

PRAGUE INTERNATIONAL CHESS FESTIVAL 2026 DON GIOVANNI

8th International Chess Festival

24th February – 6th March 2026, Prague, the Czech Republic

Venue: Don Giovanni Hotel, Vinohradska 157a, Praha 3

Organizer: 1. Novoborsky Chess Club, z.s.

Festival Director: Petr Boleslav

Deputy Festival Director: Petr Lausman

Chief Arbiter: IA Pavel Votruba

Announced Tournaments:

A) 25 February – 6 March 2026: MASTERS – round-robin super GM tournament

B) 25 February – 6 March 2026: CHALLENGERS – round-robin GM tournament

- winner of the tournament will obtain the right to participate in MASTERS TOURNAMENT 2027

C) 25 February – 6 March 2026: FUTURES – round-robin youth tournament

- round robin tournament for youths

- winner of the tournament will obtain the right to participate in OPEN TOURNAMENT 2027

D) 26 February – 6 March 2026: open master tournament with GM norm

- 9 rounds by Swiss system, 2x 1,5 h/40 + 30 min + 30 s/move

- rating tournament with rating for ELO FIDE

- participation of players without age and ratings limitations

- waiting time 1 h in case of late arrival

- winner of the tournament will obtain the right to participate in CHALLENGERS TOURNAMENT 2027

- financial prizes in CZK:

1. 30 000, 2. 20 000, 3. 15 000, 4. 10 000, 5. 8000, 6. 6000, 7. 4000, 8. 3 000, 9. 2 000, 10. 2 000 (100 000 CZK altogether)

- material prizes for other players

- starting fee in EUR:

	Players accommodated through the organizer	Other players
GM, IM, WGM	0	0
FM, WIM, WFM, ELO FIDE \geq 2300	41.5	83.5
ELO FIDE \geq 2200	62.5	104
ELO FIDE \geq 2000	83.5	125
ELO FIDE \geq 1800	125	166.5
ELO FIDE < 1800 and without ELO FIDE	166.5	208.5

- fees for rating of the tournament results for ELO are already included in the starting fee

- players registered after 10th February 2026 will pay additional charge of 13 EUR

E) 26 February – 6 March 2026: round-robin rating tournaments

- rating for ELO FIDE
- right of participation: players with ELO FIDE < 2000
- 10 players in the group, 9 rounds, 2x 1,5 h/40 + 30 min + 30 s/move
- waiting time 1 h in case of late arrival
- division into groups depending on ELO FIDE valid for the 1st of February 2026 (for each group, max. 2 players without ELO FIDE, expected range about 100 ELO points)
- PICSF cup, valuable material prizes
- starting fee: players accommodated through the organizer 71 EUR, other players 112.5 EUR
- refundable deposit: 40 EUR for the finishing of the tournament (9 rounds)
- fees for rating of the tournament results for ELO are already included in the starting fee

F) 27 February 2026: a solving competition

- right of participation without limitations
- material prizes for players
- **starting fee:** 9 EUR

G1) 28 February 2026: open rapid tournament

- right of participation without limitations
- 7 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 10 min/5 sec per move
- rating for rapid ELO FIDE
- **financial prizes in CZK:** 3 000, 2 000, 1 500, 1 000, 500, material prizes for other players
- **starting fee:** 13 EUR
- **fees for rating of the tournament results for ELO** are already included in the starting fee
- registration in advance is not possible

G2) 28 February 2026: open rapid tournament

- right of participation:
 - players with rapid ELO FIDE < 2000 (or ELO FIDE < 2000 for those, who do not have rapid ELO FIDE)
 - players without ELO FIDE and rapid ELO FIDE
- 7 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 10 min/5 sec per move
- rating for rapid ELO FIDE
- **financial prizes in CZK:** 1 000, 700, 500, material prizes for other players
- **starting fee:** 9 EUR
- **fees for rating of the tournament results for ELO** are already included in the starting fee
- registration in advance is not possible

H) 1 March 2026: open blitz tournament

- right of participation without limitations, rating for ELO FIDE
- 13 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 3 min/2 sec per move
- **financial prizes in CZK:** 3 000, 2 000, 1500, 1 000, 500, material prizes for other players
- starting fee: 13 EUR
- **fees for rating of the tournament results for ELO** are already included in the starting fee
- registration in advance is not possible.

I) 2 March 2026: open Basque chess tournament

- right of participation without limitations
- 7 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 10 min/5 sec per move
- **financial prizes in CZK:** 1 000, 700, 500, material prizes for other players
- **starting fee:** 9 EUR
- registration in advance is not possible.

J) 3 March 2026: open Fischer random chess tournament

- right of participation without limitations
- 7 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 10 min/5 sec per move
- **financial prizes in CZK:** 1 000, 700, 500, material prizes for other players
- **starting fee:** 9 EUR
- registration in advance is not possible.

K) 4 March 2026: open pair blitz tournament

- right of participation without limitations
- 11 rounds by Swiss system, 2 x 3 min/2 sec per move
- **financial prizes in CZK:** 2 000, 1 500, 1 000, material prizes for other players
- **starting fee:** 16.5 EUR / pair
- registration in advance is not possible.

L) 5 March 2026: open Bughouse tournament

- right of participation without limitations
- playing system will be set on site, 2 x 2 min/2 sec per move (Bronstein)
- **financial prizes in CZK:** 1 000, 600, 400 (for pair), material prizes for other players
- **starting fee:** 16.5 EUR / pair
- registration in advance is not possible.

GRAND PRIX DON GIOVANNI 2026

The GRAND PRIX overall score will be calculated from results of tournaments A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K and L and daily quiz. A player reaching highest score will become the winner. Special prizes will be awarded at the closing ceremony on 6 March 2026 at 17.30.

Scoring system:

- Tournament A – player obtains following number of points to overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 30$
- Tournament B – player obtains following number of points to overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 25$
- Tournament C – player obtains following number of points to overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 20$
- Tournament D – player obtains following number of points to overall score: $z - y + 1$
- Tournament E – player obtains following number of points to overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 15$
- Tournament F – player obtains following number of points to overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 5$
- Tournament G – player obtains following number of points to overall score: $z - y + 1$
- Tournament H – player obtains following number of points to overall score: $z - y + 1$
- Tournament I – player obtains following number of points to overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 5$
- Tournament J – player obtains following number of points to overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 5$
- Tournament K – player obtains following number of points to overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 5$
- Tournament L – player obtains following number of points to overall score: $(z - y + 1) \times 5$
- Correctly solved quiz of the day – 20 points for each quiz

where $[z]$ is the number of players (pairs) in a given tournament and $[y]$ is player / pair final ranking in the tournament.

Criteria used for ranking and prizes distribution:

- Tournament E: 1. number of points, 2. mutual game, 3. Sonnenborn-Berger, 4. the greater number of games played with black, 5. drawing of lots.
- Tournaments D, G, H, I, J, K: 1. number of points, 2. Buchholz Cut 1 (the result of an opponent with the lowest point profit is deducted), 3. Buchholz, 4. Sonnenborn-Berger, 5. the greater number of games played with black
- prizes in tournament D are distributed according to Hort system among such number of players which corresponds to the number of advertised prizes

Accommodation:**Don Giovanni Hotel ****** (the playing hall is situated in the hotel)

single room Standard – price including breakfast 83.5 EUR/room and night

single room Executive – price including breakfast and Executive lounge 96 EUR/room and night

double room Standard – price including breakfast 87.5 EUR/room and night

double room Executive – price including breakfast and Executive lounge 108.5 EUR/room and night

triple room Standard – price including breakfast 112.5 EUR/room and night

triple room Executive – price including breakfast and Executive lounge 141.5 EUR/room and night

quadruple room Standard – price including breakfast 125 EUR/room and night

apartment Open Suite – price including breakfast 133.5 EUR/room and night

apartment Executive Suite – price including breakfast and Executive lounge 154 EUR/room and night

Accommodated persons over the age of 18 pay the municipal fee in the amount of 50 CZK / night (2 EUR) upon arrival at the reception.**Board-meals:** at Don Giovanni Hotel according to your choice, possibility to buy discounted menu for festival participants.**Time schedule:**

Tuesday	24 Feb	19.00	Opening ceremony A, B, C
Wednesday	25 Feb	15.00 17.00 - 20.00	1 st round A, B, C attendance D, E
Thursday	26 Feb	10.00 - 13.00 15.00 15.00	attendance D, E 2 nd round A, B, C 1 st round D, E
Friday	27 Feb	08.15-08.45 09.00-13.00 15.00 15.00	Registration F – solving competition F – tournament 3 rd round A, B, C 2 nd round D, E
Saturday	28 Feb	08.00-08.45 09.00-13.30 15.00 15.00	Registration G - rapid tournament 1 st – 7 th round G - rapid tournament 4 th round A, B, C 3 rd round D, E
Sunday	1 Mar	08.00-08.45 09.00-13.00 15.00 15.00	Registration H – blitz tournament 1 st – 13 th round H – blitz tournament 5 th round A, B, C 4 th round D, E
Monday	2 Mar	08.15-08.45 09.00-13.30 15.00	Registration I – Basque chess 1 st – 7 th round I - Basque chess 5 th round D, E free day A, B, C
Tuesday	3 Mar	08.15-08.45 09.00-13.30 15.00	Registration J – Fischer random chess 1 st – 7 th round J - Fischer random chess 6 th round A, B, C, D, E
Wednesday	4 Mar	08.15-08.45 09.00-13.00 15.00	Registration K – pair blitz tournament 1 st – 11 th round K - pair blitz tournament 7 th round A, B, C, D, E
Thursday	5 Mar	08.15-08.45 09.00-13.30 15.00	Registration L – Bughouse chess tournament L - Bughouse chess tournament 8 th round A, B, C, D, E
Friday	6 Mar	11.00 18.00	9 th round A, B, C, D, E Closing ceremony A, B, C, D, E

Complete your obligatory applications for D and E tournaments together with accommodation orders by 10th February 2026 on <https://praguechessfestival.com/registration> or by e-mail to registration@praguechessfestival.com.

Starting fee and accommodation payments:

Starting fee for D and E tournaments and additional payment of accommodation will be collected during the registration in cash in EUR (at the amount given in these regulations), CZK (in the rate 24:1 compared to prices given in these regulations) or by debit and credit cards: Eurocard/Master Card, Maestro, VISA, VISA Electron, JCB or Diners Club.

Attendance before starting the tournament is mandatory for all participants.

By participating in the tournament, the player gives the organizer the right to take photos and videos with his person and to use them for festival purposes.