices inside the playing hall is prohibited.

8.4. The decisions of the Chief Arbiter are final.

8.5. Only players and arbiters are allowed inside the playing area.

9. ARBITRATION

The arbiters and the Appeals Committee will be announced by the organizers before the start of the event.

10. CONTACT AND REGISTRATION

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11. ENTRY FEE PAYMENT & BANK DETAILS

Entry fees may be paid in advance to the organizer's bank account or during the final registration process.

Bank: Credins Bank sh.a.

SWIFT Code: CDISALTRXXX

Account Holder:
SHOQATA AKADEMIA E SHAHUT TEUTA

NUIS: M61517701E

IBAN:
AL70 2121 1009 0000 0000 0242 2930

Currency: ALL (Albanian Lek)

In the payment description, please specify:

Player's Name + Event (Rapid / Blitz / Youth Festival).

Proof of payment may be sent to:

teutachess@gmail.com