

Maia Team Cup 2026 Maia International Chess Festival

August 22nd – 27th, 2026 | TECMAIA



Organization

The Maia Chess Academy presents, within the scope of the Maia International Chess Festival 2026, the Maia Team Cup 2026, which will take place at the same venue as the main Festival events. It consists of a classical team tournament played in knockout format, in which all teams play all rounds, with the aim of determining, as fairly as possible, every final placement.

Location

TECMAIA is a modern technology park surrounded by ample green spaces, with excellent access and served by Porto Metro Line C.



Address R. Eng. Frederico Ulrich 2650, 4470-605 Maia
GPS 41.259249, -8.642422
Metro Porto Metro Line C (Mandim stop)
Map <https://maps.app.goo.gl/YKNXiJ2681BzBWUx8>

Registration

The tournament is open to the first 8 teams to register. A team is considered registered once it has paid the entry fee and submitted the corresponding proof of payment to the organization. The entry fee per team is 100,00€.

Each team must consist of a minimum of 8 and a maximum of 12 players. A form will be sent to the registered teams to be filled in with their composition, which must be submitted no later than August 20th, 2026.

Registration is made by submitting the team name through the form on the tournament website <https://axm.pt/registrations/>. Information via email maiachessfestival@axm.pt.

Registration is only valid after payment of the entry fee 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.



Proof of payment must be submitted on the tournament website at <https://axm.pt/registrations/>.

Schedule

Date	Time	Event
August 21 st	16:00	Pairings draw
August 22 nd	10:30	Quarter-finals
August 24 th	10:30	Semi-finals and lower-group qualifying matches
August 27 th	10:30	Final and remaining placement matches

System

The tournament will be played in knockout format. Each player will have 60 minutes to complete the game, with 30 seconds increment per move, subject to approval by the



chair of the FIDE Qualification Commission. The maximum tolerance time for each game is 30 minutes, counted from the moment the arbiter signals the start of the round.

- All teams play every round. Teams winning the first round will dispute the top four placements, while teams losing the first round will dispute placements 5 to 8. In the second round, the winning teams of each group will dispute the top two placements of their group, and the losing teams of each group will dispute the bottom two placements of their group;
- A draw of the pairings for the first two rounds will be held at the opening ceremony of the Maia International Chess Festival. From the second round onwards, the colors of each match will be determined based on the color preferences of the teams. In case of identical preference, the colors will be decided by drawing of lots;
- The board order of each team must follow the team's registered composition. No changes will be accepted after the composition submission deadline;
- Teams must submit the lineup for each match by 23:59 on the day before each round;
- The team scoring more points wins the match. In case of a tied score, the team with the better result on the lowest-numbered board wins. If all boards are tied, an eight-board Blitz match will be played, with the same criteria, in which each player will have 3 minutes to complete the game, with 2 seconds increment per move. In case of a new tie on all boards, a new match will be played until a winning team is determined;
- Draw agreements are not allowed before Black's move 30 has been completed without approval from the arbiter team.

Appeal

It is possible to appeal the decisions of the arbiter's team, in accordance with FIDE rules. To appeal a decision, the team must pay 50,00€ and submit the protest in writing to the appeal committee within half an hour after the end of the match. The amount will be refunded if the decision is favourable to the complainant. The appeal committee will be appointed in due course.

Forfeits

A team will be forfeited if it presents fewer than four players at the round's starting time.



Prizes

Trophies will be awarded to all teams at the prize-giving ceremony of the Maia International Chess Festival on August 30th.

Rating

Tournament rating for FIDE Standard Elo will be requested. Pairings, results and standings will be available at <https://s3.chess-results.com/tnr1419493.aspx?lan=1&art=0&turdet=YES&flag=30&SNode=S0>.

Additional Rules

- By registering and participating, players and teams expressly accept the provisions of these regulations as well as FIDE regulations;
- The possession and use of any electronic device by players and spectators in the playing area is strictly prohibited. A reception desk will be available at the entrance of the playing area where electronic devices must be deposited and kept for the full duration of each game;
- Any communication between players and external parties without the permission and supervision of the arbiter team is prohibited;
- Players must appear in the playing area in attire appropriate to the event and maintain proper and sporting conduct throughout the competition;
- 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 organization reserves the rights of admission to the tournament, to correct these regulations up to the day of the event, and to exclude any player whose conduct the arbiter team considers to justify such measure, in particular in case of cheating or violation of the rules;
- The organization and arbiter 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.



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