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Lithuanian Amateur classic chess ch 2026 Panevezys Amateur Open for all players with ELO rating before <2399

Dates: **2026 05 02 – 05**

Venue: **VASARIS** conference hall address Aukštaičių str. 88, Panevėžys

Organizer: IO Arvydas Baltrūnas and Lithuanian Amateur chess federation

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Rules and regulations: The tournament will be played according to the Swiss system in 8 rounds. Pairing made with Swiss-Manager program. The rate of play will be set according to the FIDE Laws of Chess. The playing time will be **60 minutes for the entire game** with 30 seconds increment for each move starting from the first move. The tournament will be FIDE registered and **classic ELO rating** change will be rated. Chief arbiter: **IA Donatas Vaznonis ID 12801216. Delay time – 30 min.**

Prizes: Prize fund – 1500 Euro

1 prize – 350 Euro and the Cup; **II prize – 250 Euro**; **III prize – 200 Euro**; **IV prize – 150 Euro**;

Prize Before ELO 1799 – I prize – 150 Euro; **II prize – 120 Euro**; **III prize – 80 euro.**

Special prizes in categories: **Best woman: I – 100**; **Best result in group U18 (born 2008 or younger) - 50 Euro**; **Best senior S 60 (60 year, born in 1966 and older) - 50 Euro.** There shall be no double prizes. Only the larger prize will be given. The lesser prize will be given to the player who placed next in the same category group. The prize in a category group shall be awarded only if there are no less than 5 participants in that category group. Organizers retain the right to increase the prize fund or add additional prizes. **The Prize fund 1500 is guaranteed if there are no less than 50 participants. If will be less 50 participants – prize fund will be reduced.**

Ranking and Tie-break system:

In order to break ties among players with the same score the following tie-breaking procedures will be applied:

1. Buchholz coefficient (the lowest scoring opponent is discarded).
2. Full Buchholz.
3. Progress.
4. Arranz system.
5. Sonneborn – Berger.

Entry Fee: GM, IM, WGM and WIM free. FM, WFM and S65 - 30 Euro. For all players – 50 Euro.

Schedule:

Arrival players **on Saturday, the 2 nd of May 2026**, registration will be open from 13.00 hour to 14.30 hour at the conference hall **VASARIS** address Aukštaičių str. 88, Panevėžys.

Opening ceremony of the Amateur Open at 14.50 hour 2nd of May 2026.

2026 05 02 (Saturday) I round 15.00 hour ; II round 18.00 hour ;

2026 05 03 (Sunday) III round 10.00 hour ; IV round 14.00 hour ;

2026 05 04 (Monday) V round 10.00 hour ; VI round 14.00 hour ;

2026 05 05 (Tuesday) VII round 10.00 hour ; VIII round 13.00 hour ;

Closing ceremony shall take place at around 15.30 hour.

Any player may request a maximum of 2 BYES that will each be scored with half a point (0,5).

A BYE cannot be taken in the final last round. In order to get a half-point BYE the player must inform the **Chief arbiter** before the pairing of the next round is made. The organizers retain the right to make all the necessary changes to the Tournament Schedule.

Accommodation: All travel expenses, accommodation and meals must be covered by the participants themselves or their sponsoring organizations. We can offer the **special price** for players in „Romantic“ **4* hotel www.romantic.lt/en** will be - **10% from booking.com price** for an economy classic double room with breakfast included and SPA with pool.

We can also offer a hostel - “Olimpas” Panevezio Sporto Centro, address: Liepu al. 4 where the price starts from 14 euros/night for a place in a shared triple room. Price for single or double room starts from 32 euros/night.

We can offer family apartments too. For special price you must book the accommodation via the organizers – Panevezys chess club - please contact us by email or phone and do it as early as possible, since the number of places for the special price is limited. **First come – first have this price!**

Applications: should be sent to the tournament director IO Arvydas Baltrūnas till the **25 th of April 2026**. Please indicate the following information: First name, Last name, ELO rating, title, Federation, Birth date (YYYY/MM/DD), e-mail address, contact phone and whether you want to stay. The organizers retain the right to reject late entries or increase the entry fee **plus 10 Euro**. For additional information and conditions please contact the organizers by the phone or e-mail indicated panevezysopen@gmail.com