

INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS FESTIVAL

APATIN OPEN 2026

“Liberland”

July 24–30

We invite all chess players, **Grandmasters, International Masters, FIDE Masters, and amateurs**, to participate in the **3rd Apatin Open Chess Festival**, which will be held in Apatin, Serbia.

TOURNAMENTS

2 Standard (A & B)

3 Blitz

1 Rapid

Total Prize Fund:: €5.000

All tournaments are **FIDE rated**, and in the **A tournament it is possible to achieve GM and IM norms**.

The festival takes place **one day after Serbia Open 2026**, allowing players to extend their stay and maximize their competitive opportunities.

Apatin Chess Club “Vulkan Protektor”, with **95 years of tradition**, has extensive experience in organizing major chess tournaments. **Apatin Open 2026** is officially included in the **official calendar of chess tournaments in Serbia**, guaranteeing professional organization and valid rating results.

The organizer can assist players with **transportation between tournaments and airport transfers**.

Do not miss **Apatin Open 2026** – a festival of chess, competition, and a great atmosphere! It is a perfect opportunity to **achieve GM and IM norms, gain rating points, and win prizes**. International players can also **use their time in Serbia efficiently and play several tournaments in a row with minimal travel costs**, as many events are scheduled consecutively.



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ORGANIZER	Apatin Chess Club "Vulkan Protektor", in cooperation with Izletište ARK, organizes the Apatin Open 2026 "Liberland" Chess Tournament for players of all ages and categories.
DATE & LOCATION	The tournament will take place from July 24 to July 30, 2026 , starting on Friday at 16:00 , in the ceremonial hall of Izletište ARK, Mirni Dunav 3, 25260 Apatin, Serbia . maps.app.goo.gl
SYSTEM & RULES	<p>The tournament will be played using the Swiss system in 9 rounds and will be FIDE rated.</p> <p>A Tournament: 90 minutes per player + 30 seconds increment per move B Tournament: 60 minutes per player + 30 seconds increment per move</p> <p>Pairings will be generated by computer using the Swiss system.</p> <p>The tournament will be played in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess and the FIDE General Regulations for Competitions.</p> <p>(Bye) During the first 6 rounds, a player may request one half-point bye with prior notice.</p> <p>A Tournament: maximum delay allowed is 1 hour B Tournament: maximum delay allowed is 30 minutes</p> <p>Final standings are determined by the total number of points. In case of a tie, the following tie-breaks will apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Direct encounter(s)2. Buchholz Cut-1 (lowest-scoring opponent removed)3. Buchholz4. Sonneborn-Berger5. Greater number of wins6. Progress
INFORMATION	<p>Mail : ask.vulkan.protektor@gmail.com</p> <p>Viber/WhatsApp/SMS : +381 (63) 8447 152</p> <p>WhatsApp : Open: chat.whatsapp.com</p> <p>Petrovic, Goran N (9233576)</p>
CHESS RESULTS	https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1373863.aspx?lan=1&SNode=S0



SCHEDULE

The **opening ceremony** of the festival will take place on **July 24 at 16:00**. The **closing ceremony** will be held on **July 30 at 15:00**, immediately after the completion of the last game.

	24.06	25.07	26.07	27.07	28.07	29.07	30.07
10h		2 Round	3 Round	4 Round	6 Round	7 Round	9 Round
17h	1 Round	Blitz 5+3	Rapid 10+5	5 Round	Blitz 3+2	8 Round	Blitz 3+2

KOTIZACIJA

Apatin Open A "Liberland"	
GM, WGM, ELO > 2500	Free + Lunch
IM & all players 2400+	€30
All players ELO >= 2100	€50
All players ELO 2000 do 2099	€100
max. 10 players ELO 1900 do 1999	€200
max. 5 players ELO ispod 1900	€300
Apatin Open B "Liberland"	
All players	€40
Apatin Open Rapid "Liberland"	
GM	Free
All players	€15
Apatin Open Blitz "Liberland"	
GM	Free
All players	€10



PRIZES

The **prize fund is guaranteed in full** if each tournament has a **minimum of 100 participants**. Otherwise, the prize amounts will be announced during the tournament. Prizes are awarded **according to final standings** and **are not cumulative**.

Apatin Open A "Liberland"			
1	€900	6	€300
2	€800	7	€250
3	€700	8	€200
4	€500	9	€150
5	€400	10	€100

Apatin Open B "Liberland"			
1	€350	6	€120
2	€300	7	€100
3	€250	8	€80
4	€200	9	€70
5	€150	10	€50

Apatin Open B Special "Liberland"	
U1750	€50
W	€50
U16	€50
S60	€50



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Apatin Open Rapid & Blitz "Liberland"			
1	35%	6	6%
2	28%	7	7%
3	20%	8	5%
4	15%	9	5%
5	8%	10	5%

ACCOMMODATION – Izletišče ARK (Playing Venue)

For accommodation at the playing venue, interested participants can contact **Vanja Car** at [+381 \(69\) 779 914](tel:+38169779914) or via email jezeroark2024@gmail.com for reservations and additional information.

Full Board (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)	
Cabin with 3 or 4 beds	€45 per person / day (6 days: €270)
Private cabin	€75 / day (6 days: €450)
Tent	€32 per person / day (6 days: €192)
POLUPANSION (doručak, večera)	
Cabin with 3 or 4 beds	€35 per person / day (6 days: €210)
Private cabin	€65 / day (6 days: €390)
Tent	€23 per person / day (6 days: €138)

Players who are **not accommodated at the playing venue** have the option to reserve meals prepared by the organizer at the following prices: **Breakfast €5, Lunch €9, Dinner €8 per person.**

Meal times: Breakfast: 08:00 – 10:00, **Lunch:** 14:00 – 17:00, **Dinner:** 20:00 – 22:00

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GALLERY

In our gallery, you can view photos and videos from previous tournaments and see the atmosphere and gameplay from past festivals.

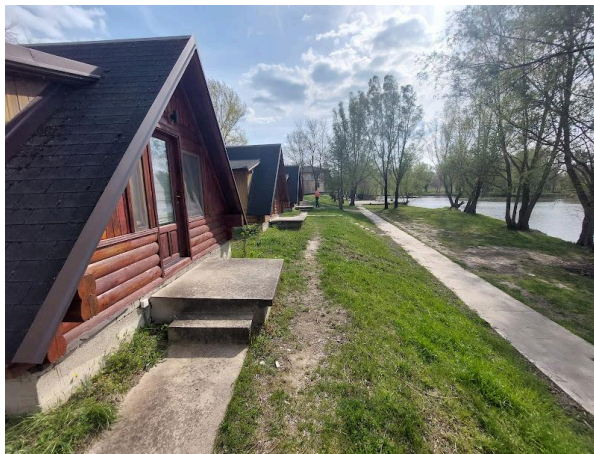
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ACCOMMODATION APATIN

You can find a wide range of accommodation options in Apatin on [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com), including apartments, rooms, and holiday homes across various price points and locations. Search, compare offers, and book the perfect stay in just a few clicks!

For more information about tourism in Apatin, please visit the official website of the [Apatin Tourism Organization](https://www.apatin-tourism.org).

TAXI

The playing venue is located approximately **3 km from the center of Apatin**. Players staying in Apatin can use taxi services, with fares ranging from **€3–5 per one-way trip**. To arrange taxi transport, players may contact the organizer for assistance.

TRANSPORTATION

The organizer can provide transport to Apatin from the following airports: **Belgrade Airport**, Osijek Airport (EU), and Budapest Airport (EU) – **Apatin**.

Transport can be arranged for groups of 4 or 8 passengers. For reservations and further information, players should contact the organizer directly.

INFORMATION, ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORT & REGISTRATION

The registration deadline is **July 23rd**. Players can register by sending a message via **SMS, Viber, or WhatsApp**, or by calling the following number: [+381 \(63\) 84 47 152](tel:+381638447152)

Registration must include the player's **full name (first, middle, and last name)** and **date of birth**, or their **FIDE ID number**.

All information can be obtained via the official email ask.vulkan.protektor@gmail.com or by joining the "Apatin Open" WhatsApp group [Open: chat.whatsapp.com](https://open:chat.whatsapp.com)

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