

New Year's APATIN OPEN 2026

INTERNATIONAL FIDE RATED CHESS FESTIVAL



DECEMBER 26 – 30, 2026



HIGH SCHOOL WITH
STUDENT DORMITORY
APATIN, SERBIA



U2400
TOURNAMENT



FOR:

COACHES, PARENTS
AND ALL PLAYERS
WITH FIDE RATING
UP TO 2400



U1800
TOURNAMENT



FOR:

AMATEURS, CASUAL PLAYERS,
BEGINNERS AND CHILDREN
WHO WANT TO EARN
OR IMPROVE THEIR
FIDE RATING



An excellent opportunity for chess coaches to bring their students!

While children gain valuable tournament experience and achieve or improve their FIDE rating, coaches and parents can compete in the U2400 tournament.



The host venue is the High School with Student Dormitory in Apatin, which provides both the playing hall and accommodation in the same building. Capacity is around 150 guests in single and double rooms. Staying and playing in one place ensures maximum comfort, especially for organized chess clubs, chess schools and families.



CHILDREN'S RAPID TOURNAMENT

Exclusively for young chess players aged 6 to 16.

The tournament will be divided into four age categories:



We invite chess clubs, coaches, parents and young chess players from Serbia and abroad to spend the end of the year in Apatin, enjoying quality chess, friendship and excellent conditions for playing and accommodation.

Welcome to New Year's Apatin Open 2026!



FIDE RATED EVENT
7 rounds
Standard chess
FIDE rules apply



**ACCOMMODATION
AND PLAY
IN ONE PLACE**
Accommodation for about
150 guests



**IDEAL FOR CLUBS,
CHESS SCHOOLS
AND FAMILIES**
Well organized and
friendly atmosphere



**DECEMBER
IN APATIN**
Chess, socializing
and festive atmosphere



**THE TOURNAMENT IS ORGANIZED
ACCORDING TO FIDE STANDARDS**

ORGANIZER

The **Apatin Chess Club "Vulkan Protektor"**, in cooperation with the Technical School with Boarding Facilities, the Municipality of Apatin, the Apatin Tourist Organization, and the Sports Association of Apatin, is organizing the New Year's Apatin Open 2026 chess festival.

DATE & VENUE

The tournament will be held from **26 to 30 December 2026**, with the **first round starting on Saturday, 26 December, at 9:00 AM**.

Venue: Technical School with Boarding Facilities, Apatin, Serbia

Adresa: Prigrevačka 72, Apatin

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TOURNAMENT SYSTEM & REGULATIONS

All tournaments will be played using the **Swiss System** over **7 rounds** and will be **FIDE-rated**.

- **U2400 Tournament:** Time control of **60 minutes per player + 30 seconds increment per move**.
- **U1800 Tournament & Children's Categories (U8–U16):** Time control of **45 minutes per player + 15 seconds increment per move**.
- **Rapid and Blitz** tournaments will also be **FIDE-rated**.

All events will be conducted in accordance with the **FIDE Laws of Chess** and the **FIDE General Regulations for Competitions**.

Half-Point Bye: Players may request **one half-point bye** in any of the **first four rounds**, provided the request is submitted in advance. The selected round will be recorded as an unpaired round with **0.5 points** awarded.

Default Time (Late Arrival): The default time for arriving at the board is **30 minutes** from the scheduled start of the round. Players arriving later than this will forfeit the game.

Players will be ranked according to the total number of points scored. In the event of a tie, the following tie-break criteria will be applied in order:

1. Direct Encounter(s)
2. Buchholz Cut 1 (worst opponent's score excluded)
3. Buchholz
4. Sonneborn-Berger
5. Greater Number of Wins
6. Drawing of Lots

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SCHEDULE

The tournament will be played with **one or two rounds per day**, with games starting at **10:00 AM** and **3:30 PM**, according to the official tournament schedule.

SCHEDULE		
Saturday, 26 December	09:00h	Opening Ceremony
Saturday, 26 December	10:00h	Children's Rapid U16-U08
Saturday, 26 December	17h	1 Round
Sunday, 27 December	10h	2 Round
Sunday, 27 December	17h	Blitz 5+2
Monday, 28 December	10h	3 Round
Monday, 28 December	15:30h	4 Round
Tuesday, 29 December	10h	5 Round
Tuesday, 29 December	15:30h	6 Round
Wednesday, 30 December	10h	7 Round
Wednesday, 30 December	14h	Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving
Wednesday, 30 December	14:30h	Blitz 3+2

ENTRY FEES

Entry fees should be paid to the club's bank account. Please note that the **entry fee for players staying outside the official tournament accommodation is different**. The applicable entry fee depends on the selected accommodation option.

	Official Accommodation		Other Accommodation	
	U2400	U1800 & U16	U2400	U1800 & U16
>=U1800	30 EUR	Free U16	50 EUR	Free U16
<=U1800	50 EUR	30 EUR	80 EUR	50 EUR
Unrated	100 EUR	50 EUR	150 EUR	70 EUR

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PRIZES

The total prize fund will amount to **80% of all entry fees collected**. The complete prize distribution will be announced at the beginning of the tournament. All participants will receive a **digital Certificate of Participation**. The top finishers will be awarded **trophies, medals, and cash and/or special prizes**, depending on the tournament category.

	U2400	U1800 & Children's
1st Place	25%	20%
2nd Place	18%	18%
3rd Place	15%	15%
4th Place	10%	10%
5th Place	7%	7%
6th Place	5%	5%
7th Place	5%	5%

SPECIAL PRIZES

A minimum of 4 participants is required in a category for a special prize to be awarded.

	U2400	U1800
W	5%	Merchandise Prize
S65	5%	
U16	5%	Merchandise Prize
U14		Merchandise Prize
U12		Merchandise Prize
U08		Merchandise Prize

ACCOMMODATION (Technical School with Boarding Facilities)

Accommodation is provided in the **student boarding residence**, located **at the tournament venue**. The apartments consist of **two rooms**, with **twin-bed accommodation** in each room. This accommodation is ideal for **children, coaches, parents, and other players** who wish to stay on-site and enjoy maximum convenience throughout the tournament. **Full board** is available and includes **breakfast, lunch, and dinner**. The **tourist tax is included** in the accommodation price.

Full Board (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)	€36 per person per night (€144 total for 4 nights)
Half Board (Breakfast & Dinner)	€33 per person per night (€132 total for 4 nights)
Bed & Breakfast (Breakfast)	€27 per person per night (€108 total for 4 nights)

Meals are served in the **school cafeteria**. **Half Board** and **Full Board** packages include the corresponding meals in the accommodation price. Players and accompanying guests may also purchase individual meals in the cafeteria at the following prices:

Breakfast	€5
Lunch	€8.5
Dinner	€7



Payment Terms

To confirm the selected accommodation package, guests are required to pay a **30% deposit** within **3 days** of receiving the proforma invoice. The remaining balance may be paid **before arrival** by bank transfer or **in cash upon check-in** at the accommodation. In the event of cancellation, the **deposit is non-refundable**.

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ACCOMMODATION IN APATIN

For more information about accommodation and tourism in Apatin, please visit the official website of the [Apatin Tourist Organization](#).

Additional accommodation options in Apatin can be found on Booking.com, where you can choose from hotels, apartments, guesthouses, and holiday homes at various prices and locations. Compare offers and book the accommodation that best suits your needs in just a few clicks.

TRANSPORT

Organized transfers are available from (SRB) Belgrade, (CRO) Osijek, and (HUN) Budapest.

For up to 4 people:

 Belgrade Airport → Apatin: *110 €* (27€ per person)

 Belgrade city center → Apatin: *125 €*

Van (up to 8 people):

 Belgrade Airport → Apatin: *180 €* (22€ per person)

 Belgrade city center → Apatin: *200 €*

INFORMATION, ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORT & REGISTRATION

The registration deadline is 22 December 2026. Players may register by sending an SMS, Viber, or WhatsApp message, or by calling: [+381 63 84 47 152](tel:+381638447152) Goran Petrović

The registration must include: Full name, Middle name (if applicable), Date of birth **or** FIDE ID number

For further information, please contact us by email: ask.vulkan.protektor@gmail.com

You can also join the official WhatsApp Group “Apatin Open” [Open: chat.whatsapp.com](https://chat.whatsapp.com/Open:chat.whatsapp.com)



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CHILDREN'S NEW YEAR RAPID TOURNAMENT

– APATIN 2026 –



ACCORDING TO
FIDE STANDARDS

AS PART OF THE NEW YEAR APATIN OPEN 2026

The Children's New Year Rapid Tournament will be organized as part of the New Year Apatin Open 2026 and is intended for young chess players up to 16 years old.



DATE:
SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 26, 2026



START TIME:
9:30 AM



VENUE:
TECHNICAL SCHOOL
IN APATIN

CATEGORIES

The tournament will be divided into four age categories:

U16

U14

U10

U08



Boys and girls will play together in their age categories, while girls will be awarded separately to recognize their achievements in each category.



The tournament will be FIDE rated, giving participants the opportunity to achieve or improve their FIDE rapid rating.



Entry fee: **1,000 RSD.**



All participants will receive a digital diploma in PDF format, which they can save and print as a memory of the tournament.

PRIZES FOR THE BEST PLAYERS

PRIZES INCLUDE:



TROPHIES



MEDALS



**MERCHANDISE
PRIZES**



WE INVITE ALL CHESS CLUBS, CHESS SCHOOLS, PARENTS
AND YOUNG CHESS PLAYERS TO JOIN US FOR THIS FESTIVE TOURNAMENT
AND SPEND THE DAY IN FRIENDLY COMPETITION,
GOOD COMPANY AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR ATMOSPHERE!



REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

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New Year's Children's Rapid Tournament – Apatin 2026

As part of the New Year's Apatin Open 2026, a New Year's Children's Rapid Tournament will be organized for young chess players up to 16 years of age.

The tournament will take place on **Saturday, 26 December 2026**, at the Technical School with Boarding Facilities in Apatin, Serbia, with the first round **starting at 9:30 AM**.

The competition will be divided into the following **age categories**:

- **U16**
- **U14**
- **U12**
- **U10**
- **U8**

Boys and girls will compete together within their respective age categories. Girls will also receive separate prizes based on their performance in each category.

The tournament will be FIDE Rapid rated, providing participants with an excellent opportunity to obtain or improve their official FIDE Rapid Rating.

All participants will receive a digital Certificate of Participation (PDF), which they can keep and print as a souvenir of the tournament.

The top finishers will be awarded:

-  **Trophies**
-  **Medals**
-  **Merchandise Prizes**

We warmly invite chess clubs, chess schools, coaches, parents, and young chess players to join us for this festive tournament and enjoy a day of competitive chess, friendship, and the New Year's atmosphere in Apatin.

Registration & Information

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Why Participate in the New Year's Apatin Open 2026?

The New Year's Apatin Open 2026 is more than just a chess tournament—it's an opportunity to end the year surrounded by chess enthusiasts from Serbia and around the world, enjoying excellent playing conditions, professional organization, and outstanding value.

Why You Should Join

- **International FIDE-Rated Tournament** – A great opportunity to earn or improve your official FIDE rating.
- **Tournaments for Every Level** – Choose between the U2400 and U1800 sections, ensuring more balanced and competitive games.
- **Perfect for Children and Young Players** – Compete against opponents of similar age and strength, gain valuable tournament experience, and improve your chess skills.
- **An Excellent Opportunity for Coaches** – While their students compete in the U1800 section, coaches can play in the U2400 tournament instead of simply accompanying their teams.
- **Everything in One Place** – The playing hall, accommodation, and dining facilities are all located in the same building, eliminating the need for daily travel.
- **Excellent Value – A complete five-day package, including full-board accommodation and tournament entry, costs only €170 per person (transportation not included).**
- **Ideal for Chess Clubs and Chess Schools** – Group participation is easy to organize, with accommodation, meals, and tournament facilities all in one location.
- **Friendly International Atmosphere** – Meet new chess friends, exchange experiences with players and coaches from different countries, and enjoy the festive holiday spirit.
- **The Perfect Way to End the Chess Year** – A unique combination of high-quality competition, friendship, and a warm New Year's atmosphere.

Whether you are an experienced competitor, a coach, a parent, or a young player beginning your competitive chess journey, the New Year's Apatin Open 2026 offers the perfect opportunity to play a strong international tournament, make new friends, and finish the year in the best possible way.

Registration

The registration deadline is 22 December 2026.

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