

Kanizsa Open 2026

Playing Hall Rules for Players

The aim of the Kanizsa Open is to ensure that the tournament is conducted in a fair, transparent and orderly manner for all participants. This document summarizes the order of the playing hall, the practical regulations applicable to players, and the basic tournament parameters of the event. Detailed provisions regarding Fair Play checks, prohibited electronic devices, access control and Fair Play procedures are set out in the separate Fair Play regulations.

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1. Tournament parameters

The tournament will be conducted in a 9-round Swiss system, in two sections. In both sections, the currently effective competition regulations of FIDE and the Hungarian Chess Federation shall apply.

The time control is 90 minutes for 40 moves, followed by an additional 30 minutes to complete the game, with a 30-second increment per move. The default time is 30 minutes.

Round 1 will take place on 15 August 2026 at 15:30, rounds 2–8 will take place daily from 16 to 22 August 2026 at 15:00, and round 9 will take place on 23 August 2026 at 10:00. Mandatory personal registration will be held on 15 August 2026 from 10:00 to 13:00, the opening ceremony at 14:00, and the closing ceremony on 23 August 2026 at 16:00.

In the event of a tie, the order of tie-breaks shall be: 1. Buchholz Cut 1, 2. Buchholz, 3. performance rating (APRO), 4. Sonneborn-Berger, 5. progressive score.

2. Playing area and leaving the playing hall

During the entire duration of the game, players may remain only in the designated playing area and in the related rooms authorized for players.

A player whose game is in progress may not leave the designated area. After completing the game, the player must leave the playing hall immediately and may not observe games still in progress.

3. Dress code

Players are required to appear in clean, tidy, tasteful attire appropriate for an athlete and in keeping with the status of the tournament.

The minimum requirement is clean and tidy upper clothing, trousers, a skirt or dress appropriate to the status of the tournament, and suitable footwear. Clean jeans that are not torn are permitted.

Beachwear, torn or ripped clothing, conspicuously dirty attire, sports caps, sunglasses, and any item of clothing bearing offensive, obscene or tournament-inappropriate text or imagery are not permitted. Neat shorts reaching the knee are permitted.

The Chief Arbiter is entitled to refuse entry to the playing hall to any player whose attire clearly does not meet these requirements, or to instruct the player to remedy the attire immediately.

4. Food and drink consumption

Eating in the playing hall is prohibited. An exception may be made only for a small amount of food intended for quick energy replacement, which can be consumed cleanly and without disruption, in particular chocolate, an energy bar or a banana, provided that its consumption does not involve noise, smell or contamination and does not disturb other players.

Drinks may be consumed only from a closable bottle or flask.

5. Communication during the game

During the entire duration of the game, players may not communicate with each other, spectators, coaches, parents, accompanying persons or any other person not involved in the game.

The only exceptions are short communications permitted by the FIDE rules — for example offering a draw or resigning — and addressing an arbiter. If a player uses the buffet within the area authorized for players, only brief and factual communication necessary for placing an order is permitted there. In the event of a breach of the communication ban, the Chief Arbiter may apply sanctions in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess.

6. Attendance, withdrawal and absence

A player is required to appear for every round in which they have been paired. A pairing bye carrying half a point, granted on the basis of a prior request, shall not be applied in the tournament.

In the event of absence or lateness due to force majeure, only the Chief Arbiter is entitled to decide on the assessment and consequences of the situation. Withdrawal from the tournament must be notified to the Chief Arbiter in writing.

Unjustified absence, late or unsporting withdrawal, or disruption of the pairing may entail disciplinary consequences and may affect the player's tournament, prize-related or administrative status.

7. Appeals and order of precedence

A player may lodge an appeal against a professional chess-related decision of the Chief Arbiter or an arbiter directly affecting their own game during that game or after its completion, in the manner specified in the tournament regulations.

In Fair Play matters, the relevant FIDE rules and the provisions of the separate Fair Play regulations shall take precedence, particularly where the matter may entail a FIDE report, a FIDE Fair Play investigation or FIDE administrative consequences.

The professional decisions of the Chief Arbiter relate to the play taking place over the chessboard and to the enforcement of the FIDE Laws of Chess. Measures and decisions taken by the CFPO in Fair Play matters shall be handled in accordance with the separate Fair Play regulations.

8. Prizes, tie-breaks and special prizes

The prizes, the resolution of ties, the eligibility conditions for special prizes, and the rules on whether prizes are shared or not shared shall be determined in the tournament regulations.

By entering the tournament, players accept the prize and tie-break rules included in the tournament regulations. Payment of prizes may be conditional upon verification of identity, tax information and other administrative data.

9. Data processing, photo and video recording

By entering the tournament and entering the venue, participants acknowledge that photo and video recordings may be made at the event for security, Fair Play, press, broadcasting and documentation purposes.

Recordings, documents, medical information and minutes related to a Fair Play investigation are strictly confidential. They may be provided only to authorized persons, in compliance with the applicable data protection rules.

Done at Nagykanizsa, 13 August 2026.

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