

KARPOS SKOPJE OPEN 2026

Regulations

- KARPOS SKOPJE OPEN 2026, - Balkan Championship** is a traditional open chess tournament, for all interested chess player regardless of rating, title or category. It is organized by the **City of Skopje, the Chess Federation of Macedonia, and the Chess Union of Skopje with support from FIDE** (<https://fide.com/>) - **Open Aid Project** and the continued support of **Modern Chess** (<https://www.modern-chess.com/>)
- Tournament will take place from **Friday, December 04th 2026 to Thursday, December 10th 2026** according to the following schedule:
 - December 04th (Friday) Opening Ceremony at 16:30
 - December 04th (Friday) 1st round will start at 17:00.
 - December 05th (Saturday) 2nd round will start at 17:00.
 - December 06th (Sunday) 3rd round will start at 10:30 and 4th round will start at 17:00
 - December 07th (Monday) 5th round will start at 17:00
 - December 08th (Tuesday) 6th round will start at 10:30 and 7th round will start at 17:00
 - December 09th (Wednesday) 8th round will start at 17:00
 - December 10th (Thursday) 9th round will start at 17:00
 - December 10th (Thursday): The Closing Ceremony will begin 30 minutes after the last round finishes.
- Registration closes at 15:00 on December 04th. Players must confirm their participation by 15:30 on the same day.
- The Tournament will be rated and played over nine rounds using the Swiss system. The time control is 90 minutes per player, with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1.
- Players will be ranked according to number of points scored. If two or more players finish with the same score, the following tie-breaks will be applied in the order listed:
 - Buchholz -1
 - Acceleration (Progress)
 - Greater number of wins
 - Rating Performance
- The default time is 30 minutes.
- A player may request a maximum of one half-point bye in the first six rounds of the tournament.
- All mobile phones, tablets, and similar electronical devices are banned from the playing halls.
- Nonresident players must provide their FIDE Identification Number (FIDE ID) when registering. Players without a FIDE ID must obtain one from their own federation before entering the tournament.
- TOTAL PRIZE FOND is 15,100 EUR. In addition, Modern Chess will provide 10 vouchers worth EUR 100 each, with a total value of EUR 1,000, for use at <https://www.modern-chess.com/>. The voucher prize categories will be announced at the tournament**

OPEN A

11. Entry fee is as follows:

- **50 EUR** for players rated between **2201-2350**
- **70 EUR** for player rated between **2000-2200**
- **100 EUR** for player with rating lower than **2000**

Domestic players registered for 2026 year has 20% discount on entry fee.

Entry fee is waived for the players with rating greater than 2350 at the moment of registration.

Organizer keeps the right to give wild card for some players.

12. Prizes to the total amount of **8,100 EUR** will be distributed as follows:

a) Regular prizes (6,000 €):

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| 1) 2,000 EUR | 2) 1,200 EUR | 3) 800 EUR | 4) 600 EUR |
| 5) 500 EUR | 6) 400 EUR | 7) 300 EUR | 8) 200 EUR |

The Hort system will be used to share regular prizes in the event of a tie involving places 1–4 inclusive. Other prizes cannot be shared.

b) Special prizes (2,100 €) will be granted for best ranked player in categories as follows:

- *Players <= 2350 rating points*

1) 350 EUR	2) 250 EUR	3) 150 EUR
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- *Players from Small nations federation*

1) 350 EUR	2) 250 EUR	3) 150 EUR
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- *Players **rated 2200** or below – **KRUM MITKOVSKI Award: 200 EUR***
- **Special prizes also will be granted to:**
 - The best ranked women player - **200 EUR**
 - The best unrewarded veteran player over 65 years old (born 1961 and older) - **100 EUR**
 - The best unrewarded player under 16 years old (born 2010 and younger) - **100 EUR**

13. No player may receive more than one Open A prize. The higher-value prize will be awarded; for prizes of equal value, priority follows the order listed in these regulations.

14. BALKAN OPEN PRIZES

Prize fond for players from Balkan Chess Federations (ALB, BIH, BUL, GRE, KOS, MNE, MKD, MDA, ROU, SLO, SRB and TUR) is in total **4,000 EUR** distributed as follows:

OPEN Prizes:

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| 1) 1,000 EUR | 2) 700 EUR | 3) 400 EUR | 4) 300 EUR |
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WOMEN Prizes

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| 1) 650 EUR | 2) 500 EUR | 3) 350 EUR | 4) 200 EUR |
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Each player may receive only one Balkan prize, of the higher value.

A Balkan prize may be awarded in addition to a regular or special Open A prize.

(For example, a tournament winner from a Balkan federation would receive 2,000EUR + 1,000EUR = 3,000EUR).

Each Balkan Chess Federations is invited to nominate one GM or IM Player. The organizer will provide half-board accommodation for the nominated player at the main hotel.

OPEN B

15. Open B is open to players rated below 2000 on the FIDE rating list dated 1 December 2026.

16. Entry fee for OPEN B is: **30 EUR**

Domestic players registered for 2026 receive **5 EUR** discount on the entry fee.

The Organizer reserves the right to grant wild cards to selected players.

17. The total OPEN B prize fund of **2,900 EUR** will be distributed as follows:

c) Regular prizes (2,000 €):

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| 1) 600 EUR | 2) 400 EUR | 3) 300 EUR | 4) 200 EUR |
| 5) 150 EUR | 6) 150 EUR | 7) 100 EUR | 8) 100 EUR |

d) Special prizes (900 €) will be awarded in categories as follows:

- **KRUM MITKOVSKI special prizes for the highest-ranked blind players or players with physical disabilities (600 €) not receiving another prize**

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| 1) 300 EUR | 2) 200 EUR | 3) 100 EUR |
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- **Additional special prizes:**

- The best ranked women player - **100 EUR**
- The best veteran player aged over 65 (born 1961 and older) - **100 EUR**
- The best player aged under 12 (born 2014 and younger) - **100 EUR**

All prizes in OPEN B cannot be shared.

18. No player may receive more than one Open B prize. The higher-value prize will be awarded; for prizes of equal value, priority follows the order listed in these regulations.

19. Tournaments will be held at the four-star Hotel Continental:

<http://www.hotelcontinental.com.mk/>

The following special accommodation rates apply to tournament participants:

HOTEL	Single room B&B	Double room B&B per person	Triple room B&B per person
Continental 4*	50 EUR	40 EUR	35 EUR

20. To register for the tournament, email on: zocpoc@hotmail.com; or

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