



Budapest Spring Festival 2026

Budapest is a city of stunning architecture and rich cultural heritage, where the Danube flows gracefully between historic hills and vibrant streets



**We warmly invite you to come and play chess in this beautiful city
from 2026 February 27th to March 7th.**

The open tournament will facilitate obtaining IM and GM norms.

To promote women's chess all women play for free.

**Petneházy Aparthotel, the playing venue is set in spacious
grounds in the picturesque Buda hills.**



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Congress Goals:	Facilitate Open GM/IM norms, promote women's chess, and expand large-scale playing opportunities.
Date	2026. February 27 - March 7.
Venue	Petneházy Aparthotel , 1029 Budapest, Feketefej u. 2-4.
Chief Arbiter	IA Horváth Csaba
Congress	This is a nine rounds Swiss system tournament in two groups
Default Time	30 minutes
Rate of Play	90 minutes / 40 moves + 30 minutes with 30 seconds increment per move
Ties	1. Buchholz Cut1 2. Buchholz 3. Average Performance Rating of Opponent (APRO) 4. Berger
Schedule	February 27. 12:00-14:30 Registration and Opening

Date	Round	Time
February 27 - 28	1 - 2	15:00
March 1	3	16:00
March 2 - 6	4 - 8	15:00
March 7	9	10:00

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Prize Giving

Hungarian players with a valid 2026 competition licence can participate. Foreign players can buy a Hungarian licence at the venue for EUR 20.

Side Events

Winter's Eve Party costume is more or less mandatory Feb. 28. 20:00- 24:00

Women's Chess Roundtable discussion March 4 10:00 - 12:00

Discounted accommodation is available at the venue

<https://petnehazy-aparthotel.com/> To book use code: chess2026

Twin room for two people with breakfast per night 26.000 Ft

Twin room for one person with breakfast per night 20.000 Ft

Apartment that sleeps four with breakfast per night 38.000 Ft

Players will be transported to and from the competition from the Adyliget bus stop (bus 63) by a hotel-operated shuttle bus or car. Walking will take you approximately 15 minutes.

Prizes, Group A

1st 1.000.000 Ft (€ 2500), 2nd 600.000 Ft (€ 1500), 3rd 400.000 Ft (€ 1000),
4th 300.000 Ft (€ 750), 5th 200.000 Ft (€ 500), 6th 100.000 Ft (€ 250)

Special awards: best senior (60+), best youth (16-), best woman: non-cash prize

Prizes, Group B

1st 300.000 Ft (€ 750), 2nd 200.000 Ft (€ 500), 3rd 150.000 Ft (€ 375),
4th 80.000 Ft (€ 200)

Rating Category Prizes, Group B

Best 2000-2099 70.000 Ft (€ 175)

Best 1900-1999 70.000 Ft (€ 175)

Best 1800-1899 70.000 Ft (€ 175)

Best under 1800 70.000 Ft (€ 175)

Special awards: best senior (60+), best youth (16-), best woman: non-cash prize

Prizes are not shared in either group. Each competitor can receive only one cash prize. Prizes are guaranteed if at least 100 players participate.

Entry Fees

Group A (Élő 2200 and above)

For all female players	free
GM and above 2500	free, to GM special conditions may apply
2400-2499 és IM	40 000 Ft (€ 100)
2300-2399	60 000 Ft (€ 150)
2200-2299	80 000 Ft (€ 200)

Group B (Below 2250 Élő)

For all female players	free
IM	free
above 2100	10 000 Ft (€ 25)
2000-2099	20 000 Ft (€ 50)
1900-1999	30 000 Ft (€ 75)
1800-1899	40 000 Ft (€ 100)
below 1800	50 000 Ft (€ 125)

In both groups senior (60+) and youth (16-) players get 30% discount on entry fees.

Entry Fees and Prizes are paid in HUF. EUR amounts shown may vary with exchange rates.

Registration and Inquiries

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Entry Form

<https://forms.gle/FcqDimuFogPoN6BEA>

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