

OPEN BALKAN CHAMPIONSHIP "FIRST WEEKEND" № 59

03 – 04.01.2026, Blvd. "Ruski" № 86, Floor 5, Plovdiv, GPS (42.1381,24.7416) Swiss system in 6 Rounds at "60 min + 30 s" for standard FIDE rating

1000 BGN in prizes for the winners of the sub-tournaments for standard rating on 01.01.26 (under 2400 – **200 BGN**; under: 2000, 1800, 1700, 1600 – **100 BGN each**); with at least 5 people in a sub-tournament for: women, over 64 years old, those who played every month in the last 6 months, children under 8 years old – **100 BGN each**.

Fee: **40 BGN** or 30 €, for those who did not play in the previous month – 50 BGN or 30 €, for those who registered on Saturday or Sunday – 60 BGN or 30 €.

Certificates for the winners under 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5 years old. Gold, silver and bronze medals for the first 3 children under 12 years old. Free books for all players.

03.01.: 9:30 AM – registration, 9:45 AM – technical conference, 9:50 AM – pairings for game, 10:00 AM – Round I and lunch, 1:00 PM – Round II, 4:00 PM – Round III.

<u>04.01.</u>: 9:00 AM – Round IV and lunch, 0:30 PM – Round V, 3:30 PM – Round VI, 6:30 PM – closing.

Registrations to IM Atanas Kurtenkov via "Viber +359899203468" or atakurt@abv.bg with name, surname, GSM, and from those without FIDE-ID – with 3 names, date of birth and email.

Ranking by points, FIDE Tie-Break accumulation [8], FIDE Tie-Break fine accumulation [9], smaller number. If I and II have equal points, they play "Armageddon 3 / 2 min + 3 s".

There is free parking in the courtyard of the building for 5 cars, more information – on the map. Accreditation for playing and attending is only available to those who have agreed in writing Regulations. **Entry of unaccredited persons is prohibited.**