



Queens Maia Blitz 2026

Maia International Chess Festival

August 23rd, 2026 | Quinta dos Cónegos



Organization

The Maia Chess Academy presents, within the scope of the Maia International Chess Festival 2026, Queens Maia Blitz 2026, a Blitz tournament exclusively for women, combining Chess competition with brunch in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Open to all women who want to play, learn and have fun.



Location

Quinta dos Cónegos is a unique space in the heart of Maia, surrounded by spacious and well-kept gardens, the perfect setting for a morning of Chess and brunch outdoors.

Address R. Souto 363, 4470-215 Maia

Map <https://maps.app.goo.gl/otoAGr36v5YsXcqL8>



Participants

The tournament is open to all women, regardless of age, upon registration through the form on the tournament website <https://axm.pt/registrations/>. Information via email maiachessfestival@axm.pt. The event is limited to 61 players and registrations can be made, at the latest, up to one hour before the start of the tournament (10:00).

Registration

	Maia Chess Open players	Other players
Until July 30 th , 2026	Free	Free
Until August 23 rd , 2026	Free	5.00€

Registration is only valid after confirmation on the tournament website at <https://axm.pt/registrations/>. When applicable, proof of payment must be submitted on the tournament website. Registration includes brunch.



Payment, when applicable, must be made to Academia de Xadrez da Maia via IBAN PT50 0010 0000 5839 7720 0015 0 or via Wise transfer to IBAN BE05 9676 0506 7875.



Schedule

Time	Event
10:30	Reception and Registration confirmation
11:00	Round 1
11:15	Round 2
11:30	Round 3
11:45	Round 4
12:00	Round 5
12:15	Round 6
12:30	Round 7
13:00	Brunch

The starting time of each round, except the first, may be adjusted so that a round begins immediately after the last game of the previous round has ended.

System

The tournament will be played in Swiss system with 7 rounds, this number being adjustable depending on the number of registered players. Each player will have 3 minutes to complete the game, with 2 seconds increment per move.

Players will be eliminated from the event upon the first unjustified absence or whose justification is not accepted by the organization. Once a game is finished, players must leave the playing area.



Prizes

The top three finishers will each receive a trophy at the prize-giving ceremony of the Maia International Chess Festival on August 30th.

Tie-Breaks

If two or more players score the same points, the tie shall be decided by the following criteria, in order of priority:

1. Direct encounter;
2. Buchholz Cut-1;
3. Buchholz;
4. Sonneborn-Berger;
5. Games descending (more is better);
6. Number of Wins;

All tie-breaks are calculated as described in the FIDE Tie-Break Regulations (FIDE Handbook C.07).

In case of a tie between two players for first place, the organization may call a match between the players, with two games at a time control of 3 minutes to complete the game, with 2 seconds increment per move, with the player with better tiebreak criteria choosing the initial color. If, after the two games, the result remains tied, a final Armageddon game will be played, with 5 minutes for White and 4 minutes for Black, with an increment of 1 second per move from move 40.

Rating

Tournament rating for FIDE Blitz Elo will be requested. Pairings, results and standings will be available at <https://s2.chess-results.com/tnr1369671.aspx>.

Additional Rules

- By registering and participating, players expressly accept the provisions of these regulations as well as FIDE regulations;
- All participants consent to the capture and use of photographs, videos and other media from the event for promotional purposes as the organization sees fit. Personal data collected will be used solely for event organization and communication with registrants;



- The use of any electronic device in the playing area is strictly prohibited: if an electronic device emits any signal, the holder will be declared the loser. If the opponent cannot reach checkmate through any series of legal moves, the result will be half a point for the opponent and zero for the offender;
- Once their game is finished, players must leave the playing area;
- The organization and arbiter's team will be appointed by AXM;
- Any cases not covered by these regulations shall be decided by the organization. Such decisions are final and not subject to appeal.

Contacts

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